

GRACE GRACE MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

❖ THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD ❖ CHRISTMAS EVE



❖ DECEMBER 24, 2025 ❖ 9:30PM ❖

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.

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., opening prayer).

SERVICE TIMES AND LOCATIONS

Sundays in the Sanctuary

8:00am - **Holy Eucharist Rite I**
Spoken Service

10:00am - **Choral Eucharist Rite II***

Weekdays in the Chapel

Thursdays 9:30am
Holy Eucharist Rite II

* **Hybrid Service**

both in the Nave and on YouTube

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BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER - YEAR A

Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal in the pew rack.

❖ CAROL SERVICE ❖

9:30PM

WELCOME ❖

Rev. Martin Elfert

HYMN 102 ❖ *Once in royal David's city* *verse 1 – solo; vv. 2-6 - all*

CHOIR ❖ *Torches, torches*

John Joubert

Torches, torches, run with torches
All the way to Bethlehem!
Christ is born and now lies sleeping;
Come and sing your song to Him!

Ah, Roro, Roro, my baby,
Ah, Roro, my love, Roro;
Sleep you well, my heart's own darling,
While we sing you our Rorro.

Torches, torches, run with torches
All the way to Bethlehem!
Christ is born and now lies sleeping;
Come and sing your song to Him!

Sing, my friends, and make you merry,
Joy and mirth and joy again;
Lo, He lives, the King of heaven,
Now and evermore. Amen.

HYMN 79 ❖ *O little town of Bethlehem – vv. 1, 2, & 5*

CHOIR ❖ *Infant holy, infant lowly*

Polish carol, arr. David Willcocks

Infant holy, Infant lowly,
for His bed a cattle stall;
Oxen lowing, and still knowing,
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Flocks were sleeping,
Shepherds keeping
Vigil till the morning new
Saw the glory,
Heard the story,
Tidings of a Gospel true.

Swiftly winging, angels singing,
Bells are ringing, tidings bringing:
Christ the Babe is Lord of all,
Christ the Babe is Lord of all.

Thus rejoicing,
Free from sorrow,
Praises voicing,
Greet the morrow:
Christ the Babe was born for you,
Christ the Babe was born for you!

HYMN 84 ❖ *Love came down at Christmas*

CHOIR ❖ *Sussex Carol*

arr. by David Willcocks

On Christmas night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring,
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

When sin departs before his grace,
Then life and health come in its place;
Angels and all with joy may sing,
All for to see the new-born King.

Then why should folk on earth be so sad,
Since our redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin he set us free,
All for to gain our liberty.

All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night:
'Glory to God and peace to all,
Now and for evermore. Amen.'

1. Choir See a - mid the win - ter's snow, Born for us on earth be - low,
2. All Lo, with - in a man - ger lies He who built the star - ry skies;

See the ten - der Lamb ap - pears, Pro - mised from e - ter - nal years.
He, who throned in height sub - lime, Sits a - mid the Che - ru - bim!

CHORUS
ff Hail! Thou e - ver bless - ed morn! Hail, Re - demp - tion's hap - py dawn!

Je - ru - sa - lem,
Sing through all Je - ru - sa - lem, Christ is born in Beth - le - hem.

3. All high voices Say, ye holy Shepherds, say,
What your joyful news today;
Wherefore have ye left your sheep
On the lonely mountain steep?
Hail! Thou ever blessed morn! etc.

4. All low voices "As we watched at dead of night,
Lo, we saw a wondrous light;
Angels singing peace on earth,
Told us of the Saviour's Birth."
Hail! Thou ever blessed morn! etc.

5. All Sacred Infant, all Divine,
What a tender love was Thine;
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this!
Hail! Thou ever blessed morn! etc.

6. All Teach, O teach us, Holy Child,
By Thy Face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble Thee,
In Thy sweet humility!
Hail! Thou ever blessed morn! etc.

HOLY EUCHARIST ❖ RITE II

10:00 PM

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER - YEAR A

Today's readings can be found at www.lectionarypage.net. The Service begins on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer found in the pew racks. The Online Book of Common Prayer can be found here: <https://www.bcponline.org/> Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal in the pew rack. The "S-numbers" are found in the front of the blue Hymnal.

