

# Grace Episcopal Church

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The Third Sunday after Epiphany  
January 26, 2025

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 after Epiphany ~



**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**

**Prelude** Pavel Petroff

**Processional Hymn 437** Birmingham

“Tell out, my soul”

**The Word of God**

Opening Acclamation BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

**Gloria S278** William Mathias

“Gloria”

**Collect of the Day**

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**First Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10** Donte Apperwhite

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with

interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Lector: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 19** *Caeli enarrant*

*Anglican Chant*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, \*  
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, \*  
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, \*  
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to  
the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous  
altogether.

- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much  
fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, \*  
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? \*  
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great  
offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a** Stacey Aldrete

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the

members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 632**

*Munich*

“O Christ, the Word Incarnate ”

**The Gospel: Luke 4:14-21**

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Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

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**The Nicene Creed**

BCP p. 358

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; praying especially for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for John, our bishop, and for Susan and Jim, our priests.

***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest.

***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. Are there others?

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus 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**

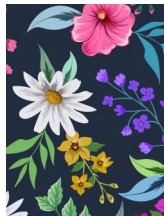
Offertory Anthem

*Gambrell & Sensmeier*

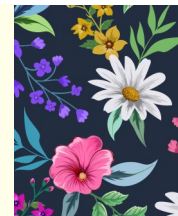
“A Grateful Heart”

Grace Parish Choir

<u>Hymn 380 v. 3</u>	Old 100th
“Praise God, from whom all blessing flow”	
Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)	BCP p. 361
<u>Sanctus &amp; Benedictus (S128)</u>	Matthias
The Lord’s Prayer	BCP p. 364
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP p. 364
<u>Fraction Anthem (S155)</u>	Gerald R. Near
Invitation to Communion	BCP p. 364
<i>(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.</i>	
<u>Communion Hymn 321</u>	Rockingham
“My God, thy table now is spread”	
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP p. 365
The Blessing	
<u>Recessional Hymn 390</u>	Lobe den Herren
“Praise to the Lord“	
The Dismissal	BCP p. 366
Celebrant:	Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People:	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>
<u>Postlude</u>	Pavel Petroff



The flowers are given to the  
Glory of God by  
Jerry & Kathy Seielstad  
in loving memory of  
Dawn Seielstad Donohoe.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

### **Annual Meeting & Pot-Luck ~ Sunday, February 2**

Please join us for our annual meeting! We will review the year 2024 and look forward to 2025. Please bring a dish to share for our potluck, enjoy our slide show highlighting events from 2024. (Thank you Rick Sandona!) We will also be electing new vestry members and diocesan convention delegates and alternates.

**\*\*If you are in charge of a ministry, please send in your annual report detailing your ministry of 2024. Deadline is TODAY.**

**Serving today:**

Celebrant..... The Rev. Susan Scranton  
Lay Eucharistic Minister..... Miles Bresee  
Lectors ..... Donte Apperwhite, Stacey Aldrete, Jon Sharp  
Acolytes ..... April Moore, Amelie Palpant, McKenna Parra  
Guest Organist ..... Pavel Petroff  
GEC Stream Team ..... Karen Williamson, Mizuki Williamson  
Flower Guild ..... Amelie Palpant, Hannah Palpant  
Altar Guild ..... Janese Grady, Dawn Mellon, Patricia Meyer,  
Cathy St. Onge, Debbie Pullen, Emmy Wang  
Hymn Board Manager ..... Trevor Barcelo  
Vestry Person of the Week ..... Jade Petteruto

**Prayer List**

**For healing and comfort:** Edie Noland, Thomas Miller, Grace Boyd,  
Jackson Clune, Jessie Barrett, Michelle, Gloria Duncan,  
Peggy Wallace, Laverne Tradel, Sam Luna, Sharilyn Vargas,  
Jessica Moran, Nellie Deom, Frank Boyd, Susie Seielstad

**For strength & guidance:** Audra Montoya, Stephanie Luna,  
Corrine Miller, Steve & Debra Clune, those affected by the fires

**For safety and protection:** Fire fighters and first responders,  
Harrison Klinski (LA City Fire Department)

**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,  
Mitchell Mann ~ U.S. Marines

**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**

Ikuko and John Williamson – 6

**JANUARY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY**

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