

Grace Episcopal Church

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The First Sunday after Christmas

December 29, 2024

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton, Rector

David Aldrete ~ Choirmaster

Susan Scranton ~ Pianist

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 after Christmas ~



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 93 _____ *Regent Square*
"Angels, from the realms of glory"

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, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 61:10-62:3 _____ Stacey Aldrete

I will greatly rejoice in the LORD,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.
For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147:13-21 *Laudate Dominum* Anglican Chant

- 13 Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *
praise your God, O Zion;
- 14 For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *
he has blessed your children within you.
- 15 He has established peace on your borders; *
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.
- 16 He sends out his command to the earth, *
and his word runs very swiftly.
- 17 He gives snow like wool; *
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.
- 18 He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; *
who can stand against his cold?
- 19 He sends forth his word and melts them; *
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.
- 20 He declares his word to Jacob, *
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.
- 21 He has not done so to any other nation; *
to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: Galations 3:23-25, 4:4-7 Jon Sharp

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem

those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 84

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“Love came down at Christmas”

The Gospel: John: 1:1-18

The Rev. Susan Scranton

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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 ~ Form IV Janet Kawamoto

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 thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem J. Chris Moore

“Now is the Caroling Season”

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 89, 81, 105 Various

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear,
O how a Rose, God Rest ye Merry Gentlemen”

Postcommunion Prayer BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 100 Antioch

“Joy to the world!”

The Dismissal BCP p. 366

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 using the code GECG or by contacting Catie Anders by calling or texting at 909-994-7794.

Reverse Advent Calendar Food Collection ~ Sunday, January 5 - Please bring any food items that you have collected during Advent and place them on the stage in Baxter Hall no later than January 5.

The Feast of the Baptism of our Lord ~ Sunday, January 12. This is a special day for baptisms. If you are interested, please let Rev. Susan know immediately.

Youth Group and Parent Meeting ~ Sunday, January 12 following the 10:00 AM service. At this important meeting, we will discuss Mammoth: times, places, finances, rentals, lessons, and clothing to bring.

Bible Study resumes ~ Wednesday, January 15 at 10:00 AM in the Fireside room and via Zoom.

Annual Meeting ~ Sunday, February 2 ~ One combined service at 10:00 AM - This is the one annual gathering in which the entire congregation is invited to a business meeting that is social, reflective, and interested in the business of the church.

Elections:

- ~ 3 New Vestry members
- ~ 3 Diocesan Convention delegates
- ~ 3 Alternate Diocesan Convention delegates

All heads of ministries are asked to write annual reports reflecting on the year 2024. Please have all reports into the church office no later than Sunday, January 26!! (This is a hard deadline!)

New Vestry Members Sought ~ Three vestry members will be finishing their term on vestry and three new members will be elected. If you are interested in running for the vestry, please contact Rev. Susan. Vestry members must be at least 16 years of age, a pledging member of the church, and very much interested in the life and health of the congregation.



Serving today:

Celebrant..... The Rev. Susan Scranton
Lay Eucharistic Minister..... Miles Bresee
Lectors Stacey Aldrete, Jon Sharp, Janet Kawamoto
Acolytes Ethan Seielstad, Amelie Palpant, Morgan Patterson
GEC Stream Team Stream Team Volunteers
Altar Guild Janese Grady, Debbie Pullen, Dawn Mellon,
Patricia Meyer, Cathy St. Onge, Emmy Wang
Flower Guild Donte Apperwhite, Denise Barcelo, Rosann Kindt,
Amelie Palpant, Hannah Palpant, Nancy Rice, Todd Rice,
Liz Sandona, Julie Schonland, Jerry Seielstad, Susie Seielstad
Vestry Person of the Week Kathi Ferris

Prayer List

For healing and comfort: Edie Noland, Thomas Miller, Grace Boyd,
Jackson Clune, Jessie Barrett, Michelle, Gloria Duncan, Victoria
Lemos, Marcia, Joe, Peggy Wallace, Autumn, Laverne Tradel,
Sam Luna, Sharilyn Vargas, Jessica Moran, Chris Geiss,
Neil & Michelle, Nellie Deom, Doug Jones

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

For safety in travel: Marshall, Jeff & Patricia Meyer

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

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

3 – Raylene Harich 6 – Nathaniel Olmos 19 – Leslie Stone
4 – Pamela Bryant 7 – Debbie Pullen 22 – Todd Rice
5 – Bryan McKenzie 15 – Jade Lakin 29 – Garrett Patterson
5 – Clint Stone 16 – Helen Crisp 31 – Richard Young

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The Rev. Susan L. Scranton ~ January 14, 1995