

GRACE GRACE MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

❖ DECEMBER 10, 2023 ❖ 8:00 & 10:00 AM ❖



2023

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

❖ **Sunday, December 10**

8:00 am *Holy Eucharist Rite I*
*10:00 am *Choral Eucharist Rite II*
5:00pm *Celtic Service in the Chapel*

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

❖ **Wednesday, December 13**

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

THURSDAY EUCHARIST

❖ **Thursday, December 14**

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

❖ **Sunday, December 17**

8:00 am *Holy Eucharist Rite I*
*10:00 am *Advent Lessons & Carols & Eucharist Rite II*

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

❖ **Wednesday, December 20**

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

THURSDAY EUCHARIST

❖ **Thursday, December 21**

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

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*

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

❖ THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ❖

YEAR B
8:00 AM ❖ HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

Merciful God, who didst send thy 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 liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES BCP pg. 323

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP pg. 159

FIRST READING Isaiah 40:1-11

PSALM 85:1-2, 8-13 BCP pg. 708

SECOND READING 2 Peter 3:8-15a

THE HOLY GOSPEL Mark 1:1-8

SERMON The Reverend Liz Klein

THE NICENE CREED BCP pg. 326

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING BCP pg. 339

THE BLESSiNG

THE DISMISSAL

❖ THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ❖

YEAR B
10:00 AM ❖ HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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

❖ THE ENTRANCE RITE ❖

PRELUDE ❖ *Advent Bell Peal*

WELCOME ❖

OPENING HYMN 76 ❖ *On Jordan's Bank*

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
 2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
 3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
 5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
 2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
 3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
 4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
 5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come.
 3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
 4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

Words: Charles Coffin (1676-1749); tr. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), after John Chandler (1806-1876); alt. Music: *Winchester New*, melody from *Musicalishes Hand-Buch*, 1690; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889), alt.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH ♦ *From God on high* Carol McClure; Thom Pavlechko

All children are invited to come up by the Advent wreath for the lighting of the second candle.

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

Gently ♩ = 80

3

4

2. Love came down from God on high,

6

As the star shone in the sky;

8

2. Love came down on Christ - mas morn in the

10

1. form of a ba - by born.

13

2.

born.



OPENING ACCLAMATION ♦

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY ♦

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

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

MHSO 17

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY ♦

BCP pg. 211

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

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.

People **Amen.**

*Children are invited to join Church School in the Mason Burnham room
with Jennifer Yeast in the basement of the Parish Hall.*

❖ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ❖

FIRST READING ♦ *Isaiah 40: 1-11*

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Antiphon is sung once by the choir, repeated by all.

tone: VENI EMMANUEL

- 1 You have been gracious to your [land] O LORD,*
you have restored the good [fortune] of Jacob.
- 2 You have forgiven the iniquity [of] your people*
and blotted out [all] their sins.
- 8 I will listen to what the LORD [God] is saying,*
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people, ...
and to those who [turn] their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly his salvation is very near to [those] who fear him,*
that his glory may [dwell in] our land.

Antiphon

- 10 Mercy and [truth] have met together,*
righteousness and [peace] have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up [from] the earth,*
and righteousness shall look [down] from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed [grant] prosperity,*
and our land will [yield] its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall [go] before him,*
and peace shall be a pathway [for] his feet.

Antiphon

SECOND READING ♦ 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN WLP 722 ♦ *The desert shall rejoice* vv. 1-3 before The Gospel; vv. 4-6 after

The desert shall rejoice and blossom as a rose:
 1. It shall 2. For the
 3. For the 4. For the

blossom abundantly and rejoice with praise and singing.
 ears of the deaf shall hear And the blind, their eyes be opened.
 tongue of the mute shall sing and the lame will dance with gladness.
 ground will become a pool and the dry land springs of water.

5. The desert shall rejoice and blossom as a rose:
 as the ransomed return to God and come singing back to Zion.
 6. The desert shall rejoice and blossom as a rose:
 unto Zion we come with joy, for our God has come to save us.

