

GRACE GRACE MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

❖ DECEMBER 24, 2023 ❖ 9:00AM ❖



CHRISTMAS AT GRACE

CHRISTMAS EVE

❖ **Sunday, December 24**

4:00 pm *Christmas Eve Pageant, Carols,
& Holy Eucharist Rite II*
9:30 pm *Christmas Eve Carol Service
& Holy Eucharist Rite II*

CHRISTMAS DAY

❖ **Monday, December 25**

10:00 am *Holy Eucharist Rite II with Carols*

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

❖ **Sunday, December 31**

8:00 am *Holy Eucharist Rite I*
10:00 am *Christmas Lessons and Carols
& Choral Eucharist Rite II*



WELCOME TO GRACE!

We are glad you are with us!

Grace Memorial is part of the Jesus Movement in the Episcopal Way. We are a community of story, symbol, service, and song.

We are a church of people with and without disabilities. Those who need to vocalize or move during the service are welcome to do so.

Please let us know that you are here by filling out a newcomer card and giving it to an usher or clergy person – or by saying "hi" in the YouTube chat.

COVID PROTOCOLS

There are high-quality (MERV-13) filters in Grace's HVAC system. Grace strongly encourages vaccination. We support the choice to wear a mask.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children are welcome and expected throughout the service. For those families who would prefer it, nursery care is available beginning at 9am in the Nursery downstairs. For older children, Church School gathers in the Mason Burnham room after the service's opening collect (i.e., prayer).

2023

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

❖ **Sunday, December 24**

*9:00 am *Holy Eucharist Rite I*

CHRISTMAS EVE

❖ **Sunday, December 24**

*4:00 pm *Christmas Pageant & Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

*9:30pm ***Carol Service & Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

***Incense is used at this service.*

CHRISTMAS DAY

❖ **Monday, December 25**

10:00 am *Carols & Holy Eucharist, Rite II*

NO THURSDAY EUCHARIST

❖ **Thursday, December 28**

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

❖ **Sunday, December 31**

8:00 am *Holy Eucharist Rite I*

*10:00 am *Christmas Lessons & Carols & Holy Eucharist Rite II*

2024

THURSDAY EUCHARIST

❖ **Thursday, January 4**

9:30 am *Holy Eucharist Rite II in the Chapel*

EPIPHANY EVENSONG

❖ **Friday, January 5**

6:00 pm *Chili Potluck Supper*

7:00 pm *Epiphany Evensong*

8:00pm *Kings' Cake!*

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

❖ **Sunday, January 7**

8:00 am *Holy Eucharist Rite I*

*10:00 am *Choral Eucharist Rite II*

FORMATION CLASS (7PM) & COMPLINE (8PM)

❖ **Wednesday, January 10**

On Zoom: <https://tinyurl.com/grace-adulted-wed>

THURSDAY EUCHARIST

❖ **Thursday, January 11**

9:30 am *Holy Eucharist Rite II in the Chapel*

*** Hybrid Services** - both in the Nave and on YouTube

❖ THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ❖

YEAR B
9:00 AM ❖ HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

The Service begins on page 323 in the Book of Common Prayer found in the pew racks.

Today's readings can be found at www.Lecternarypage.net

❖ THE ENTRANCE RITE ❖

PRELUDE ❖ *Advent Bell Peal*

WELCOME ❖

OPENING HYMN 74 ❖ *Blessed be the King whose coming*

Descant

3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

1 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
2 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
3 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of
4 Blest be the King whose com - ing is in the name of

God! He on - ly to the hum - bles re - veals the face of

God! For him let doors be o - pened, no hearts a - gainst him
God! By those who tru - ly lis - ten his voice is tru - ly
God! He on - ly to the hum - bles re - veals the face of
God! He of - fers to the bur - dened the rest and grace they

God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All
 barred! Not robed in roy - al splen - dor, in
 heard; pi - ty the proud and haugh - ty, who
 God. All power is his, all glo - ry! All
 need. Gen - tle is he and hum - ble! And

things are in his hand, all a - ges and all
 power and pomp, comes he; but clad as are the
 have not learned to heed the Christ who is the
 things are in his hand, all a - ges and all
 light his yoke shall be, for he would have us

peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!
 poor - est, such his hu - mil - i - ty!
 Prom - ise, who has a - tone - ment made.
 peo - ples, till time it - self shall end!
 bear it so he can make us free!

