

GRACE GRACE MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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A parish for all people in the heart of the city.



The First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

WELCOME TO GRACE

We recognize, celebrate, and give thanks for the many diverse gifts of God among us. We welcome persons of every race, language, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, physical and mental ability, national origin, immigration status, and economic level. We hold that discrimination is incompatible with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We affirm all relationships founded on the principles of God's love and justice.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Grace Memorial Episcopal Church, following in the way of Jesus, seeks to effect transformational change in individuals, in our Portland neighborhoods, and in other communities near and far. To do this we will engage our spiritual, human and financial resources in creative partnerships with people and organizations to further God's work in our world.

The First Sunday of Lent
10:00 am – Morning Prayer: Rite II

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, Page 75
Today's readings can be found at www.Lectionarypage.net

PRELUDE *PRELUDE FOR ORGAN #17 ANDANTE*

Flor Peeters

LENTEN BELL PEAL

WELCOME

HYMN *THE GREAT LITANY*

S-67, BCP 148

OPENING SENTENCE

BCP 76

Rend your hearts and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

Joel 2:13

The presiding priest or minister says

God has promised forgiveness
to all who truly repent, turn to
Christ in faith and are
themselves forgiving. In silence
we call to mind our sins.

Silence

Let us confess our sins.

***God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves,
and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.***

The Absolution is declared by the presiding priest.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Officiant

Lord, o - pen our lips.

People

And our mouth shall pro - claim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. A - men.

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- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, *
and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.
- Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 9:8-17

After the reading, the Lector says
Here ends the lesson.

CANTICLE 1 A SONG OF PENITENCE - KYRIE PANTOKRATOR

WLP #888

1. Al - might - y Lord Most High draw near whose awe - some
2. How mea - sure - less your mer - cies stand, the hope and
3. From such a heart we bend the knee and all our
4. So lift on high the Sav - ior's praise with all the
splen - dor none can bear; e - ter - nal God, in mer - cy hear,
pledge of sins for - given; those sins, un - num - bered as the sand,
sin and shame con - fess. Lord, your un - worth - y serv - ants see,
hosts of heaven a - bove, and sing through ev - er - last - ing days
re - ceive once more the sin - ner's prayer; u - pon your
that hide the ver - y stars of heaven; O God of
and clothe us round with right - eous - ness; that loved and
the God of glor - y grace and love. The Lord of
word of grace we call whose word of pow - er has or - dered all.
grace, to us im - part a pen - i - tent and con - trite heart.
par - doned, healed and blest, we taste your mer - cies man - i - fest.
all let us a - dore, for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

SECOND READING

1 Peter: 3:18-22

After the reading the Lector says
Here ends the lesson.

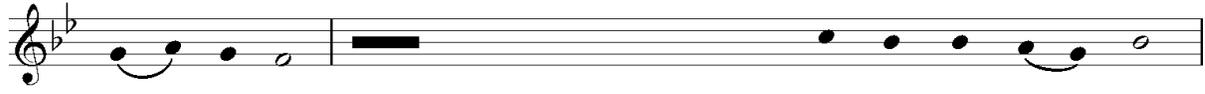
Antiphon



Sing the prais - es of the Lord, for he has done great things.



1. Sure - ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not



be a - fraid. 2. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure de - fense,



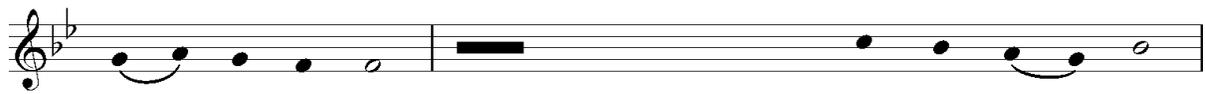
and he will be my Sa - vior. 3. Therefore you shall draw water



with re - joic - ing from the springs of sal - va - tion.



4. And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call



up - on his Name; 5. Make his deeds known a - mong the peo - ples;



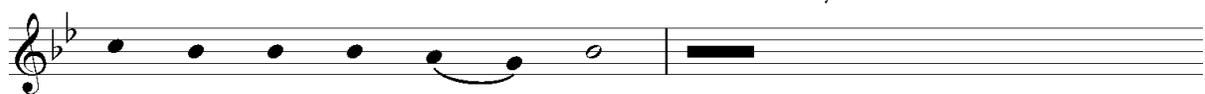
See that they remember that his Name is ex - alt - ed.



6. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,



and this is known in all the world. 7. Cry aloud, inhabitants of



Zi - on, ring out your joy, for the great one in the

midst of you is the Holy One of Is - ra - el. [Ant.]

(Gloria Patri may be omitted)

Glory to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men. [Ant.]

THIRD READING

Mark 1:9-15

*After the reading the Lector says
Here ends the lesson.*

SERMON

The Rev. Martin Elfert

THE APOSTLES' CREED

BCP Pg 96

Presider and People together.

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.***

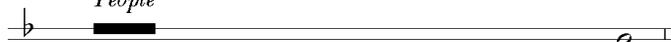
Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

*Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.*

SUFFRAGES B

Cantor or Officiant


V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inher - i - tance;

People


R. Govern and uphold them, now and al - ways.



V. Day by day we bless you;



R. We praise your Name for ev - er.



V. Lord, keep us from all sin to - day;



R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mer - cy.



