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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

❖ NOVEMBER 29, 2026 ❖ 8:00 & 10:00 AM ❖

WELCOME TO GRACE!

We are glad you are with us! Grace Memorial is part of the Jesus Movement in the Episcopal Way. 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 downstairs 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 / Morning Prayers

Hybrid Service
both in the Nave and on YouTube

❖THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT❖

8:00 AM ❖ HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

YEAR A

Today's readings can be found at www.Lectionarypage.net
The Service begins on page 323 in the Book of Common Prayer found in the pew racks.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, 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 64:1-9
Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18	BCP pg. 702
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
The Holy Gospel	Mark 13:24-37
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10:00 AM ❖ HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
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. The people's responses are in ***bold.***

PRELUDE ❖ *Advent Bell Peal*

OPENING HYMN 60 ❖ *Creator of the stars of night*

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

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH ❖ *Choir*

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors,
to you be praise and glory for ever!

You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.
May we be obedient to your call
and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
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)

OPENING ACCLAMATION ❖

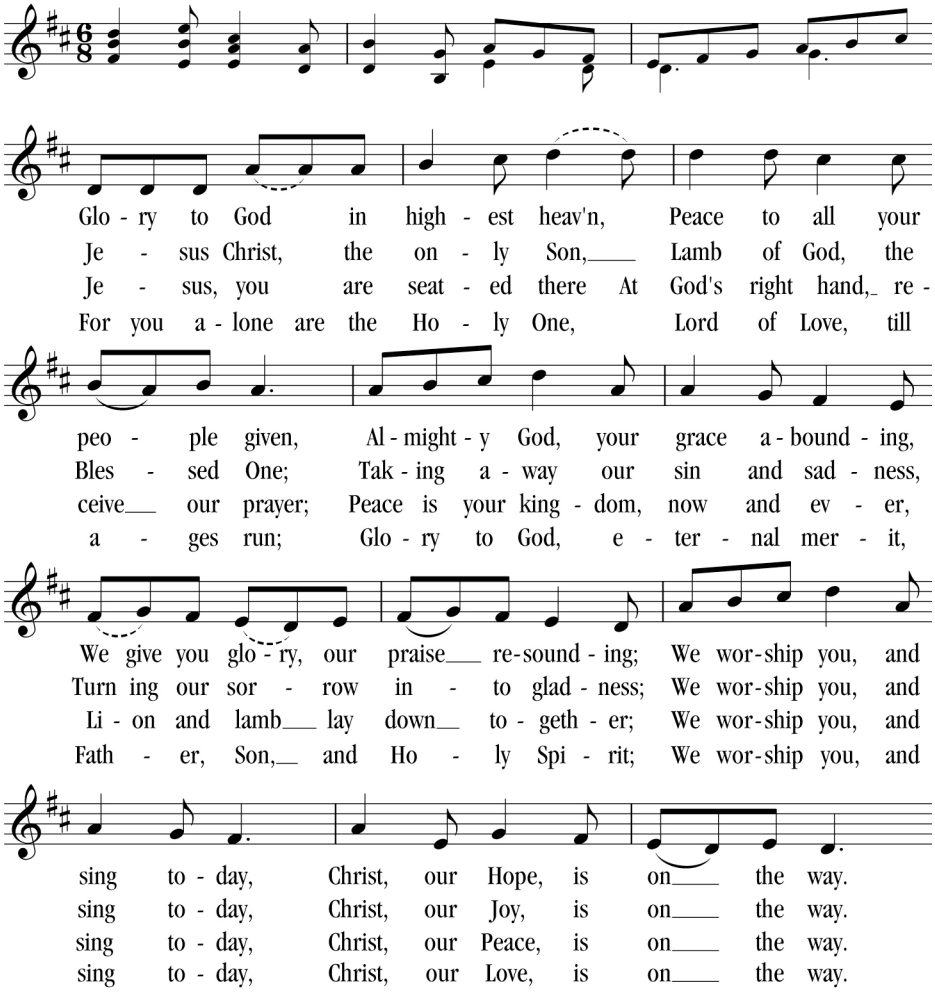
Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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.**

GLORY TO GOD ❖

St. James Advent Service, arr. Richard Shephard



COLLECT FOR THE DAY ❖

BCP pg. 211

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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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 in the basement of the Parish Hall.

