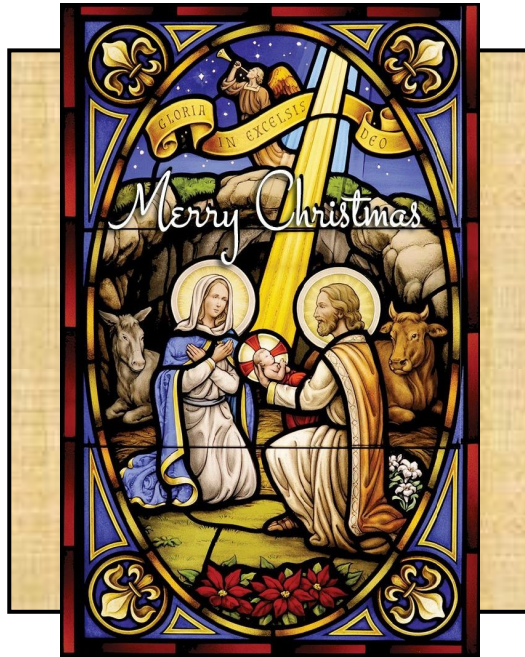


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The Second Sunday after Christmas

January 5, 2025

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 Second 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 117 *Morning Star*

“Brightest and best of the stars”

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Hymn 96 vv. 1, 2 *Gloria*

“Angels we have heard on high”

Collect of the Day

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 61:10-62:3 *Laurel McKenzie*

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 *Deus, iudicium* Anglican Chant

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:1-12 Bobbi Patterson

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles-- for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 128

Three Kings of Orient

“We three kings of Orient are”

The Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

The Rev. Susan Scranton

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and

they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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 ~ The Epiphany _____ David Aldrete

(With thanks to St. John's Episcopal Church, Washington D.C.)

On this day when peoples from afar came to worship Jesus as Lord and King, let our prayers resound for the whole world.

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That the light of Christ may shine on all nations far and near and that the Church may welcome all who come in their doors.

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That justice may flourish in our day and peace come to all the world.

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That all who look for a star to guide them may discover the goodness of the Lord in people of faith and goodwill.

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That in our Christian communities we may learn, like the wise men, to seek God, to share our treasure, and open our hearts.

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That God's people may hear the poor when they cry and open their hearts and hands to those in need.

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That all who are sick or suffering may find healing and comfort in the presence and promises of God. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. Are there others?

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

That all who have died will find rest in God's eternal Kingdom.

Let the light of Christ shine on all people.

Celebrant: Lord our God, we rejoice that you have come near us in Jesus your Son. May his light, the light that enlightens the world, enlighten us 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

Gael Berberick

“Star of Wonder, Star of Light”

arr. Kevin Keil

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 115, 110, 91,

Various

“What Child is This, The Snow lay on the ground,
Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light”

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 99

Go Tell It on the Mountain

“Go tell it on the mountain

The Dismissal

BCP p. 366

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

De-greening the church - Please come and help take down our Christmas decorations after the 10 AM service.

Annual GEC Blood Drive ~ Sunday, January 5, 2025, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. in Baxter Hall. Please talk to Catie Anders if you have any questions.

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..... Frank Boyd
Lectors Laurel McKenzie, Bobbi Patterson, David Aldrete
Acolytes Karen Williamson, April Moore, Elizabeth Anders
GEC Stream Team Trevor Barcelo, Ethan Seielstad
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 Janet Kawamoto

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, Gwen
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 Petteruto 29 – Garrett Patterson
5 – Clint Stone 16 – Helen Crisp 31 – Richard Young

JANUARY ANNIVERSARY

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JANUARY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

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