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH ♦ *From God on high*

Carol McClure; Thom Pavlechko

Advent 1: Hope came down
Advent 2: Love came down
Advent 3: Joy came down
Advent 4: Peace came down
Christmas Eve 5: Christ came down

3

4 *mf*

4. Peace came down from God on high,

6

As the star shone in the sky;

8

4. Peace came down on Christ - mas morn in the

10

1. form of a ba - by born.

13

2. born.

OPENING ACCLAMATION ♦

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

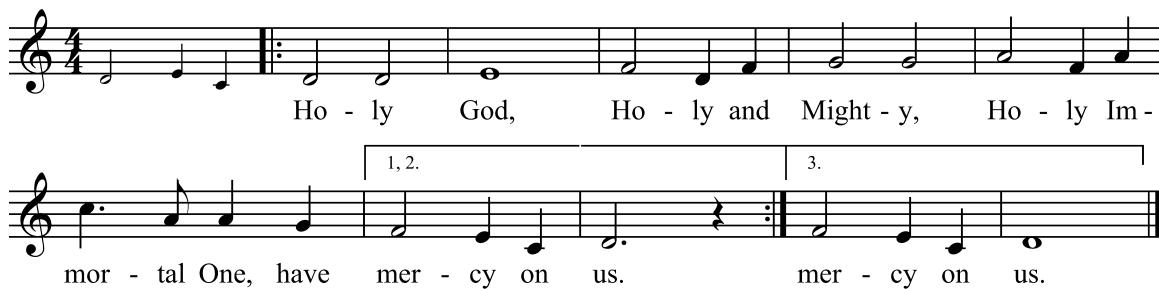
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY ♦

All Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Presider Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:
Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.
This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

TRISAGION ♦ *Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One*

MHSO 17, BCP, pg. 324



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY ♦

BCP pg. 160

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

♦ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ♦

FIRST READING ♦ *2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16*

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 3 ♦ *Magnificat*

S-185, BCP pg. 50

Antiphon

He that is might-y hath mag - ni-fied me: and ho-ly is his Name.

1. My soul doth mag - ni-fy the Lord, and my spi - rit

hath rejoiced in God my Sav - ior. 2. For he hath re-gard - ed

the low - li - ness of his hand-maid-en. 3. For be - hold from hence - forth

all gen - er - a - tions shall call me bless - ed. 4. For he that is

might - y hath mag - ni-fied me, and ho - ly is his Name.

5. And his mer - cy is on them that fear him through-out all gen-er-a-tions.

6. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scat - tered the

proud in the imagi - na - tion of their hearts. 7. He hath put

down the might - y from their seat, and hath ex - alt - ed the

hum - ble and meek. 8. He hath filled the hun - gry with good things,

and the rich he hath sent emp - ty a - way. 9. He re -

mem - ber-ing his mer - cy hath hol - pen his ser - vant Is - ra - el,

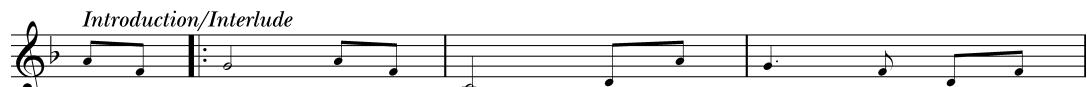
as he prom - ised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ev - er. [Ant.]