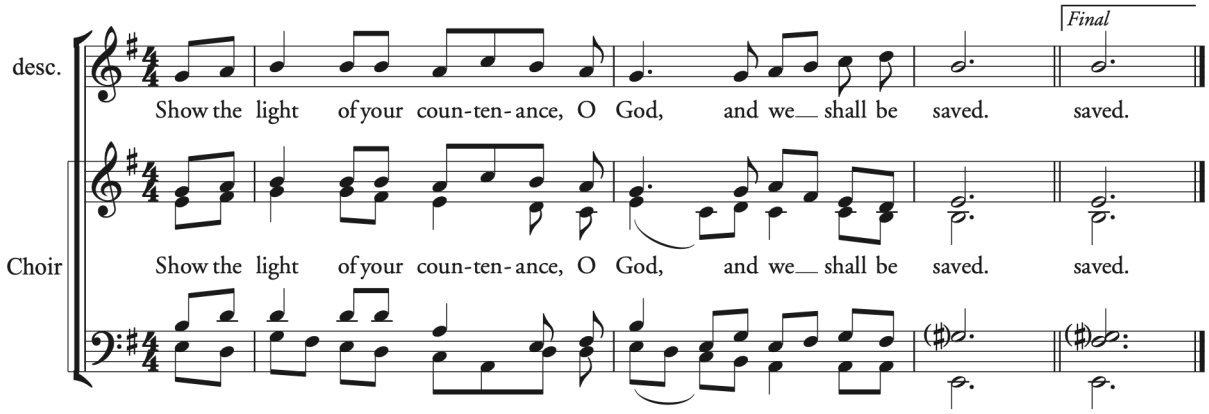
❖ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ❖

FIRST READING ❖ *Isaiah 64:1-9*

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

PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18 ❖ *BCP pg. 702, SJMP*

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



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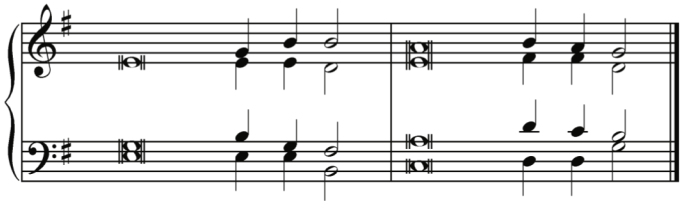

1 Hear O Shepherd of Israel, … leading Joseph [like] a flock;*
shine forth you that are enthroned up-[on] the cherubim.

2 **In the presence of Ephraim, … Benjamin, … [and] Manasseh,***
stir up your strength and [come] to help us.

3 Restore us O [God] of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, … and [we shall] be saved.

4 **O LORD [God] of hosts,***
how long will you be angered despite the [prayers of] your people?

5 You have fed them with the [bread] of tears;*
you have given them bowls of [tears] to drink.

Antiphon

6 You have made us the derision [of] our neighbors,*
and our enemies [laugh us] to scorn.

7 **Restore us O [God] of hosts;***
show the light of your countenance, … and [we shall] be saved.

16 Let your hand be upon the man of your [right] hand,*
the son of man you have made so [strong for] yourself.

17 **And so will we never [turn] away from you;***
give us life, … that we may call up-[on] your name.

18 Restore us O LORD [God] of hosts;*
show the light of your countenance, … and [we shall] be saved.

Antiphon

SECOND READING ❖ *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

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

The people rise in body or in spirit at the introduction to the hymn.

SEQUENCE HYMN 640 ❖ *Watchmen, tell us of the night* *vv. 1 & 2 before The Gospel; v. 3 after*

THE HOLY GOSPEL ❖ *Mark 13:24-37*

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.**

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON ❖ *The Reverend LouAnn Pickering*

A time of silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The people rise in body or in spirit.

