

Grace Episcopal Church

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The Second Sunday of Advent

December 8, 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 Second 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 76 Winchester

“On Jordan’s bank”

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

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Baruch 5:1-9 Jade Petteruto

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;
for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.

For God will give you evermore the name,
"Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
look toward the east,

and see your children gathered from west and east
at the word of the Holy One,
rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot,
led away by their enemies;

but God will bring them back to you,
carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low

and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.

For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah Anglican Chant
Benedictus Dominus Deus

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

Jon Sharp

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 75

Ascension

“There’s a voice in the wilderness crying ”

The Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

The Rev. Susan Scranton

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

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 _____ Stacey Aldrete

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

Eugene Butler

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice”

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 (*Pew Card*)

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

BCP p. 364

(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.

Communion Hymn 60

Conditor alme siderum

“Creator of the stars of night”

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 67

Psalm 42

“Comfort, comfort ye my people”

The Dismissal

BCP p. 366

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



The flowers are given to the
Glory of God by Susan Sherman
as a thank offering for all the
wonderful blessing of this year.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hillsides Gift Drive - Today is the deadline if you would like to donate money to buy gift cards for the families at Hillsides in Pasadena. These gift cards will be ordered through our Scrip program. Please see Bobbi Patterson.

If you would like to buy a gift card or toy after today you may do that yourself and it will need to be handed in by December 15.

Christmas Flower Donations

If you would like to donate for Christmas flowers and remember a loved one or share a blessing from the year.

(Please look for an envelope in the pews.)



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..... Patricia Meyer
Lectors Jade Petteruto, Jon Sharp, Stacey Aldrete
Acolytes ... Mitchell Patterson, Elizabeth Anders, Morgan Patterson
GEC Stream Team-Trevor Barcelo, Ethan Seielstad, Karen Williamson,
Mizuki Williamson
Flower Guild Liz Sandona, Susie Seielstad
Vestry Person of the Week Linda Rice



Prayer List

For healing and comfort: Edie Noland, Thomas Miller,
Grace Boyd, Jackson Clune, Jessie Barrett, Michelle,
Gloria Duncan, Susan Mayle, Victoria Lemos, Marcia, Joe,
Peggy, Autumn, Laverne Tradel, Sam Luna

For strength & guidance: Audra Montoya, Stephanie Luna,
Corrine Miller, Steve & Debra Clune, The Duncan Family,
Debra & Todd Duncan, Gayle, Sabrina, Kevin

For those who have died: Dolieta Villarta

For those in mourning: Sam & Stephanie Luna, The Luna Family

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	