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BEAR FRUITS WORTHY OF REPENTANCE

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

15 December 2024

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Third Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Grace!

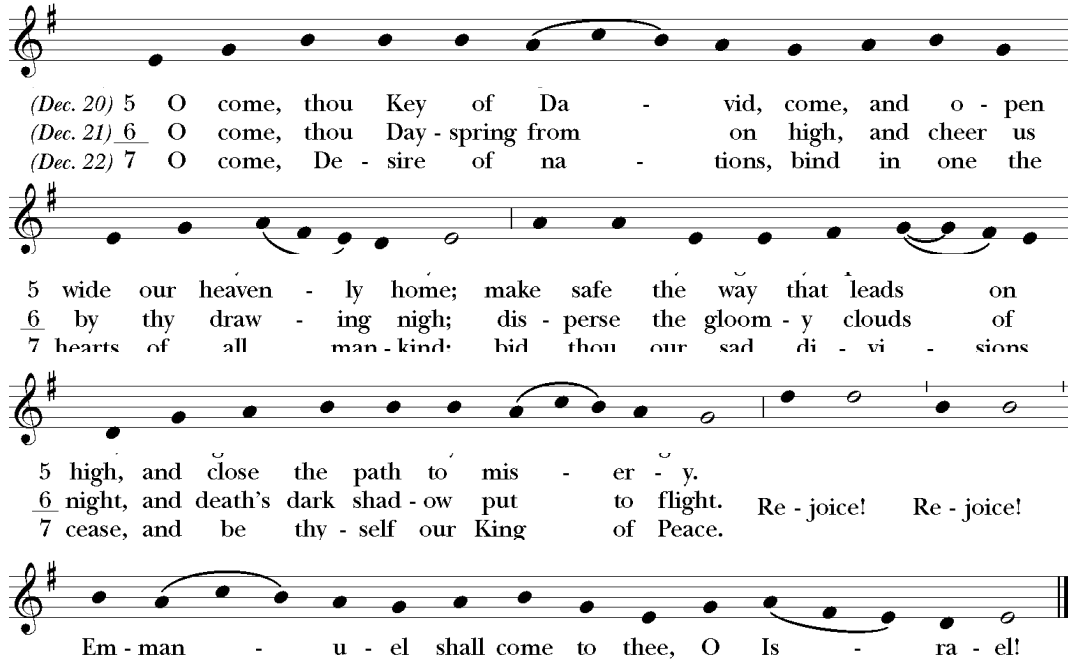
Opening Voluntary - Handel meet Bach
(Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring and Holy Art Thou)

arr. Bill Scott

The Procession

Hymn #56

O come, o come, Emmanuel



(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen
(Dec. 21) 6 O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us
(Dec. 22) 7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind in one the
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on
6 by thy draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
7 hearts of all man - kind: bid thou our sad di - vi - sions
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.
6 night, and death's dark shad - ow put to flight. Re - joice! Re - joice!
7 cease, and be thy - self our King of Peace.
Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

The stanzas may be used as antiphons with "The Song of Mary" on the dates given.

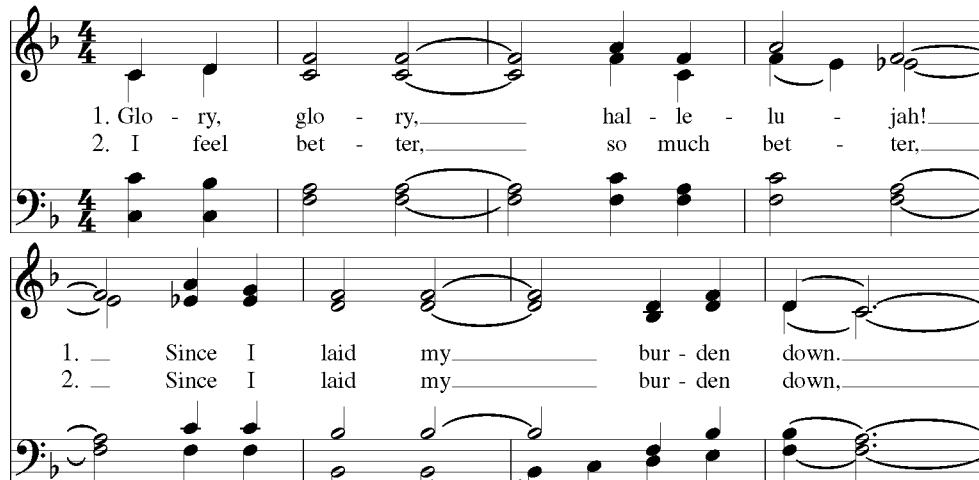
Words: Latin, ca. 9th cent; Ver. Hymnal 1940, alt.