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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ❖ *People response:* **Come Lord Jesus, come into our hearts, come into our world.**

Remembering especially: Nancy McDuffee, John Hammond, Martin Krankel, Myra Clark, Jan Burkholder, Brett Monlux, and for those whose needs are known to God alone.

For Donald, our President; Tina, our Governor; and Keith, our Mayor.
For peace and protection for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Palestine, Israel, Iran, Lebanon and Sudan.
For all victims of natural disasters including fires, earthquakes, floods, hurricanes and tornados.

For Sarah, Archbishop 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 Tanzania

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Luke's by the Sea, Waldport

We remember the deceased: Comfort Peabody, Maddie Harris, Jim Boston, Cabby Tennis, Dawne Gerhart, Bob Leverenz, Gale Beagle, Jim Watkins, Terry Morrison, Brian Lindstrom, Noah Zimmerman, Julie Bosworth, Hannah Slack-Miller, Sid Breeze, Harold Glucksburg, and Peri Antonio.

CONFESSION OF SIN ❖

BCP pg. 393

Leader: 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 with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

❖ CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST ❖

THE OFFERING ❖

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

At the Offertory we give thanks for God's many blessings in our lives. We invite you to make a generous financial gift. You may place cash or a check in the offering plate, visit grace-memorial.org or scan the adjacent QR code. If you give online or via another means, please place an offering card in the offering plate as a symbol of your gift.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM ❖ *Comfort, comfort ye my people* — *Robert J. Powell*

Comfort, comfort ye my people,
speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
comfort those who sit in darkness,
mourning 'neath their sorrow's load;
speak ye to Jerusalem
of the peace that waits for them;
tell her that her sins I cover,
and her warfare now is over.

Make ye straight what long was crooked,
make the rougher places plain:
let your hearts be true and humble,
as befits his holy reign,
For the glory of the Lord
now o'er the earth is shed abroad,
and all flesh shall see the token
that his word is never broken.

PRESENTATION HYMN 66 ❖ *Come thou long expected Jesus*

The people rise in body or in spirit at the introduction to the hymn.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ❖ — *Eucharist Prayer A, BCP pg. 361*

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

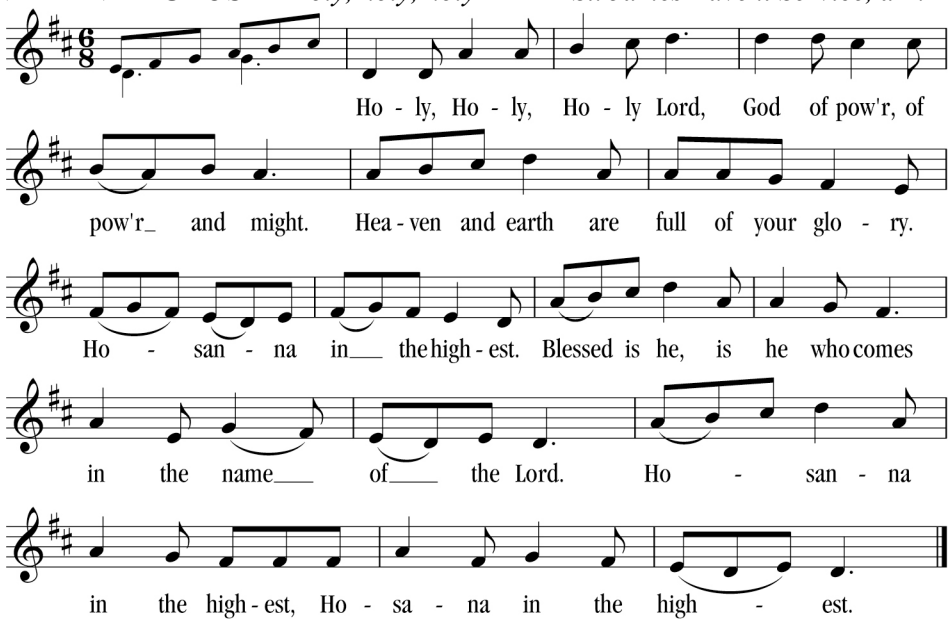
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presider 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 ❖ *Holy, holy, holy* — *St. James Advent Service, arr. Richard Shephard*