Incense is used at this service.

PRELUDE ❖

OPENING HYMN 83 ❖ *O come, all ye faithful*

All verses

OPENING ACCLAMATION ❖

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY ❖

Presider and People **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.**

CHRISTMAS GLORIA ❖

words from *Common Worship*; music by Philip Ledger

8 *f*

17 Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis! _____

25 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. _____

33 Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Glo -

42 [*♩. = ♩.*] 2 *p*

52 - ri - a in ex - cel - sis! _____ Lord Je - sus

59 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a -

66 - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us; you are

seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive, re - ceive our

72 [*♩. = ♩.*] 7 *f*

86 prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a -

95 - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus

103 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the

Fa - ther. Glo - ri - a in ex - cel -

110 *ff*

- sis! A - - - - - men.

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

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People **Amen.**

❖ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ❖

FIRST READING ❖ *Isaiah 9:2-7*

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

PSALM 96 ❖

Psalter for the Christian People
 Robert Knox Kennedy
 (b. 1945)



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- 1 Sing to the LORD a new /song; *
sing to the LORD, all the whole /earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless the LORD's /Name; *
proclaim the good news of salvation from day to /day.
- 3 Declare the glory of the LORD among the /nations *
and the wonders of the LORD among all /peoples.
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be /praised; *
more to be feared than all /gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but /idols; *
but it is the LORD who made the /heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of the presence of the /LORD! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of the sanctuary of our /GOD!
- 7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the /peoples; *
ascribe to the LORD honor and /power.
- 8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the divine /Name; *
come to the holy courts with your /offerings.
- 9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of /holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble in /awe.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is /Sovereign! *
the LORD has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved and
will judge the peoples with /equity."

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is /therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy
before the LORD who is /coming, *
who is coming to judge the /earth.
- 13 The LORD will judge the world with /righteousness *
and the peoples with /truth.

SECOND READING ❖ *Titus 2:11-14*

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 89 ❖ *It came upon a midnight clear*

vv. 1, 2 before The Gospel; v. 3, 4 after

THE HOLY GOSPEL ❖ *Luke 2:1-20*

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

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

SERMON ❖

The Reverend Martin Elfert

A time of silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Cantor *All*

We be-lieve in one God, the Fa-ther, the Al-migh-ty, ma-ker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and un-seen. We be-lieve in one Lord, Je-sus Christ,
 the on-ly Son of God, e-ter-nal-ly be-go-tten of the Fa-ther,
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, be-got-ten not made,
 of one Be-ing with the Fa-ther; through him all things were made.
 For us and for our sal-va-tion he came down from heaven,
 was in-car-nate from the Ho-ly Spi-rit and the Vir-gin Ma-ry
 and was made man. For our sake he was cru-ci-fied
 un-der Pon-tius Pi-late; he suf-fered death and was bu-ried.
 On the third day he rose a-gain in ac-cor-dance with the Scrip-tures;
 he as-cen-ded in-to heaven and is sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther.
 He will come a-gain in glo-ry to judge the liv-ing and the dead,
 and his king-dom will have no end. We be-lieve in the Ho-ly Spi-rit,

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the Lord, the gi - ver of life, who pro- ceeds from the Fa - ther and the Son,

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who with the Fa - ther and the Son is wor-shipped and glo - ri - fied,

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who has spo - ken through the pro - phets.

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We be - lieve in one ho - ly ca - tho - lic and a - po - sto - lic Church.

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We ac - know - ledge one bap - tism for the for - give - ness of sins.

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We look for the re - su - rec - tion of the dead,

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and the life of the world to come. A - men.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ❖ *Prayer response:* **Fill our hearts with love.**

Remembering especially: Lisa, Bob Zimmer, Kathleen Chapman, Rami, Dawne Gerhart, John Pearson, Jim McClure, Chelsey Horchy, Mike, Sam Panerella, and Chantel Fleshman. For the victims of the Bondi shooting.