Music: Veni, veni, Emmanuel plainsong, Mode 1, Processionale, 15th cent; adapt. Thomas Helmore (1811-1890); acc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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The Word of God

Song of Praise LEVAS #130



1. Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!
2. I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter,
1. Since I laid my bur - den down.
2. Since I laid my bur - den down,

1. — Glo - ry, glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! —
 2. — I feel bet - ter, so much bet - ter, —

1. — Since I laid my bur - den down. —
 2. — Since I laid my bur - den down. —

3. Feel like shouting, "Hallelujah!" etc.
 4. I am climbing Jacob's ladder. etc.

Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals*

The Collect

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
 shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
 O daughter Jerusalem!

The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,
 he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
 you shall fear disaster no more.

On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion;
 do not let your hands grow weak.

The LORD, your God, is in your midst,
 a warrior who gives victory;

he will rejoice over you with gladness,
 he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing
 as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the LORD.

Canticle 9

The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce Deus*

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Hymn #554 (Sung Twice)

Tis the gift to be simple

'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,
and when we find our - selves in the place just right,
'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light.
When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained to
bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will
be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

Words: Shaker song, 18th cent.

Music: *Simple Gifts*, Joseph Brackett (1797–1822); acc. Margaret W. Mealy (b. 1922)

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will

baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed - page 358

Prayer of the People Form IV - page 388

Confession of Sin and Absolution - page 360

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory - *Creator of the Night*

Words: Anonymous 9th Century

Music: Plainsong Mode IV

Hymn 380

From all that dwell below the skies

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes Octante trois de David, 1551, alt. ; harm, after Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561)

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B - page 367

Sanctus S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, heaven and earth are
 full, full of your glory. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus* Music: From *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797–1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Fraction Anthem S-154

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
 Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
 there - fore let us keep the feast.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Communion Hymns #343

Shepherd of souls

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

Words: James Montgomery (1771–1845), alt.
 Music: *St. Agnes*, melody John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876); harm. Richard Proulx (b. 1937), after John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876)

Hymn #324

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

1 Let all mo - rtal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly -
 earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man
 on the way, as the Light of Light de -
 sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the

mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand
 ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood
 scend - eth from the realms of end - less day,
 Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry,

Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth,
 he will give to all the faith - ful
 that the powers of hell may va - nish
 "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

our full hom - age to de - mand.
 his own self for heaven - ly food.
 as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829–1885)
 Music: *Picardy*, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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The Procession

Hymn #65

Prepare the way, O Zion

1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sa - vior's rule em - brace.

Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 His tid - ings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.

Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow be - fore him, their voic - es will a - dore him.

Refrain
 Oh, blest is Christ that came in God's most ho - ly name.

Words: Frans Mikael Franzen (1772–1847); tr. composite; adapt. Charles P. Price (b. 1920)
 Music: *Bereden väg för Herran*, melody from *Then Swenska Psalmboken*, 1697; harm. *Koralbok för Svenska Kyrkan*, 1939, alt