The Presider continues
Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.
He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

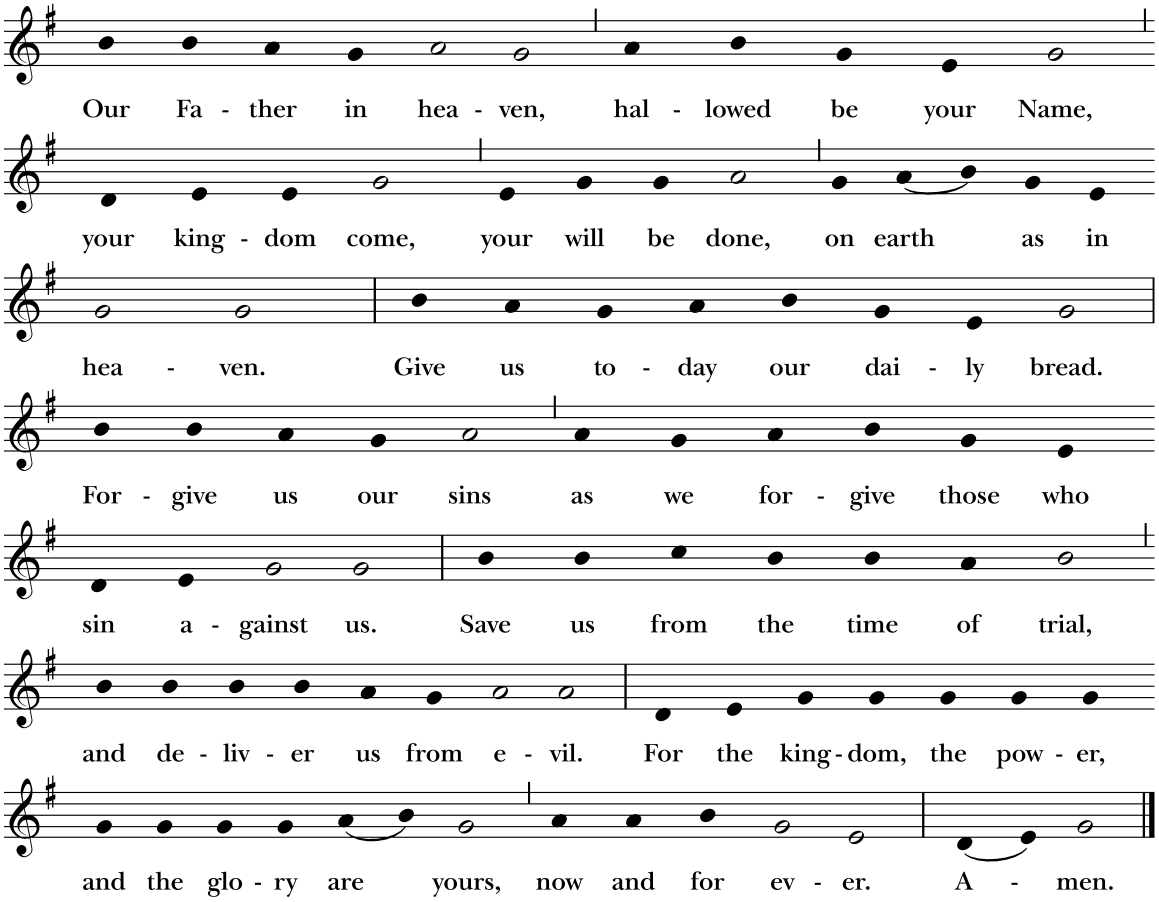
The Presider continues
We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER ❖ *BCP pg. 364. S-149*