For Donald, our President; Tina, our Governor; and Keith, our Mayor.

For peace and protection for the people of Sudan, Ukraine, Russia, Palestine and Israel.

For Sarah, Archbishop-elect of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Diana, our Bishop; the clergy here at Grace Memorial and the clergy at our companion parish, Trinity Cathedral in Monrovia Liberia.

For Matt Haines, our seminarian.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Burundi

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Retired Clergy & Chaplains

We remember the deceased: Jimmy Carter, Jay Borelli, Sue Ann Peterson, Jeanann Francis, Barbara Leighton, Bill Gallup, Gene Baker, Karen Ormsby, Nick and Priscilla Cowell, Rosco, Rusty, Ruth Higgenbotham, Jorge Bergoglio, Sybil Grissom, Dan, Phyllis Moquist, Alta Acosta, Larry Snyder, Chris Maas, Alvin Ditty, Darryl Holland, William Thomas Harvey, Mary Walker, Randy Shelby, Hal Phillips, Bengt Ageros, John Conway, Peter J. Kelly, Jane Goodall, Stacey Hicks, and Comfort Peabody.

CONFESSION OF SIN ❖

from Enriching Our Worship I, pg. 56

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God.

Leader and People:

**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.**

ABSOLUTION ❖

BCP pg. 394

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 ❖ *What sweeter music*

words: Robert Herrick (1591-1674); music: John Rutter

What sweeter music can we bring
Than a carol, for to sing
The birth of this our Heavenly King?
Awake the voice! Awake the string!
Dark and dull night, fly hence away,
And give the honor to this day
That sees December turned to May,
That sees December turned to May.

Why does the chilling winter's mourn
Smile, like a field beset with corn?
Or smell like a meadow newly shorn
Thus, on the sudden? Come and see
The 'cause, why things thus fragrant be:

'Tis he is born, whose quickening birth
Gives life and luster, public mirth,
To heaven, and the under-Earth.

We see him come, and know him ours,
Who, with his sunshine and his showers,
Turns all the patient ground to flowers,
Turns all the patient ground to flowers.

The darling of the world is come,
And fit it is, we find a room
To welcome him, to welcome him.
The nobler part of all the house here is the heart,
Which we will give him, and bequeath
This holly, and this ivy wreath,
To do him honour; who's our King,
And Lord of all this revelling.

What sweeter music can we bring
Than a carol, for to sing
The birth of this our Heavenly King,
Of this our Heavenly King, our King.

PRESENTATION HYMN 96 ❖ *Angels We Have Heard On High*

<p><i>Presider</i></p> <p>The Lord be with you.</p> <p><i>Presider</i></p> <p>Lift up your hearts.</p> <p><i>Presider</i></p> <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p> <p>And al - so with you.</p> <p><i>People</i></p> <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p> <p><i>People</i></p> <p>It is right to give God thanks and praise.</p>
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Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
 Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth....

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all
 the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS ❖

The St. James Christmas Service

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,

God of pow'r and_ might,_____ heav'n and earth are

full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Blessed is he, is he who comes in the

name of the Lord._____ Ho - san - na in the

high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in
 creation...

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

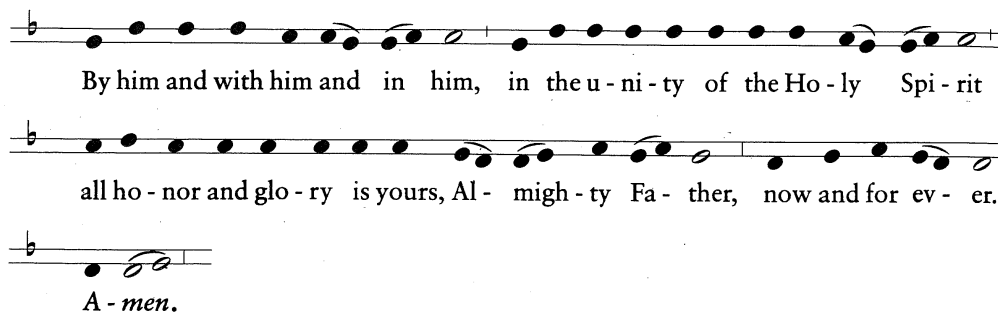
*Presider
& People*

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.