Words: Gracia Grindal (b. 1943). Music: *Sterling*, Joy F Patterson (b. 1931).

THE HOLY GOSPEL ♦ *Mark 1:1-8*

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord 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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ♦

Deacon Almighty Father, you sent your son Jesus to be born into a world of violence, oppression, and poverty, to bring a message of hope and love.

Intercessor We pray for all people, especially our families, friends and neighbors, and those who are alone.

All **Come Lord Jesus, come into our hearts, come into our world.**

Intercessor We pray for this community, the nation, and the world, that those in authority may seek solutions rather than violence and peace rather than conflict. We pray for justice and peace for all.

All **Come Lord Jesus, come into our hearts, come into our world.**

Intercessor We pray for all those who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble, especially those traumatized by war and violence, and for all without homes. We pray for those who minister to them.

All **Come Lord Jesus, come into our hearts, come into our world.**

Intercessor We pray for the just and proper use of your creation, that we may conserve and protect it for the benefit of all.

All **Come Lord Jesus, come into our hearts, come into our world.**

Intercessor We pray for the peace and unity of the Church of God, for all who proclaim the Gospel and all who seek the truth.

All **Come Lord Jesus, come into our hearts, come into our world.**

Intercessor We pray for all who serve God in the Church, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Diana, our Bishop; and for our clergy at Grace Memorial Church. For our companion parish Trinity Cathedral in Monrovia, Liberia.
For Matt Haines, our seminarian.

All **Come Lord Jesus, come into our hearts, come into our world.**

Intercessor We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation. May we listen and care for one another. We pray for all struggling with mental health issues. We pray for those on our prayer list: Ann, Anne Martin, Brandon Hoek, Caden Teddleton, Carla Brown, Carla Carlson, Carla and Misty Taylor, Darryl and Katharine Holland, Donna Lisa, Dusty, Erin, 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, Margaret Duryee, Michael Curry, Niki, Priscilla Anderson, Ricardo, Robert, Rochelle Hoek, Rosco, Rusty, Ruth Higgenbotham, Staci Heuvel, Stanley Jackson, Stephanie Hoffman, Tom Krausse, and Trip Clark. We pray also for those whom no one prays for.

The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor Hear us, Lord;

All **For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor We remember those who have died and those who mourn, especially James Taintor, Frank Elfert, 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.

The People may add their own petitions

Intercessor Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

All **For your mercy is great.**

Intercessor We give thanks for the many blessings of this life, especially family, friends, and community.

All **For your loving kindness is great.**

Intercessor Almighty Father, we know that you know our needs before we ask. Grant that what we have asked in faith, we may receive by your grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

CONFSSION OF SIN ♦

BCP pg. 393

Deacon: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People:

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION ♦

Children return from Church school.

THE PEACE ♦

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

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 ♦ *Out of the wintry gloom*

Richard Shephard

Out of the wintry gloom of night,
Out of the darkness of our days;
Our Sun appears, a wondrous sight,
A morning of unbroken praise.

O come, our Dayspring, and our Cheer,
the herald calls, and we obey;
Now lift us by your Advent here,
The message comes, "Prepare a way."

Come now, O Prince of Glory, come!
Come quickly, as dawn follows night;
And dwell with us, here make your home,
So all the world may see your light.

PRESENTATION HYMN VF 102 ♦ *Creator of all time and space*

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GREAT THANKSGIVING ♦

Eucharist Prayer 2, BAS, page 196

The Book of Alternative Services of the Anglican Church of Canada

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things....

...Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS ♦ *Holy, holy, holy*

EOMI #20

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, _____. God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry; Ho - san - na in the
Blessed is the
high - est. Blessed - ed is
one
he who comes _____ in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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Presider Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;...

...that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church,
now and for ever.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER ♦

BCP pg. 364. S-149

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.

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD ♦

FRACTION ANTHEM ♦

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

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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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.

The bread is gluten-free at the 10am service.

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 MOTET ♦

*Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true,
 to you be praise and glory for ever!*

Of old you spoke by the mouth of your prophets
 but in our days you speak through your Son
 whom you have appointed the heir of all things.