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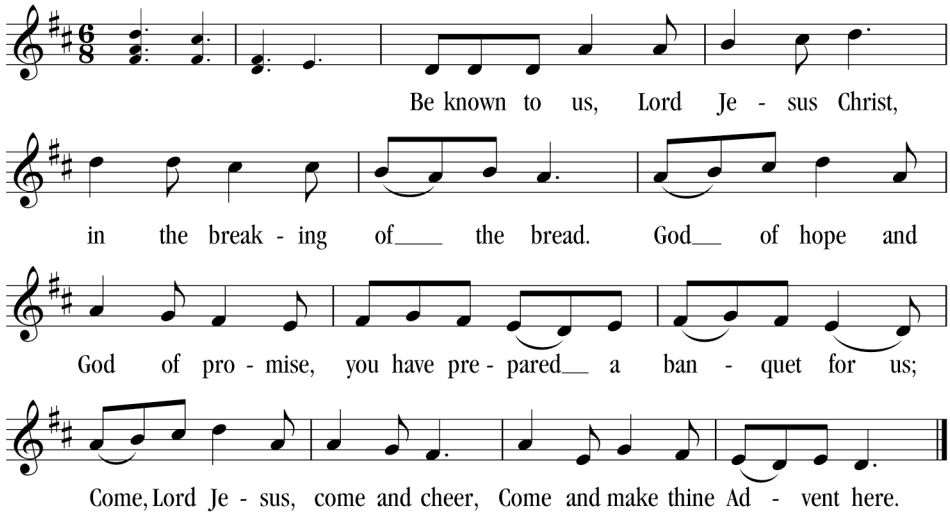
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD ❖ *We keep a period of stillness and silence.*

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. *The people sit.*

FRACTION ANTHEM ❖ *Be Known to Us* *St. James Advent Service, arr. Richard Shephard*



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 HYMN 61 ❖ *"Sleepers, wake!" A voice astounds us*

The people rise in body or in spirit.

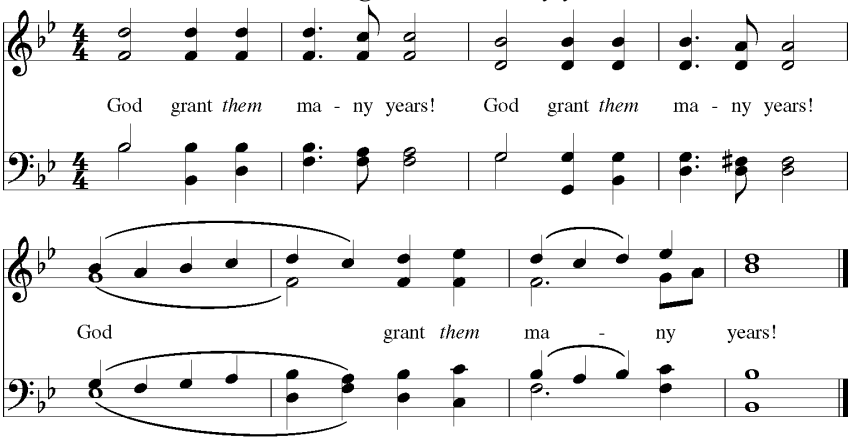
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER ❖ *EOW1, pg. 69*

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*



BLESSING ❖

The presider blesses the people, and the people respond, **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN 68 ❖ *Rejoice, rejoice believers!*

DISMISSAL ❖

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE ❖ *Magnificat du 1er Ton: 6. Grand Jeu* *M. Corrette*

Please join us after the 10:00 am service for a wonderful coffee hour!

GRACE NEWS: Please submit your announcements for the bulletin and Grace Notes to the office by Tuesday at 5pm.

THIS SUNDAY! TONIGHT at 5pm in the Parish Hall - Community Dinner - All are welcome!

Come help be a part of this important ministry at Grace. Set up is at 4:00pm. See Br. Andrew or Yetunde Laniran for more information. Sign up to help! *SIGN UP HERE!* https://tinyurl.com/grace-dinner

Every Sunday @ 9am – **Bible Study in the Chapel:** Come join us and take an in-depth look at the upcoming lessons of our lectionary. Join us for an enriching look into our readings from Sunday to Sunday.

Compline on Zoom: Wednesdays at 8pm. Please join us on Zoom for a quiet end to the day. Zoom link is in Grace Notes.

