

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Grace Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Dr. John C. Bauerschmidt, Bishop
The Rev. Joseph N. Davis, Vicar
Deanie Moore, Director of Music

December 22, 2024

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

Prelude

Procession "Tell Out My Soul" Hymn 437
Acclamation BCP, p. 355

Priest: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

Kyrie Eleison Hymnal S-95; BCP p. 356
(See service music sheet in your pew.)

The Collect of the Day BCP, p. 212

First Reading: Micah 5:3-5a

Psalms 80:1-7 BCP, p. 702
(See service music sheet in your pew.)

Epistle Hebrews 10:5-10

Sequence: "Virgin Born, We Bow Before Thee" Hymn 258

The Gospel Luke 1:39-45

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Rev. Joseph N. Davis

Nicene Creed BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People Form III, BCP, p. 387

Confession BCP, p. 360

The Peace BCP, p. 360

Offertory Sentence

Offertory: "Savior of the Nations, Come" Hymn 54

(All stand and sing.)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B BCP, p. 367

Sanctus Hymn S-125; BCP, p. 367

(See service music sheet in your pew.)

The Lord's Prayer BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei S-161, BCP p. 407
(See service music sheet in your pew.)

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

(All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion. 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.)

Hymns at Communion:

(The congregation may join the hymns at communion as an act of thanksgiving while kneeling after communion.)

“The Angel Gabriel” Hymn 265

Post Communion Prayer BCP, p. 365

Blessing

Procession: “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” Hymn 66

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Note to Visitors

If you are a visitor, we thank you for joining us this Sunday. We would like to answer any questions you have about our service or about membership in Grace Church. You may reach out to us at the email addresses listed below.

Giving to Grace Church

You may make a contribution to Grace Church by mail, 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.



Inquirers Class

The Inquirers class will meet again on January 7.

Poinsettias for Christmas

If you want to give to the Christmas Flower Fund, please make a donation and send memorial attribution to Karyl Brazier at karylofcolumbia@cs.com or leave a note for Fr. Joe in the office. If your memorial is not listed in the Christmas bulletin, it will be included on a Sunday in Christmas Season.

Stewardship and Pledging for 2025

If you want to make a financial commitment to give to Grace Church in 2025, and you have not yet done so, you may place a pledge card in the offering plate, mail your pledge card to the office, or pledge online at our website. You could also write the treasurer (David Thomas) a note telling him what you are pledging to give in 2025. Any mission council member or I would be glad to discuss your pledge with you if you would like any of us to do so.

Fr. Joe

Annual Meeting

Our annual meeting will be on Sunday, January 12 after the 10:00 a.m. service. At this meeting, we will elect 4 members of the mission council and 3 members of the finance committee. Confirmed adult members in good standing (over 16) may vote. Nominations are being sought now by the mission council.

Christmas Eve at Grace Church

Our Christmas Eve service this year begins on December 24 at 5:00 p.m., with a period of carol singing that begins at 4:30. Please invite any family members you are entertaining to join you in celebrating the coming of the Savior of the World. We only do this once a year, so please make it a priority to be there.
Fr. Joe

Expression of Gratitude

As most of you know, my mother-in-law Evelyn Hill died on Saturday, December 14. Many of you knew of her swiftly declining state and prayed for her and our family in a time of great distress. Cindy and I want to express our gratitude to you for your prayers and support through these days of mixed sorrow and joy.
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to bring glory to God, build the spirituality of our people,
and bring Christ to our community.