

Grace Episcopal Church

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The Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 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 Third 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 59 _____ *Merton*
“Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding”

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

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-20 _____ *Bobbi Patterson*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!

The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.

The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing
as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
And I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah (from Isaiah 12:2-6) *Ecce Deus*
Anglican Chant

Surely, it is God who saves me;
I will put my trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say,
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples;
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he had done great things,
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
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 4:4-7 _____ Micah Palpant

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry

about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 265

Gabriel's Message

“The angel Gabriel from heaven came ”

The Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

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John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

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The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People

Lynn Colley

Pleading for God's gift of a renewing Spirit, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, hear our prayer.

That our lives may be songs of praise and thanksgiving rising from joyful hearts and proclaiming in every word we speak and gesture we make that God fills us with holy presence, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord hear our prayer.

That all those in our world held in captivity or any form of slavery may find liberation from the chains that bind them and new freedom for their hearts, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That we may accept with courage God's anointing of our lives to share in the divine mission of rescue for the world, bringing justice and joy to all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may reverently offer in service to the world the ministry of light which we hold in fragile human hands, this sharing in the saving work of Christ the Light, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the mercy of God which lasts from age to age may wash over us and bless us and stir up in us the bold courage to be its faithful prophets in the world, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That you would bring healing and strength to a people beleaguered by pandemic, knowledge and courage to scientists working on vaccines to protect people, medical interventions to heal those beset by illness, and finally, an end to this world-wide scourge, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That you would bring us joy as we await the yearly celebration of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Send the Spirit of Jesus upon us, O God, that we may be your songs of peace and joy in this world. We pray in the name of the One who is our peace and joy, Christ our Lord. **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 thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem _____ Ralph Vaughan Williams

“Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis”

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 53 _____ Gottes Sohn ist kommen

“Once he came in blessing”

Postcommunion Prayer _____ BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 65 _____ Bereden

“Prepare the way, O Zion”

The Dismissal _____ BCP p. 366



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Thank you!



The flowers are given to the
Glory of God by
Donna & Pat McAlmond in
celebration of
Patty Hess' birthday



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hillsides Gift Drive - 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.

(The deadline for donations is Dec. 18!)



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..... Jared Anders
Lectors Bobbi Patterson, Micah Palpant, Lynn Colley
Acolytes McKenna Parra, Evie Palpant, Amelie Palpant
GEC Stream Team Trevor Barcelo, Ethan Seielstad
Flower Guild Rosann Kindt, Nancy Rice, Julie Schonland
Vestry Person of the Week David Aldrete



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, Sharilyn

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	