V. Lord, show us your love and mer - cy;



R. For we put our trust in you.



V. In you, Lord, is our hope;



R. And we shall never hope in vain.

COLLECT FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

BCP, pg. 218

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS

BCP, pg. 123

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR MISSION

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS

Remembering especially the sick, hurting & injured: Aeryn, Alex Krausse, Althea Pratt-Broome, Anne North, Ashley Rios, Ben, Blanca, Brok, Bronwen Edwards-Denney, Caden Teddleton, Candy, Carol Denney and Bob Virgil, Catherine, Cecelia McGee, Chad la Bouef, Comfort Miller, Dan Schull, Dennis, Dick Toll, Don, Efrosinia Bell, Elisi, Erica, Evan, Fran, Fred Jackson, Gene Baker, George Massingale, Jackie Vittitow, Joanna Bailey, John DeWitz, John Guimond, Kari Stanley, Kento, Lee Ann Snyder, Liz Gautier, Louann Duchesneau, Machele Jarrett, Marion Ivy, Maureen Landon, Meg Clark, Mercedes Cravinas, M. L., Nick, Peter and Lynda, Ralph, Ric, Ricardo, Robert, Ron, Sam Stockett, Sharon & Clark, Shirley Johnson, Sophia, Suad, Suzanne, Thomas, Tiffany Hutchinson, Tina, Trip Clark, William Carl & Carol Abraham, the Rios family, and the Cloutier family.

And those whose needs are known to God alone.

Please pray as well for:

All those who are struggling for justice and for the dignity of every human being.

All those whose lives are being changed by COVID-19. And all those whose vocations put them at particular risk in this pandemic: doctors and nurses; hospital staff; chaplains; first responders; postal workers and delivery people; those who work in grocery stores and other essential businesses. May they be safe. May they know your light and love. We pray especially for those at Grace who are serving in this way: Alex, Rachel, Jennifer, Brenda, Suzy, Gwynneth, Riley, Debbie, and everyone whose ministry, large and small, is bringing healing and wholeness nearer.

Our Bishop, the Right Reverend Diana Akiyama.

This parish, as we discern where God is calling us and who God is calling us to be.

Our companion parish, Trinity Cathedral in Monrovia, Liberia.

The dead: David Garland, Bill Ellis, Rosemary Massingale, Andrew Jubera, Dick Church, Charlotte Cloutier, Joan Jones, Cathy, Yoko, Ted, Mae Stadler, Lois, Rudy Jones, and Bitsy Coleman.

You are invited to offer your own prayers and intercessions silently or through the YouTube comments.

THE OFFERING

During the singing of the anthem you are invited to make a financial offering to further God's mission through the work of the church. Please go to grace-memorial.org and click "donate" or text to 503.852.9109 and follow the prompts. Tax receipts are issued annually for gifts totaling \$20 or more.

ANTHEM **LORD, FOR THY TENDER MERCY'S SAKE**

Richard Farrant
Phoebe MacRae, soprano
Kevin Walsh, baritone

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
Lay not our sins to our charge.
But forgive that is past,
And give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
to decline from sin, and incline to virtue,
That we may walk in a perfect heart,
Before thee now and evermore.
Amen.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING VERSICLE AND RESPONSE

Hymnal S 54

Cantor or Officiant

Let us bless the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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The Presider then concludes with

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20,21*



1 Now let us all with one ac - cord, in
 2 The cov - e - nant, so long re - vealed to
 3 Your love, O Lord, our sin - ful race has
 4 Re - mem - ber, Lord, though frail we be, in
 5 There - fore, we pray you, Lord, for - give; so



1 com - pa - ny with a - ges past, keep vi - gil with our
 2 those of faith in for - mer time, Christ by his own ex -
 3 not re - turned, but fal - si - fied; au - thor of mer - cy,
 4 your own i - mage were we made; help us, lest in anx -
 5 when our wan - derings here shall cease, we may with you for



1 heaven - ly Lord in his temp - ta - tion and his fast.
 2 am - ple sealed, the Lord of love, in love sub - lime.
 3 turn your face and grant re - pent - ance for our pride.
 4 i - e - ty, we cause your Name to be be - trayed.
 5 ev - er live, in love and u - ni - ty and peace.

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Preacher: The Rev. Martin Elfert
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Readers:
Organist: Susan Jensen
Cantors: Phoebe MacRae, Kevin Walsh

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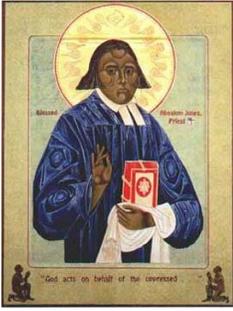
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Celebration of The Reverend Absalom Jones (1746 – 1818)

First African-American priest in The Episcopal Church

Sunday, February 21st at 3pm

Icon by Lou Bro

The Rev. Ernestine Flemister
Rector, St. Luke's Episcopal Church
stlukesgrantspass.org

Dear Friends,

Black Episcopalians in the Pacific Northwest are gathering to celebrate the life and ministry of Absalom Jones. Here is the [bulletin](#):

Absalom Jones Celebration via [Zoom](#)

The strength and resilience of a formerly enslaved person who later became a priest is why Black Episcopalians sing today. We cordially invite you to attend the first Evening Service hosted by the PNW Chapter of the UBE!

The African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas, founded by Absalom Jones and Richard Allen, is holding a [morning service](#) on Sunday, February 14th, also dedicated to Jones. You can learn more about Absalom Jones from the [UBE website](#) and the [Episcopal archives](#).

Participants from throughout the region will share in prayer, scripture, and song in virtual assembly through [Zoom](#). Attending clergy appear in the [bulletin](#).

Time: **3:00 PM Pacific Time** (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89527991919?pwd=eWdyWDhhdHBIUjRiRmpMeWZMelMzUT09>

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Thank you,

Daniel W. Jones, President
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