SECOND READING ♦ *Romans 16:25-27*

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 268 ♦ *Ye who claim the faith of Jesus* vv. 1-2 before The Gospel; vv. 3-4 after

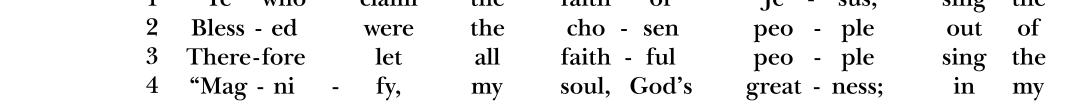
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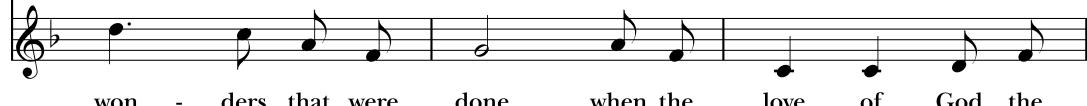
1 Ye who claim the faith of Je - sus, sing the
 2 Bless - ed were the cho - sen peo - ple out of
 3 There-fore let all faith - ful peo - ple sing the
 4 "Mag - ni - fy, my soul, God's great - ness; in my



won - ders that were done when the love of God the
 whom the Lord did come; bless - ed was the land of -
 hon - or of her name; let the Church, in her fore -
 Sa - vior I re - joice; all the a - ges call me

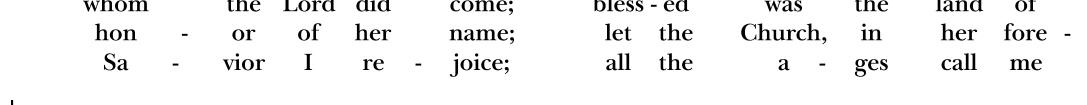


Fa - ther o - ver sin the vic - tory won, when he
 prom - ise fa - shioned for his earth - ly home; but more
 shad - owed, part in her thanks - giv - ing claim; what Christ's
 bless - ed, in his praise I lift my voice; he has



made the Vir - gin Ma - ry mo - ther of his on - ly Son.
 bless - ed far the mo - ther, she who bore him in her womb.
 mo - ther sang in glad - ness let Christ's peo - ple sing the same:
 cast down all the might - y, and the low - ly are his choice."

Conclusion



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THE HOLY GOSPEL ♦ *Luke 1:26-38*

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

A time of silence and stillness follows the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED ♦

from Enriching Our Worship I, pg. 53

People

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Intercessor

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all all.

Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Diana, our Bishop, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joe, our President, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, remembering especially: Anne Martin, Brandon Hoek, Caden Teddleton, Carla Brown, Carla Carlson, Claudia Frahm, Darryl and Katharine Holland, Donna Lisa, Dusty, Erin, Elaine Toll, George, George, Greg Gabriel, Hannah Miller, Ruth Haines, Janie, Jeanann Francis, Joanna Bailey, John, Kate, Kathleen, Larry, Larry S., Lee Ann Snyder, Lexie, Lindsay Hoek, Liz Gautier, Lou Ann Pickering, Margaret Duryee, Michael Curry, Niki, Priscilla Anderson, Ricardo, Robert, Rochelle Hoek, Rosco, Rusty, Ruth Higgenbotham, Staci Heuvel, Stanley Jackson, Stephanie Hoffman, and Trip Clark.

We pray also for those whom no one prays.

For all those in harm's way in Ukraine.

For those traumatized by war and conflict. Protect all who are affected by gun violence, especially in this community.

For Matt Haines our seminarian.

We pray for the victims and the perpetrators of violence. We pray for justice and for peace. We pray that no one will forget the humanity of their neighbor and that no one will forget their own humanity.

We pray for our companion parish, Trinity Cathedral in Monrovia, Liberia.

The People may add their own petitions

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear especially remembering:

Shirley Loomis, Margie Schindele, Jo D'Antonio, Joy Esther Pruitt, Jonanna Calleton, Jessica, Matt Zimmerman, Allen Stakset, Ric Menegat, Stephen Whitney-Wise, Elisi, Jerry, Mike, Jack Cassidy, Roy Coulter, Jack Haines, and Laura Hull.

And to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

CONFSSION OF SIN ♦

BCP pg. 330

Deacon Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

All

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against thee
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved thee with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in thy will,
and walk in thy ways,
to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION ♦

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

THE PEACE ♦

BCP, pg. 332

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

The People greet one another in the name of Christ.

❖ CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST ❖

THE OFFERING ♦

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the Altar.