Pastoral Needs & Emergencies: If you need pastoral care or have an emergency, please contact one of our Associate priests, Rev. Corbet Clark at dcorbetc@gmail.com or Rev. Richard (Dick) Toll at 503 652 6562.

New Members / Hospitality, Nametags and Welcome! Do you need a nametag? Would you like help signing up for Grace Notes? Would you like to know where things are?! Please let Annie Gilligan or Grace Bigler know! They are your new **Welcome Team Leaders at Grace!** *Thank you Annie and Grace!*

Grace Holiday Art Faire & Bazaar - Join us this **Saturday December 4, from 9am to 3pm** for the annual Grace Holiday Art Faire & Bazaar! Shop unique handmade gifts from local artists, including jewelry, ceramics, paintings, textiles, woodcrafts, and more.

Enjoy seasonal treats from our food booth and don't miss the beautiful handmade quilt from St. Mary's Guild!

20% of all purchases support the Grace Art Camp Scholarship Fund, helping make creative opportunities accessible to more children.



Grace Centennial Event #2 – Yule Be Merry/Married! - Everyone is INVITED to a special event in our sanctuary on **Friday December 11th at 7pm to celebrate the 100th anniversary** of the very first service held in our new sanctuary in 1926. It was the marriage of Cornelius Tonseth, Jr. & Dorothy Maude Ballheim and in honor of this significant 100-year-old event in the history of our sanctuary, we are having a special service & party! **You are invited to renew your wedding and/or baptismal vows in an evening service at Grace on Friday, December 11th at 7pm.** A joyful party with music, cake and merriment will follow in the Parish Hall! Please let one of the Clergy or Charles McGee II (Centennial Chair) know if you would like to renew your wedding or baptismal vows at this special service.
Please let us know if you would like to help with the party afterwards!

FROM OUR DIOCESE: Lots of wonderful things happening in our Diocese! Check out all the Opportunities and News in their weekly newsletter at ECWO.org.

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10am Lectors • Yetunde Laniran, Robin Gault
10am Intercessor • Cathy Blair
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Crucifer & Torchbearers • The Acolyte Guild
Healing Ministry • Rev. Dr. Corbet Clark, Myra Clark, Alicia Lehrle, Molly Clarke
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The Rev. Dr. Corbet Clark • Associate Priest
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GRACE CALENDAR
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Sunday, November 29 @ 9am
Bible Study - Chapel of the Nativity

Sunday, November 29 @ 12pm
Vestry Meeting - Chapel of the Nativity

Sunday, November 29 @ 5pm
Community Dinner – Parish Hall

Tuesday, December 1 @ 10am
Tai Chi for Every Body - Parish Hall

Tuesday, December 1 @ 6:30pm
Portland Dances of Universal Peace - Parish Hall

Wednesday, December 2 @ 8pm
Compline - Zoom

Thursday, December 3 @ 9:30am
Holy Eucharist – Chapel of the Nativity

Saturday, December 5 @ 9:30am – 3:30pm
Holiday Art Faire & Bazaar – Parish Hall



Yule Be Merry / Married!

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Advent

Sunday
NOV 29
Advent I
8am *(Rite I)*
10am* *(Rite II & Choral Eucharist)*
** live-streamed on YouTube*

Sunday
DEC 6
Advent II
8am *(Rite I)*
10am* *(Rite II & Choral Eucharist)*
** live-streamed on YouTube*

Friday
DEC 11
100th Anniversary of our Sanctuary!
7pm *(Yule Be Merry Service & Party!)*
A Renewal of Wedding & Baptismal Vows
In celebration of the very first service in our sanctuary

Sunday
DEC 13
Advent III
8am *(Rite I)*
10am* *(Rite II & Advent Lessons & Carols)*
** live-streamed on YouTube*

Sunday
DEC 20
Advent IV
8am *(Rite I)*
10am* *(Rite II & Christmas Pageant)*
** live-streamed on YouTube*

Tuesday
DEC 22
Amadeus Chamber Concert
7pm *(Christmas Candlelight Concert)*

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