

Grace Episcopal Church

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The Fourth Sunday after Epiphany
February 2, 2025

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton, Rector
David Aldrete ~ Choirmaster
Pavel Petrov ~ Organist

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 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 436 *Truro*

“Lift up you heads”

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Gloria S278 William Mathias

“Gloria”

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4 Stacey Aldrete

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight--indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84:1-6 *Quam dilecta!* *Anglican Chant*

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of
springs, * for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18 *Janet Kawamoto*

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 497 *Wie schon leuchtet*

“How bright appears the Morning Star”

The Gospel: Luke 2:22-40 *The Rev. Susan Scranton*

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every

firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

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 III

Janet Kawamoto

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 *Hal Hopson*

“Sound the Trumpet! Praise Him!

Grace Parish Choir

Hymn 380 v. 3 *Old 100th*

“Praise God, from whom all blessing flow”

Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A) BCP p. 361

Sanctus & Benedictus (S128) *Matthias*

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 616 *Es flog ein kleins*

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

The Dismissal BCP p. 366

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Pavel Petroff*



If you would like to make an online donation to
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Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Come enjoy our potluck, see 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.

We will be thanking three vestry members for their service. today:

David Aldrete ~ Senior Warden, Lucie Pelleriti ~ Junior Warden and Cassy Shields for a lengthened term.

Bible Study ~ Wednesday, January 29 at 10:00 AM in the Fireside Room (and via zoom). We are using Adam Hamilton's study, The Message of Jesus: Words that Changed the World. (It is available at both Amazon and Cokesbury.) All are welcome!!

Thank you!! Grace Episcopal Church made donation to the One Spirit One Body diocesan campaign. These funds are set to be give to Episcopalians that are struggling after the wildfires in Southern California.

We sent \$3000 to the diocese from our church.
We are an amazing community of giving and love!



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..... Frank Boyd
Lectors Stacey Aldrete, Janet Kawamoto, Janet Kawamoto
Acolytes Elizabeth Anders, Claire Wainwright, Oliver Wainwright
Organist Pavel Petrov
GEC Stream Team Trevor Barcelo, Ethan Seielstad
Flower GuildDenise Barcelo, Nancy Rice
Altar Guild Janese Grady, Dawn Mellon, Patricia Meyer,
Cathy St. Onge, Debbie Pullen
Hymn Board Manager Trevor Barcelo
Vestry Person of the Week Linda Rice



Prayer List

For healing and comfort: Edie Noland, Thomas Miller, Grace Boyd,
Jackson Clune, Jessie Barrett, Michelle, Peggy Wallace,
Laverne Tradel, Sam Luna, Sharilyn Vargas, Jessica Moran,
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

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

2 – Jacob Boyd	5 – Douglas Jones	23 - Teresa Wainwright
4 - Ron Anders	14 – Alex McKenzie	25 – Cassy Shields
4 - Samantha Gomez	14 - Karen Huss	26 – Aaron Aldrete
	19 – Margo Keller	