At the Offertory, we return thanks for God's many blessings in our lives, and we invite you to give generously. You may give an offering in the plate or by visiting our online link at www.grace-memorial.org.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM ♦ *Desert, blossom as a Rose*

text: Carol McClure; music: Alfred V. Fedak

1. Desert, blossom as a Rose
Rising, radiant as it grows,
All arrayed in crimson show;
Come to us, O God of Hope.
2. Thirsty land, become a stream,
Flowing fountain, calm, serene.
Clear cascade from heaven above;
Come to us, O God of Love.
3. Weakened hands, be now made strong;
Silent tongues, break forth in song;
Blinded eyes, your sight employ;
Come to us, O God of Joy.
4. Soon a pathway shall be found,
For the faithful, Holy Ground;
Safe from angry, warring beast,
Come to us, O God of Peace.
5. Sing God's praise, Jerusalem;
Hope, joy, love, and peace shall come;
Sorrow, sighing now dispel;
Come to us, Emmanuel.
6. King of Glory, Soul of Bliss,
Everlasting life is this:
Thee to know, thy power to prove,
Thus to sing, and thus to love!

PRESENTATION ♦

Presider All things come of thee Oh Lord,
All **and of thine own have we given thee.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING ♦

BCP, pg. 333

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord our God.
People **It is meet and right so to do.**

Presider It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Because thou didst send thy beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, - ly, Lord God of Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full____ of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed____ is he that com - eth - in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Presider All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father,...

...By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER ♫

BCP pg. 336, S-119

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

Music: Plainsong; adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944). Setting: Copyright © Church Publishing Inc.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD ♫

BCP, pg. 337

FRACTION ANTHEM ♫

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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All

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord,
 trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies.
 We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table.
 But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy.
 Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ,
 and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Presider

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
 and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

MINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT ♦

Share the gifts

If you know the brokenness of life, then you have participated in the broken body of Christ, and you are invited to share in the breaking of bread. If you desire to know the love of God that overcomes apathy, alienation, and despair, then you are invited to share in the cup of the new covenant. The bread is received in the open palm.

It is usual Anglican practice to drink the wine from the common cup. Intinction (i.e., the practice of dipping the bread into the chalice) is not permitted. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

Prayer and Laying On of Hands for Healing

If you wish a particular prayer for yourself or for someone else, you are invited to go to the prayer station located to the right of the altar. Give your first name and share your prayer need, and the prayer team will quietly offer prayers. Anything you share is confidential.

COMMUNION HYMN 81 ♦ *Lo how a rose e'er blooming*

1 Lo, how a Rose e'er bloom-ing from ten - der stem hath sprung!
 2 I - sa - iah 'twas fore - told it, the Rose I have in mind,
 * 3 O Flower, whose fra - grance ten - der with sweet - ness fills the air,
 Of Jes - se's lin - eage com - ing as seers of old have sung.
 with Ma - ry we be - hold it, the Vir - gin Mo - ther kind.
 dis - pel in glo - rious splen - dor the dark - ness ev - ery - where;
 It came, a blos - som bright, a - mid the
 To show God's love a - right, she bore to
 true man, yet ve - ry God, from sin and
 cold of win - ter, when half spent was the night.
 us a Sa - vior, when half spent was the night.
 death now save us, and share our ev - ery load.

Words: St. 1-2 German, 15th cent.; tr. Theodore Baker (1851-1934). St. 3, Friedrich Layritz (1808-1859); tr. Harriet Reynolds Krauth Spaeth (1845-1925); ver. *Hymnal 1940*. St. 3, Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. Music: *Es ist ein Ros*, melody from *Alte Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1599; harm. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621).

Presider Let us pray.

All Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THANKSGIVINGS ♦

THANKSGIVING HYMN, WLP 824 ♦ *God grant them many years*

God grant them many years! God grant them many years!

God grant them many years!

BLESSING ♦

CLOSING HYMN WLP 795 ♦ *Come now, O Prince of Peace*

1. Come now, O Prince of Peace, make us one body,
 2. Come now, O God of love, make us one body,
 3. Come now and set us free, O God, our Savior,
 4. Come, Hope of Unity, make us one body,
 come, O Lord Jesus, receive your people.
 come, O Lord Jesus, receive your people.
 come, O Lord Jesus, receive all nations.
 come, O Lord Jesus, receive all nations.

