

Grace Episcopal Church

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 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 Fourth 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 72 *Richmond*

“Hark! the glad sound!”

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

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a *Bobbi Patterson*

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;
and he shall be the one of peace.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80:1-7 *Qui regis Israel* Anglican Chant

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the
cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be
saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
- 6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10 Janet Kawamoto

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;
in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 56 vv. 1, 4, 7, 8

Veni, veni, Emmanuel

“O come, O come, Emmanuel ”

The Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

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In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

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 ~ Advent 4

Donte Apperwhite

Rejoicing with Mary that the word comes among us, let us offer to God our prayers, saying, Lord, hear our prayer.

May we find in Mary, the servant of the Lord, the model of our heart's willing surrender to God's call. For this, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May the God of mystery who dwells in unapproachable light draw us more and more deeply into the path of divine wisdom beyond all human expectation. For this, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May we, who are meant to be mothers of God, so prepare our hearts that the eternal birth of the divine Son may take place in our own lives, for the fullness of time comes when the Son of God is begotten in me. For this, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May our deepest hearts find strength in the gift of blessed hope that what God has begun to do in our world and in all our persons by

Christ's saving work will be brought to its fullness by our Savior. For this, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

May we remember before God all who are in any need and who cry for the presence of God. We pray especially for those on our prayer list and for all other who may be on your hearts. For this, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: In a few short days, we will come, as Christians have done for centuries, to the manger to worship the new born King. As we prepare to come to the manger of Christ, let us pray:

Come as a child to the kingdom!
Come believing in angels on heavenly errands,
with eyes for a wandering star
and ears for the message of dreams.
Come as a child who hears the angels proclaim,
"With God all things are possible!"
Come as a child to the miraculous kingdom
of the miraculous God!

Come as a child and receive God's love. **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

Philip Dietterich

"Carol of Advent"

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 324 Picardy

"Let all mortal flesh keep silence"

Postcommunion Prayer BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 66 Stuttgart

"Come, thou long expected Jesus"

The Dismissal BCP p. 366

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



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



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Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hillsides Gift Drive - Thank you for your support of Hillsides Home for Children.

Adopt-a-Lunch - Today after the 10 AM service in Baxter Hall.

Youth Group Christmas Party - Today! We will meet upstairs at 11:30-1:00.

Greening of the Church ~ Today after the 10 AM service. You are welcome to help the greening of the church!

Annual GEC Blood Drive ~ Sunday, January 5, 2025, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. in Baxter Hall. You may make a reservation online.



December 24 ~ Christmas Eve Services

~ 5:00 pm ~

Festive Family Service with Holy Communion

(Pre-Service music ~ 4:30 pm)

Hear the story of Jesus' birth in scripture and song, with special music offered by Grace Parish Choir and Sounds of Grace Handbell Quartet & Quintet.

The service will culminate with Holy Communion and the singing of Silent Night by candlelight.

~ 11:00 pm ~

Midnight Service with Holy Communion (Rite 1) in the chapel

Experience the mystery and exquisite joy of receiving communion at the midnight hour of our Savior's birth.

Serving today:

Celebrant..... The Rev. Susan Scranton
Lay Eucharistic Minister..... Todd Rice
Lectors Bobbi Patterson, Janet Kawamoto, Donte Apperwhite
Acolytes Morgan Patterson, Ethan Seielstad, Mitchell Patterson
GEC Stream TeamTrevor Barcelo, Rick Sandona
Vestry Person of the Week Frank Boyd



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 Wallace, Autumn, Laverne Tradel, Sam Luna,
Sharilyn Vargas, Jessica Moran

For successful surgery & healing: Nellie Deom, Doug Jones

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

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	