

Grace Episcopal Church

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The First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton, Rector

David Aldrete ~ Choirmaster

Welcome to Grace Parish! We are glad that you have answered God's call to worship, and we are honored that you have chosen to be with us. In addition to the service, we offer childcare for children age 4 and under, and Sunday School for preschool through 5th grade.

Visitors, we would like to meet you! Please take a moment to fill out the "Voice from the Pew" found in the red folders and place it in the offertory plate.

~ The First Sunday of Advent ~



8:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite I *Red Book of Common Prayer p. 323
Eucharistic Prayer 1 *BCP p. 333



10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

Processional Hymn 57 *Helmsley*
"Lo! he comes, with clouds descending"

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Kyrie ~ *All sing (Pew Card)* Rutter

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16 *Miles Bresee*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-9 *Ad te, Domine, levavi* Anglican Chant

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 _____ Frank Boyd

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 454 _____ Lowry

“Jesus came, adored by angels ”

The Gospel: Luke 21:25-36 _____ The Rev. Susan Scranton

Jesus said, “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars,

and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon _____ The Rev. Susan Scranton

The Nicene Creed _____ BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People _____ Jared Anders

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. Are there others?

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

The Peace

~ Welcome, Announcements and Special Blessings ~

Blessing (Said by all): Watch over thy child, O Lord, as his days increase, bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he fall; and in his heart may they peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Mary Kay Beall

“Advent Echo Carol”

Grace Parish Choir

Hymn 380 v. 3

Old 100th

“Praise God, from whom all blessing flow”

Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B)	BCP p. 367
Sanctus & Benedictus (<i>Pew Card</i>)	Rutter
The Lord's Prayer	BCP p. 364
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP p. 364
Fraction Anthem (S155)	Gerald R. Near
Invitation to Communion <i>(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. If you have difficulty coming forward, please notify an usher, and we will be happy to bring Communion to you where you are seated.) Gluten free wafers are available.</i>	BCP p. 364
Communion Hymn 61	<i>Wachet auf</i>
"Sleepers wake!"	
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP p. 365
The Blessing	
Recessional Hymn 68	<i>Llangloffan</i>
"Rejoice!"	
The Dismissal	BCP p. 366
Celebrant:	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People:	Thanks be to God.
Postlude	



If you would like to make an online donation to Grace Episcopal Church, please use the QR code.
Thank you!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Afternoon - Today after 10 AM service

Please join us to start our season of Advent with food, crafts and fellowship.

Scrip Sunday - Please see Bobbi Patterson if you would like to order Scrip.

Cookie Exchange & Parish Dinner



Please join us on Sunday, December 15 at 5:00 PM for a spaghetti dinner and fellowship. We will be having a cookie exchange following the dinner. Please bring 2-3 dozen cookies to exchange with everyone!

Please look for a sign up sheet in the narthex if you would like to attend.

Grace Episcopal Church Vestry Members 2024

Rev. Susan L. Scranton,
David Aldrete - Senior Warden, Lucie Pelleriti - Junior Warden
Miles Bresee - Treasurer, Todd Rice - Buildings & Grounds,
Frank Boyd, Kathi Ferris, Janet Kawamoto, Heather Moore,
Jade Petteruto, Linda Rice, Cassy Shields

Serving today:

Celebrant..... The Rev. Susan Scranton
Lay Eucharistic Minister..... Bobbi Patterson
Lectors Miles Bresee, Frank Boyd, Jared Anders
Acolytes April Moore, Karen Williamson, McKenna Parra
GEC Stream Team-Trevor Barcelo, Ethan Seielstad, Mizuki Williamson
Flower Guild Denise Barcelo, Nancy Rice
Vestry Person of the Week Cassy Shields



Prayer List

For healing and comfort: Edie Noland, Thomas Miller,
Grace Boyd, Jackson Clune, Jessie Barrett, Michelle,
Gloria Duncan, Susan Mayle, Arthur Sanchez, Sara Sanchez,
Victoria Lemos

For strength & guidance: Audra Montoya, Sam & Stephanie
Luna, Corrine Miller, Steve & Debra Clune, Dawn Paradine,
The Duncan Family, Debra & Todd Duncan

For those who have died: Dolieta Villarta

For those in mourning: Sam & Stephanie Luna

For those serving in the military: Chad Donohoe ~ U.S. Navy,
Nelson Acosta ~ U.S. Air Force, Sgt. Mitchell Bennett ~ Army,
Adam Corona Jr. ~ U.S. Air Force, Seth Tradel ~ U.S. Navy

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

8 – Ruth Aldrete	12 – Patty Hess	20 – Elizabeth Anders
8 – Ann Jones	13 - Oliver Wainwright	23 – Susan Kopf
10 – Kathi Ferris	13 - Claire Wainwright	28 – Fred Colley
11 – Steven Patterson	18 - Samuel Moreno	28 – Austin Lippert
	19 – Jessica Rice	