Words: Geonyong Lee; para. Marion Pope, alt. Music: *O-so-so*, Geonyong Lee.

DISMISSAL ♦

BCP, pg. 340

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE ♦ *There fell a heavenly dew (Het viel eens hemels douwe)*

Flor Peeters

Please join us after the 9:00 am service for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall.

♦ SERVING US TODAY ♦

Presider	The Reverend Lara Halsey
Preacher	The Reverend Doctor Corbet Clark
Deacon	The Reverend Doctor Liz Klein
Crucifer	Jeff Ewen
Lectors	Gwen Harvey, Demetria Keck
Intercessor 8AM	Demetria Keck
Sacristans	Gillian Weisgram
Usher	Sally Fraser
Organist & Choir Director	Susan Jensen
Digital Verger	Evelyn Prater
Nursery Care Coordinator	Jo Wiersma
Healing Ministry	Rev. Dr. Corbet Clark, Myra Clark

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Grace News & Notes

*Please note: The deadline for submitting events to the bulletin is on Wednesdays at noon. Thank you.
Please note: The Church Office will be closed on Monday, December 25 – Wednesday, December 27.*

Grace Epiphany Formation Class will begin again in the New Year on **Wednesday, January 10 at 7pm** on ZOOM. It will be followed by Compline at 8pm. Look for more information in Grace Notes.



Sunday, December 31 at 10am: Christmas Lessons & Carols

This Sunday, we will be singing carols of the season, hearing the lessons of the Christmas story, and we will be welcoming back Ami Elfert (Martin and Phoebe's oldest son) – who will offer special organ music by the famous French composer, Olivier Messiaen.



Twelfth Night Festivities on Friday, January 5 at 6pm!

Come celebrate the Feast of Epiphany at an Epiphany Chili Potluck and Evensong!

You are cordially invited to join us at Grace on January 5th at 6pm for a chili potluck followed by a lovely Evensong service to honor Epiphany, the day that celebrates the arrival of the Magi to Jesus' birth.

There will be Kings' cake! Let us know if you are coming and what you can bring (if you can't bring anything please know you are still welcome!) Here is a link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084FAF29A4F58-46797786-grace>

- Email Rev. Lara @ LHalsey@grace-memorial.org with questions!

Baptisms - Sunday, January 7, 2024, is one of the 5 designated Sundays for Baptisms. The others being the Easter Vigil, Pentecost (*May/June*), Transfiguration Sunday (*first Sunday of August*), and All Saints Sunday (*first Sunday in November*). In baptism, we welcome new members into the church, commit ourselves to support them in their life in Christ, and re-dedicate our own lives to Christ. Please contact Martin Elfert or Lara Halsey for more information.

Welcome all Newcomers! Save the Date – Sunday, January 21st at 5pm!

If you are new to Grace since 2020, you are invited to join us **January 21st at 5pm** in the Parish Hall. We will enjoy a simple delicious meal and you will have an opportunity to get to know other newcomers, as well as hear from ministry leaders about the many ways you can get involved. Please RSVP here:

<https://forms.office.com/r/Gn8cGt29uj> or email Rev. Lara at LHalsey@grace-memorial.org.



Grace Memorial Vestry - Are You Called to Serve on Grace's Vestry or to Represent Our Parish at Diocesan Convention?

The Vestry is the Board of Directors for Grace Memorial Episcopal Church. Our community elects each Vestry member for a three-year term. We replace one-third of the 12-person Vestry each year (plus any vacancies from previous years). It is our practice at Grace for the current Vestry to recommend a slate of candidates to the wider Grace membership. We then vote on that slate at the Annual General Meeting. This year's meeting is on Sunday, January 28th, right after the 10am service.