Presider

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER ❖

BCP pg. 364

**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.**

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.

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. Grape juice is available as an alternative to wine: please come to the left side of the communion rail (i.e., near the organ) and let a server know that you would prefer to receive juice.

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.

AGNUS DEI ❖

The St. James Christmas Service

O Lamb of God, O Ho - ly
 Child, who takes the sin of the world a - way; Have
 mer - cy on us, lamb so mild, the babe, the
 son of Ma - ry. This, this is your bo - dy
 giv'n, Your pre - cious blood, the gift of heav'n.
 Take, eat, for we are one in the babe, the
 son of Ma - ry.

COMMUNION MUSIC ❖ *Cantique de Noël (O Holy Night)* text: Placide Cappeau; music: Adolphe Adam Tonántzin Naegele Ramírez, soprano

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining;
 It is the night of the dear Saviour's birth.
 Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
 Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
 A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,
 For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
 Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
 O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
 O night divine! O night, O night divine!

COMMUNION HYMN 111 ❖ *Silent Night, Holy Night* *Candles will be lit during the singing of Silent Night.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER ❖

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Presider **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

BLESSING ❖

Presider Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

People **The maker of Heaven and earth.**

Presider Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

People **From this time forth for evermore.**

Presider May God, who sent the angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you with joy and make you heralds of the Gospel; and the blessing, mercy and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

All **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN 87 ❖ *Hark! The herald angels sing*

1 Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing glo-ry to the new-born King!

2 Christ, by high-est heaven a-dored; Christ, the ev-er-last-ing Lord;

3 Mild he lays his glo-ry by, born that we no more may die,

Peace on earth and mer-cy mild, God and sin-ners rec-on-ciled!

late in time be-hold him come, off-spring of the Vir-gin's womb.

born to raise us from the earth, born to give us sec-ond birth.

Joy-ful, all ye na-tions, rise, join the tri-umph of the skies;

Veiled in flesh the God-head see; hail the in-car-nate De-i-ty.

Risen with heal-ing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,

with the an-gel - ic host pro - claim Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!
 Pleased as man with us to dwell; Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
 hail, the Sun of Right-eous - ness! hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Refrain

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing glo - ry to the new - born King!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: Mendelssohn, Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847); adapt. William H. Cummings (1831-1915)

DISMISSAL ❖

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

POSTLUDE ❖ *Michau qui causoit ce grand bruit*

Jean François Dandrieu (1682-1738)

Please join us after the service for some holiday merriment & cookies in the Parish Hall!



A special THANK YOU to all the members of Grace Choir & the Choral Scholar Program for their beautiful music this season! And a special thanks to all who support this wonderful program at Grace.

<i>Sopranos</i>	<i>Altos</i>	<i>Tenors</i>	<i>Basses/Baritones</i>
Shannon Jones	Cameron Denney	Andy D'Antonio	Elijah Brown*
Phoebe MacRae	Debbie McDuffee	William Gao**	Kirin Cowell-Shah*
Christy Guinan	Kinnari Shah	Jack Ryan*	Peter David
Tonántzin Naegle Ramírez	Louise Tippens	Soren Cowell-Shah**	Robert Hansler
	Sherrie Vacarella	Jake Vacarella	Pablo Riffel*
	Sam Cooper - Gross		Kevin Walsh

* *current Choral Scholar* ** *Choral Scholar alumni*



❖ THE GREENING OF GRACE ❖
IS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD THIS CHRISTMAS

IN MEMORY OF	GIVEN BY
Sam Lehrle	<i>Alicia Lehrle</i>
Geraldine Rice Campbell	<i>Gwen Harvey</i>
Ray & Alice Burnette, Pat York, Pete Nelson	<i>Jo Bronson</i>
Sybil Grissom	<i>Carolyn Hostetler</i>
Christopher Gault	<i>Robin Gault</i>
Grace and Tine Hardeman	<i>Amanda Hunter</i>
Laura J., Donald A., and George R. Hull	<i>Sandi Johnson-Hull</i>
in memory of family and friends	<i>Niki and Tod Moquist</i>