Grant us your people to walk in his light
 that we may be found ready and watching
 when he comes again in glory and judgement;
 for you are our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

Words: from *The Promise of His Glory*, 1990
 Music: Malcolm Archer (b. 1952)

COMMUNION HYMN WLP 724 ♦ *People, look East*

1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown-ing of the
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall
 5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to

1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the
 2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may
 3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has
 4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -
 5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is

1. ta - ble. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.
 2. flour-ish. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.
 3. cho - sen. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.
 4. geth - er. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.
 5. com - ing. Peo-ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965). Music: *Besançon Carol*, harm. John L. Hooker (b. 1944).

Presider Let us pray.

Presider
and *People*

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THANKSGIVINGS ♦

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

God grant them ma - ny years! God grant them ma - ny years!

God grant them ma - ny years!

BLESSING ♦

CLOSING HYMN 75 ♦ *There's a voice in the wilderness crying*

1 There's a voice in the wil - der - ness cry - ing, a
 2 O Zi - on, that bring - est good tid - ings, get thee
 3 but the word of our God en - du - reth, the

call from the ways un - trod: Pre - pare in the des - ert a
 up to the heights and sing! Pro - claim to a des - o - late
 arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst of

high - way, a high - way for our God! The
 peo - ple the com - ing of their King. Like the
 na - tions, and he will right the wrong. He shall

val - leys shall be ex - alt - ed, the
 flowers of the field they per - ish, like
 feed his flock like a shep - herd, the

lof - ty hills brought low; make straight all the crook - ed
 grass our works de - cay, the power and pomp of
 lambs he'll gent - ly hold; to pas - tures of peace he'll

pla - ces where the Lord our God may go!
 na - tions shall pass like a dream a - way;
 lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.

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DISMISSAL ♦

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

POSTLUDE ♦ *Magnificat du 3^e et 4^e Ton: Fuga doppia*

Michael Corrette (1707-1795)



Please join us after the 10:00 am service for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall!

❖ SERVING US TODAY ❖

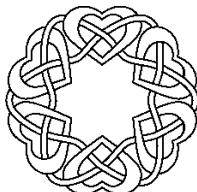
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Preacher	The Reverend Liz Klein
Deacon	The Reverend Doctor Liz Klein
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Lectors & Intercessor 8AM	Jim Chasse, Kevin Walsh
Lectors 10AM	Andrew Eshleman, Avril Johnson
Intercessor 10AM	Alicia Lehrle
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Grace News & Notes

Please note: The deadline for submitting events to the bulletin is on Wednesdays at noon. Thank you.



Tonight at 5pm in the Chapel of the Nativity – Celtic Service & Holy Eucharist – Come be with us!

This Sunday, December 10th at 5:00 p.m., we are offering a Celtic Service with Holy Communion, Rite II, in our lovely Chapel of the Nativity. The theme of our Celtic service this month is the theme for the Second Sunday of Advent: LOVE.

Our Celtic worship is drawn from the liturgical traditions of Iona and Northumbria, and the music at these services is contemplative and beautiful. The prayers are at once holy, inclusive, and universal. Our first Celtic service was well received, and so we are offering it again on this second Sunday of the month. There is no traditional sermon, but it includes a brief reflection near the beginning of the service given by a lay person or sometimes by a member of the clergy. All are welcome!

Grace ADVENT Formation continues on this Wednesday, Dec. 13 at 7pm on ZOOM.



Grace Adult education for Advent 2023 is focusing on ***Practicing Wonder with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind*** using the ***Living Well Through Advent*** resource from Living Compass. This devotional is printed and is also available online. It will be followed by **Compline at 8pm on ZOOM.** <https://www.livingcompass.org/advent>

Please speak to or email Deacon Liz if you would like a printed copy. We will meet Wednesday Evening at 7 PM on Zoom and review the Gospel for the next Sunday and talk about the daily devotions for the week. The link is on the website and in Grace notes. The power of wonder and love helps us pay attention to the Sacred that is present in every moment. Our hope is to help each other to see God more clearly, love Him more dearly, and follow Him more nearly this Advent and Christmas season.

