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CRYING OUT IN THE WILDERNESS

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

8 December 2024

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
Second Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Grace!

Opening Voluntary - An Advent Meditation based on *Prepare the way, O Zion and Come thy long expected Jesus*
arr. By Bill Scott

The Procession

Hymn #56

O come, o come, Emmanuel

(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
(Dec. 19) 4 O come, thou Branch of Jes - se's tree, free them from
(Dec. 20) 5 O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come, and o - pen

3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
4 Sa - tan's ty - ran - ny that trust thy might - y power to
5 wide our heaven - ly home; make safe the way that leads on

3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
4 save, and give them vic - tory o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
5 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.

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,

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 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

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. Amen.

The Children's Procession: the children process to children's chapel

The First Lesson

Baruch 5:1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem,
 and put on forever the beauty of the glory from God.

Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God;
 put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting;

for God will show your splendor everywhere under heaven.

For God will give you evermore the name,
 "Righteous Peace, Godly Glory."

Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height;
 look toward the east,

and see your children gathered from west and east
 at the word of the Holy One,
 rejoicing that God has remembered them.

For they went out from you on foot,
 led away by their enemies;

but God will bring them back to you,
 carried in glory, as on a royal throne.

For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low
and the valleys filled up, to make level ground,
so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God.

The woods and every fragrant tree
have shaded Israel at God's command.

For God will lead Israel with joy,
in the light of his glory,
with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

Canticle 16

The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of

this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Gospel Hymn LEVAS#136

I have decided to follow Jesus

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,
 2. Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,
 3. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

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 2. Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,
 3. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

No turn - ing back, (no turn - ing back,) no turn - ing back!

Words: Ascribed to an Indian Prince; as sung in Garo, Assam

Music: Indian Folk Melody; arr. Norman Johnson

The Holy Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.

Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;

and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

The Sermon

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The Peace

Announcements

Offertory -

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

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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, hea - ven and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. 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.

Words: Psalm 34

Music: James E. Moore Jr.

Communion Hymn #321

My, God, thy table now is spread

1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with
 2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished
 3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - tless
 4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the
 love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren
 well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -
 num - bers let them come and gath - er from their
 world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall
 thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.
 va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.
 Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.
 all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

Words: Sts. 1–3, Philip Doddridge (1702–1751), alt.; st. 4, Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.

Music: *Rockingham*, melody from *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, ca. 1780; adapt. Edward Miller (1731–1807); harm. Samuel Webbe (1740–1816)

Let us break bread together

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; _____
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,
 O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; _____

Refrain

when I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,
 O Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

Words: African-American spiritual
 Music: *Let Us Break Bread*, Afro-American spiritual; arr. and harm. David Hurd (b. 1950)

Lo, He comes with clouds descending

1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for our sal -
 2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in dread - ful
 3 Those dear to - kens of his pas - sion still his daz - zling
 4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on thine e -

va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
 ma - jes - ty; those who set at nought and sold him,
 bo - dy bears, cause of end - less ex - ul - ta - tion
 ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the power and glo - ry;

swell the tri - umph of his train: Al - le - lu - ia!
 pierced, and nailed him to the tree, deep - ly wail - ing,
 to his ran - somed wor - ship - ers; with what rap - ture,
 claim the king - dom for thine own: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
 deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.
 with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

Music: *St. Thomas*, melody att. John Francis Wade (1711–1786); harm. att. Vincent Francis Novello (1781–1861)

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Closing Voluntary -

Grace Notes

- **Annual Giving Report** \$9,150 Surplus as of 10/31/24.
- **Week 5 - Pledges 2024** - Total amount \$276,092
Total cards - 76: **2025** - Total amount \$256,050, Total cards - 76.
- 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.**
- **Disaster Relief Teams:** If you are interested in serving on a Disaster Relief team to help with the efforts in North Carolina, please contact Deacon Mary at jeffers6sc@att.net. There is also a signup sheet in the cloister. For more information contact Deacon Mary.
- **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. 8,15, 22, Jan. 5, 19.**
- **EYC Christmas Party** is tonight, **Dec. 8th at 5pm.** Please bring a \$5-\$10 gift to exchange. All youth are welcome to join, and Christmas attire is encouraged. If you are interested in providing a snack or food for this event, please contact Sharon.
- **Brookdale Communion Visit:** **Monday, Dec. 9th at 11 a.m.**
- **Outreach Meeting:** **Tuesday, Dec 10th at 5:30 p.m.**
- **Staff Christmas Lunch** is **Wednesday, Dec. 11th from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.** The office will be closed during this time.
- **Choir** has resumed meeting on **Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.**
- **Vestry Meeting:** **Monday, Dec. 16th at 6 p.m.**
- **Stations of the Manger:** **Wednesday, Dec. 18th at 6 p.m.**
- **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 13th, 15th, and 21st.** Volunteers are needed to man the front gate from **5 pm - 10 pm.**
- **PLEASE HELP TAKE CARE OF THE GRACE PARISH HALL:** Our newly renovated parish hall is already pretty scuffed up, please help scrub the walls and avoid stacking chairs against the walls, or putting chairs and tables against the walls. If you remove a table or chair or anything else from the parish hall closet please return it immediately after being used in an orderly way. The default setting for the parish hall is **8 round tables, 4 rectangular tables, and 48 chairs, 6 per table.** The Grace Parish Hall is for everyone, please keep it nice for others to use as well. Much Thanks!
- We are collecting new or gently used **coats and blankets** for our community friends. They may be brought to the church until **January 6th.**



Blue Advent Service:
Wednesday, Dec. 18th at 11 a.m. at Grace. Healing Service and Holy Eucharist

Those Who Serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Cory Trotter

Second Counter: Bess Boyer

Lector: Jodie Webb

Lector: Kate Wilford

Intercessor: Kathy Bostater

Chalice 2: Brett Dixon

1st Crucifer: David Burden

Server/Gospel Bearer: Lacreacia Bilbrey

Torch Bearers: Lucy Peebles, Brianna Swinford

Ushers: Nathanael Burden, Christopher Wilford

Linen Guild: Pam Herold

Altar Guild: Jodie Webb, Kathy Bostater

Interim Organist/Choirmaster: Bill Scott

Organist Emeritus: Bill Scott

Those with birthdays this week

Scott Mattison

Kate Wilford

Sharon Dorsey

Noah hand

Lucy Bates

Pam Herold

Debbie Hand

Cathy Foster

Connie Ormes

Greta Jacobsen

Louise Knisley

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