

Grace Episcopal Church

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December 7, 2025

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton, Rector

The Rev James Seipel, Assisting

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 Second Sunday of Advent



Prelude

Pavel Petrov

Processional Hymn 59

Merton

“Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding”

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

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Collect for Purity

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Kyrie (Pew Card)

Rutter

Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

Amelie Palpant

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and
understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of
knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall
judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall
lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,

their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth
will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the
sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;
the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 72:1-7,18-19 *Deus, iudicium* Plain Chant



He shall have pit - y on the low - ly and poor, and shall re - deem their



lives from op - pres - sion.

- 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.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

Second Reading: Romans 15:4-13 Janet Kawamoto

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name";

and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 56 vv. 3, 4 *Veni, veni, Emmanuel*

"O come, O come, thou Lord"

The Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12 The Rev. Susan Scranton

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around

his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Celebrant: 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 **Bobbi Patterson**

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

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Eugene Butler

“Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding”

Grace Parish Choir

Presentation Hymn 598 v. 3

Mit Freuden zart

“New advent of the love of Christ”

Great Thanksgiving (Prayer B)

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Sanctus & Benedictus (Pew Card)

Rutter

The Lord’s Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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Invitation to Communion

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(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.)

Communion Hymn 597 *Jerusalem*

“O day of peace that dimly shines”

Postcommunion Prayer BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 65 *Stuttgart*

“Prepare the way, O Zion ”

The Dismissal BCP p. 366

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Pavel Petrov



The flowers are given to the Glory of God by
the Patterson Family in celebration
for Steven Patterson's birthday
and by Doug Jones in celebration for
Ann Jones' birthday.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scrip Sunday - Today. Place your orders with Bobbi Patterson.

Youth Group - Our next meeting is today after the 10 AM service.

Vestry Meeting - Wednesday, December 10 at 7:15 PM in the choir room.

Cookie Exchange & Parish Dinner - Friday, December 12 at 6:00 PM.
Please sign up in the narthex so we can plan for the Italian dinner.
Please bring 2-3 dozen cookies for the cookie exchange.

Hillsides Gifts - We are collecting gift cards and/or gifts for the youth at Hillsides in Pasadena until December 14.

Holy Chow - Join us at La Tolteca on December 15 at 6:00 PM.

Christmas Concert - Sunday, December 21 at 4 PM. There will be a reception in Baxter Hall following the concert.

~ Christmas Eve Services ~

December 24 ~ 4:30 PM for a musical presentation followed by the
Family Service at 5:00 PM.

The Midnight Service is at 11 PM in the chapel.

Serving today:

Celebrant..... The Rev. Susan Scranton
Lay Eucharistic Minister Donte Apperwhite
Lector..... Amelie Palpant, Janet Kawamoto, Bobbi Patterson
Acolytes Elizabeth Anders, Karen Williamson, Amelie Palpant
Choirmaster David Aldrete
Organist Pavel Petrov
GEC Stream Team..... Trevor Camargo, Ethan Seielstad
Flower Guild Kim Boyd, Nancy Rice
Hymnboard Manager Trevor Camargo
Altar Guild..... Dawn Mellon, Patricia Meyer, Debbie Pullen,
Janese Grady, Cathy St. Onge
Ushers Alex McKenzie, Robert Van Derbur
Vestry Person of the Week..... Jade Petteruto



Prayer List

For healing and comfort: Edie Noland, Sam Luna, Rick, Lucy, Lindsay, Manette Thomas, Ken Mayle, Liz Hernandez, Lawrence Everett, Rosalie Lack, Barbara Dexter, Lisa Taylor, Marshall Meyer, Sharon W., Amanda Van Derbur, Chad Camou, Anita Baker, Paulina Wells, Scott Martin, Frank Boyd, Dick Honaker

For strength & guidance: Jennifer & Justin, Brock, The Hernandez Family

For those serving in the military: Chad Donohoe ~ U.S. Navy, Nelson Acosta ~ U.S. Air Force, Adam Corona Jr. ~ U.S. Air Force, Seth Tradel ~ U.S. Navy, Mitchell Mann ~ U.S. Marines

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

8 – Ruth Aldrete	12 – Patty Hess	19 – Jessica Rice
8 – Ann Jones	13 - Chloe Wainwright	20 – Elizabeth Anders
10 – Kathi Ferris	13 - Oliver Wainwright	28 – Fred Colley
11 – Steven Patterson	18 - Samuel Moreno	29 – Andrew Petteruto

INSTALLATION ANNIVERSARY

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton as Rector of Grace ~ Dec. 7, 1997