The Greening of Grace will take place on Sunday, December 17 at 1:00pm. This is always a joyful and fun **ALL HANDS-ON time together to make our church look lovely for Christmas!** Please volunteer to help get Grace ready for Christmas! Please let Kevin Walsh, Jo Bronson, or Gillian Weisgram know if you would like to help!

Christmas Flowers & Wreaths Memorials & Thanksgivings

Remember your loved ones with a contribution for Christmas flowers (\$25 each) or a wreath (\$75 each) today! Donate online: go to www.grace-memorial.org and go to "GIVING" in toolbar, then select "CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & WREATH DONATIONS" in dropdown menu) or drop off a check in the Grace office in a Christmas FLOWER envelope with the names of loved ones. **Please give the names of your loved ones to Kris Doty by Thursday December 14, if you would like their names to be listed in the Christmas bulletins.** Christmas FLOWER offering envelopes will be available starting TODAY and are located in the pew racks.

NEW Announcement! – The Best Ever Christmas Pageant – for all ages!



Sunday, December 24 at 4:00pm - The Christmas Pageant Story & Christmas Eve Carols

Calling all stars, angels, sheep, shepherds, innkeepers, narrator, Gabriel, Mary, Joseph, kings, and tech support!

Christmas Pageant Practice!

REHEARSAL: Saturday, December 23 from 10am – 12noon. Pizza provided.

SONGBOOKS & SCRIPTS: will be available on Sunday, December 17

Please email Fr. Martin at melfert@grace-memorial.org or Sue Jensen at sjensen@grace-memorial.org to join the cast.



THANK YOU! We would like to thank everyone for helping the Women of Grace complete another successful Holiday Bazaar and Art Faire. We are very grateful to all of the volunteers who worked Friday morning and Saturday. Also, thank you to all of the quilters who made the beautiful quilt. If you didn't get your tickets yet they will be available on Sunday throughout Advent.

The Bazaar made around \$5,000.00 in profits this year. We will have a more exact figure once all of the expenses have been paid. These funds help to fund various projects in the church. For example, last year money from Women of Grace provided Grace Art Camp scholarships, discretionary funds for clergy, supplies for St. Mary's Guild, piano tuning, and various other items.

As I mentioned, we couldn't have done it without each and every one of you who volunteered. There are a few specific people I would like to thank. First, thank you to my co-chairs, Sharon, Connie, Debbie and Mariann. Thank you to Kristin for making sure we had a presence on social media. Thank you to JoAnn and Judith who were there for the set up and stayed for the clean-up. Thank you to Rick and Curt who helped with many different tasks. Lastly, thank you very much to all of the other volunteers and to all of you who supported us by coming to shop!

Sincerely, *Susan Germundson*

Note: The bulletin editor would like to extend a note of *THANKS* to the amazing Susan Germundson, who every year makes jars and jars of special wonderful jams for the Grace Holiday Art Faire. *Thank you, Susan!*

Grace in the News: Check it out! Grace's Racial Justice & Environmental Team is featured in a wonderful article in the Hollywood STAR NEWS, December issue, page 4. Check out "Books with a Bent for Justice" at <https://star-news.info/index.html>. We have also posted the article by the Anne North Memorial Library.

Grace Calendar

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

Tuesday, December 12 @ 9am	Tai Chi meets in the Parish Hall
Wednesday, December 13 @ 7pm	Advent Adult Formation Class on Zoom
Wednesday, December 13 @ 8pm	Compline on Zoom
Thursday, December 14 @ 10am	Building & Grounds Meeting (in-person)
Thursday, December 14 @ 7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, December 17 @ 10am	Advent Lessons and Carols & Holy Eucharist Rite II
Sunday, December 17 @ 1:00pm	Greening of Grace
Saturday, December 23 @ 10am	Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
Sunday, December 24 @ 9am	Combined morning service: Advent 4 - Rite I

❖ 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)