A nominee for Vestry will:

- Have a strong commitment to Jesus Christ and to carrying out Jesus' ministry in our community;
- Be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit;
- Be a communicant in good standing, regular in prayer and worship;
- Be active in the life of the parish and willing to assume leadership positions;
- Be a pledging member of record who is titling or whose pledge gives serious indication of working towards a tithe;
- Attend Vestry meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month from 6-7:30pm and for occasional retreats and other meetings;
- Have the ability and willingness to serve Grace Memorial.

This year at the Annual meeting, we will be electing five Vestry members for three-year terms. Vestry is an opportunity to do meaningful work to help this beloved community to thrive. Please contact **Charles A. McGee II** at charlesamcgeeeii@yahoo.com or a current Vestry member if you think you may be called to this ministry.

Diocesan Convention

The criteria for representing Grace at the 2024 Diocesan Convention and the process for electing them are identical, except that the commitment of time is shorter. Convention Representatives attend several preparatory meetings and then convention itself. Representatives typically pay for the cost of their own attendance, although scholarships are available to those for whom this cost would be a burden. We need four representatives to convention.

Again, please contact **Charles A. McGee II** at charlesamcgeei@yahoo.com, or a current Vestry member if you think you may be called to this ministry.



Grace Calendar

Check out the Online Calendar at <https://grace-memorial.org/campus-calendar/>

Monday, December 25 – Wednesday 27	Grace office will be closed
Sunday, December 31 @ 10am	Christmas Lessons & Carols w/Holy Eucharist II
Monday, January 1, 2024	Grace office will be closed
Tuesday, January 2 @ 9am	Tai Chi meets in the Parish Hall
Wednesday, January 3 @ 9:30am	Hale's Breakfast Group meets
Thursday, January 4 @ 10am	Coffee+Conversation+Connection(C3) meets at Lloyd Center
Thursday, January 4 @ 12 noon	St. Mary's Guild meets
Friday, January 5 @ 6pm	Epiphany Chili Supper in the Parish Hall
Friday, January 5 @ 7pm	Evensong & Kings' Cake in the Sanctuary
Sunday, January 14 @ 5pm	Celtic Evening Service in the Chapel
Sunday, January 21 @ 5pm	Newcomers' Dinner
Sunday, January 28	Grace Annual Meeting

❖ GRACE MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH ❖

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

CLERGY

The Right Reverend Doctor Diana Akiyama – Bishop
The Reverend Martin Elfert – Rector
The Reverend Lara Halsey – Curate
The Reverend Doctor Corbet Clark – Associate Priest
The Rev. Canon Doctor Richard Toll – Associate Priest
The Reverend Doctor Liz Klein – Deacon

PARISH STAFF

Parish Manager – Kris Doty
Parish Assistant & Bookkeeper – Anson Jones
Organist / Choir Director – Susan J. Jensen
Digital Verger – Evelyn Prater
Campus Steward – Lukas Sherman
Office Volunteer – Demetria Keck
Nursery Care Coordinator – Jo Wiersma

CLERGY OFFICE HOURS

Reverend Martin Elfert
9:30am – 11:30am on Wednesdays
2:00pm – 4:00pm on Thursdays
Reverend Lara Halsey
1:00pm – 2:00pm on Sundays
3:00pm – 5:00pm on Mondays
Reverend Dr. Liz Klein
11:00am – 1:00pm on Wednesdays

SERVICE TIMES & LOCATIONS

Sundays
8:00 am – Holy Eucharist Rite I – Spoken Service
10:00 am – Choral Eucharist Rite II*
**hybrid - offered both in the Nave and on YouTube*
Weekdays
Compline 8:00pm – on Zoom
Thursdays 9:30 am – Holy Eucharist

VESTRY

Charles A. McGee II, Co-Senior Warden (Vestry Chair); Kevin Walsh (2026), Co-Senior Warden (Rector's Advisor);
David Waldow (2025) Junior Warden; Warren Burkholder Jr., Treasurer; Alicia Lehrle, Clerk; Keri Beck (2025);
Roosevelt Carter (2026); Myra Clark (2024), Andrew D'Antonio (2024); Sally Fraser (2025);
Yetunde Laniran (2026); Bindhu Newell (2024); Calvin Richardson (2024);
Stephen Weeks (2024); Jennifer Yeast (2026)