IN HONOR & THANKSGIVING OF	GIVEN BY
In thanksgiving for my family and the Grace Memorial community	<i>Deacon Liz Klein</i>
In thanksgiving for family In honor of Martin Elfert & Sue Jensen	<i>Yetunde Laniran</i> <i>Carolyn Hostetler</i> <i>Marissa Cheplick</i> <i>Stephen David</i>

*The greens at ST. FRANCIS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
EUGENE AND RUTH LAMB AND TIM LAMB
by Nancy McCusker, Lou Ann Pickering, Michael Lamb and families.*



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from the Clergy & Staff at Grace

*HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS: Please note that the Grace Office will be closed Thursday, December 25th; Friday, December 26;
and Thursday, January 1, 2026.*

SERVING US TODAY

Presider • The Reverend Lara Halsey
Preacher • The Reverend Martin Elfert
Deacon • The Reverend Doctor Elizabeth Klein
Curate • The Reverend Lara Halsey
Lectors • Michelle Power, Paul Parker
Intercessor • Kate Fuqua
Thurifer • Charles A. McGee II
Crucifer • Fred Gibson
Torchbearers • Chaz Guinan, Jerry Wallace
Healing Ministry • The Rev. Dr. Corbet Clark,
Myra Clark
Sacristans • Altar Guild
Ushers • Peter West, Jennifer Traeger
Organist • Susan J. Jensen
Soprano solos • Phoebe MacRae,
Tonántzin Naegele Ramírez
Cantor • Pablo Riffel
Digital Verger • André Pruitt

CLERGY & STAFF AT GRACE

The Rt. Rev. Doctor Diana Akiyama • Bishop
The Rev. Martin Elfert • Rector
The Rev. Stephen V. Schneider • Rector Emeritus
The Rev. Lara Halsey • Curate
The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Klein • Deacon
The Rev. Dr. Corbet Clark • Associate Priest
The Rev. Canon Dr. Richard Toll • Associate Priest
Nick Fox • Parish Manager
Susan J. Jensen • Organist/Choir Director
Lukas Sherman • Campus Steward
Evelyn Prater • Digital Verger
Jo Wiersma • Nursery Care Coordinator
Demetria Keck • Office Volunteer

VESTRY

Co-Senior Wardens:
Charles A. McGee II (2026), Vestry Chair
Kevin Walsh (2026), Rector's Advisor
Junior Warden: Yetunde Laniran (2026)
Treasurer: Marissa Cheplick (2028)
Clerk: Alicia Lehrle
Xander Almeida (2028)
Roosevelt Carter (2026)
Martha Humphrey (2027)
Nora McLaughlin (2027)
Jennifer Traeger (2028)
Stephen Weeks (2027)
Jennifer Yeast (2026)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tues, Wed, Thurs. 10am - 2pm
Note: Closed December 25, 26, & January 1, 2026.

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CLERGY OFFICE HOURS

Rev. Martin Elfert
Wednesdays 9:30am – 11:30am
Thursdays 2pm – 4pm

Rev. Lara Halsey
Mondays 1pm – 5pm

Rev. Dr. Liz Klein
Wednesdays 11am – 1pm

GRACE CALENDAR

<https://grace-memorial.org/campus-calendar/>

**Thursday, December 25 &
Friday, December 26**
Grace office will be closed

Sunday, December 28 @ 8am & 10am
The First Sunday of Christmas

Sunday, December 28 @ 11:30am
The State of Grace

Sunday, December 28 @ 5pm
Community dinner in the Parish Hall

**Monday, December 29 through
Wednesday, December 31**
Grace Institute Winter Art Camp

Thursday, January 1, 2026
Grace office will be closed

Saturday, January 3, 2026 @ 10am
Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, January 4, 2026
Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, January 6 @ 6pm
Epiphany Evensong in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, January 6 @ 6:30pm
Potluck Supper & Kings' Cake in the Parish Hall



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