The Sending Forth - page 366

Closing Voluntary -

Grace Notes

- **Annual Giving Report** \$19,257 Surplus as of 11/30/24.
- **Week 6 - Pledges 2024** - Total amount \$287,332
Total cards - 80: **2025** - Total amount \$288,970, Total cards - 87.
- We are **In Need** of adults to assist with children's church. If you are interested, please contact Sharon George at slgeorge864@gmail.com
- **South Main Chapel and Mercy Center** is in need of Men's and Women's socks and underwear. Donations may be left in the cloister or by the church office
- **The Wine, Women and Wisdom group** is sponsoring a Diaper Drive to support our local Diaper Bank and those who need it. To contribute, bring baby diapers of any size to church during November. There is a collection spot in the Narthex. Thank you.
- **In Need:** Hope Missions, South Main Chapel and Mercy Center, Clean Start, and Patrick Harris Psychiatric Hospital are all in **need of men's pants sizes 30, 32, and 34**. Hope Missions and Clean Start are in **need of belts of all sizes**. Donated items can be placed in the cloister or on a back table in the parish hall.
- **Year End Contributions:** checks must be postmarked on or before **December 31st, 2024**. Any checks received after 12/31/2024 will be posted to your 2025 statement.
- **2025 offering envelopes** may be picked up in the cloister starting **December 1st**.
- **Choir** has resumed meeting on **Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.**
- **Christmas Eve liturgy: 5 p.m.** and **10:30 p.m.** Music will begin at **10:15 p.m.**
- **EPISCOPAL CHRISTIANITY TAKE 2!** Bishop Richard's next visitation is **Nov 2, 2025**. Because of the unusual delay in his visitation many are interested in being confirmed and received at **St. George on March 9th 2025**. And because of the unusual demand and tight schedule Fr. Jack's class is beginning again immediately. **Sundays 9:15 AM Parish Library: Dec. 15, 22, Jan. 5, 19.**
- **Vestry Meeting: Monday, Dec. 16th at 6 p.m.**
- **Stations of the Manger: Wednesday, Dec. 18th at 6 p.m.** we invite families to spend time together creating and reflecting upon the holidays. Join us to create nativity-themed snacks, craft a Jesse tree, and make Christmas cards to be delivered to the homebound. We will also be collecting non-perishable food items for AIM.
- **Grief Support: Thursday, Dec. 19th at 10 a.m.**
- **Family Ice Skating Event: Friday, Dec. 20th at 5 p.m.**
- **Lights of Hope for Family Promise: December 15th, and 21st**. Volunteers are needed to man the front gate from **5 pm - 10 pm**.
- **EYC Christmas Program: Sunday, Dec. 22nd at 5 p.m.** All are welcome, light refreshments to follow.
- **Church Office will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 25th and Thursday, Dec. 26th.**
- We are collecting new or gently used **Coats and Blankets for the King** for our community friends. They may be brought to the church until Epiphany, **January 6th**.
- **WWW:** Our next book; **Starting Jan 7th 'The Book of Joy'** by Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama Led by Carol Miller and Jane Williams in the fellowship hall at Grace **6:30-8:00 p.m. every Tuesday**. This will be a refresher for some of us and new for others. May JOY be a focus for each of us in 2024. Please bring your own book and read up to page 24.

Blue Advent Service

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

Grace Episcopal Church at 11:00 am
Healing Service and Holy Eucharist

At a time of year when so many experience feeling of grief, loss, and hardship the Blue Advent Service invites us into hope and healing. All are welcome to join.



Those Who Serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Cindy Baker

Second Counter: Beth Lollis

Lector: Tracy Lidlow

Lector: David Burden

Intercessor: Hugh Osburn

Chalice 2: Debbie Hand

1st Crucifer: Christopher Wilford

Server/Gospel Bearer: Nathanael Burden

Torch Bearers:

Ushers: Cory Trotter, Maxwell Jeffers

Linen Guild: Pam Herold

Altar Guild: Janet Rippy, Michelle King, Michelle Ricketson

Interim Organist/Choirmaster: Bill Scott

Organist Emeritus: Bill Scott



Those with birthdays this week

Lynn Prince

Jon Owens

Cindy Baker

Rebecca Dixon

Annie Hughes

Matthew Whatley

Randy Baker

Vestry Members

Cindy Baker - 2022-2024
Bess Boyer - 2022-2024
Beth Lollis, Sr. Warden - 2022-2024
Janet Rippy, Clerk- 2023-2025
Louis Lebrun, Jr. Warden - 2023-2025
Kirri Kinley - 2024-2026
Mike Magaha - 2024-2026
Cory Trotter - 2024-2026
Debbie Hand - 2024-2026
David Burden - 2024-2025
Mike Digby - 2024

Delegates to the Convention

Carol Miller
Melissa Langford
Jane Williams
Cindy Baker

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