

Grace Episcopal Church

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It is the Mission of Grace Episcopal Church
to bring glory to God, build the spirituality of our people,
and bring Christ to our community.

Third Sunday of Advent
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*Please keep silence in the church before the service
and turn off all cell phones.*

Annual Meeting and Mission Council Elections

Our Annual Meeting will be on Sunday, January 14, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service. At this meeting, we will hear from representatives of the ministries of our church. Fr. Joe will give his annual vicar's report. We will elect two new members of the mission council. James Dallas has agreed to accept nomination for mission council. There will be another nominee.

Giving to Grace Church

You may make a contribution to Grace Church by placing your offering in the plate at the service or by mailing it to the office; or you may do so online by scanning the code below with your smartphone. There is also a link to online giving at our website.

Father Joe



After the Gospel
Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon	The Reverend Joseph N. Davis
Nicene Creed	BCP, p. 358
The Prayers of the People	Form V, BCP, p. 389
Confession	BCP, p. 360
The Peace	BCP, p. 360

Offertory Sentence

Offertory "Hark! The Glad Sound!" Hymn 72

The Great Thanksgiving

(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.)

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP, p. 361

(See service music sheet in your pew.)

Sanctus Hymnal S-124; BCP, p. 362

The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread Hymnal S-161

Agnus Dei BCP, p. 407

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

(To receive communion, come to the rail, kneel, and lay your right palm facing up in the palm of your left hand. When you receive the chalice, you may gently hold the edge of the base of the chalice. If you choose to intinct, please allow the Eucharistic minister to take the host from your palm and dip it in the chalice for you and then lay the host on your tongue. Let an usher know if you need to receive communion at your pew.) If you would like a blessing instead of communion, bow your head and cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing.

Music During Communion

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Hymn 325

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken" Hymn 341

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Blessing

Procession

"O Zion, Haste"

Hymn 539

The Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

A Note to Visitors

We are glad to have you with us. Please fill out a visitor's card and drop it in the offering plate and sign our guest register in the narthex. If you have any questions about our service or about membership in Grace Church, please reach out to us at one of the email addresses listed on the last page of this bulletin.

Christmas Outreach to The Well

The Well outreach ministry has given us three families for whom members of Grace may provide gifts this Christmas. There is a chart taped to the round table in Faith Hall for you to sign up to give gifts to members of these families. All gifts must be brought to the church by Thursday, December 21. They will be delivered by December 23. Please ask Charles Cochran or Susan Austin any questions you may have.

Stewardship Drive

We want to thank all of you who have turned in your pledge. We are glad to receive pledges from others who are taking a bit more time to turn theirs in.

Father Joe and the Mission Council

Prelude

Procession "Prepare the Way, O Zion" Hymn 65

Acclamation BCP, p. 355

Priest: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

Collect for Purity

Kyrie Eleison Hymnal S-95; BCP p. 356

The Collect of the Day BCP, p. 212

First Reading Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

Psalm 126 BCP, p. 782

(See lesson insert for text.)

Epistle 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Sequence "On Jordan's Bank" Hymn 76

Before the Gospel

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel John 1:6-8, 19-28

Wednesday Noon Eucharist with Healing

This Wednesday, December 20, we will celebrate the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle at the noon Eucharist. On December 27, we will celebrate the Feast of St. John the Evangelist.

Inquirers Class

The Inquirers' Class will take a break for the next two Tuesdays. We will meet next on Tuesday, January 2 at 3:00 p.m.

Services Next Sunday, IV Advent and Christmas Eve

Next Sunday is December 24. Our service for the Fourth Sunday of Advent will be at the normal time at 10:00 a.m. Our Christmas Eve service will be at 6:00 p.m., but please gather at 5:30 for carols and a brief children's Christmas Drama before the 6:00 p.m. service starts. There will be no service on Christmas Day.