



THE EYES OF ALL

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

26 January 2025

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome to Grace!

Opening Voluntary - *I love to tell the story*

text by William G Fischer

The Procession

Hymn #409

The spacious firmament on high

Unison or harmony

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor) and a basso continuo. It consists of eight systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor) and a basso continuo line. The music is in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are as follows:

1 The spa - cious fir - ma - ment on high,
2 Soon as the eve - ning shades pre - vail,
3 What though in sol - emn si - lence all

with all the blue e - ther - eal sky,
the moon takes up the won - drous tale,
move round the dark ter - res - trial ball?

and span - gled heavens, a shin - ing frame,
and night - ly to the lis - tening earth
What though no re - al voice nor sound

their great O - rig - i - nal pro - claim.
re - peats the sto - ry of her birth:
a - mid their ra - diant orbs be found?

The un - wea - ried sun from day to day
whilst all the stars that round her burn,
In rea - son's ear they all re - joice,

does his Cre - a - tor's power dis - play;
and all the plan - ets in their turn,
and ut - ter forth a glo - rious voice;

and pub - lish - es to ev - ery land
 con - firm the ti - dings, as they roll
 for ev - er sing - ing as they shine,

the work of an al - might - y hand.
 and spread the truth from pole to pole.
 "The hand that made us is di - vine."

Words: Joseph Addison (1672–1719); para. of Psalm 19:1–6 Music: *Creation*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732–1809); adapt. *Dulcimer*, or *New York Collection of Sacred Music*, 1950, alt.

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The Word of God

Song of Praise #S-280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



Section: Canticles Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*

The Collect

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The Psalm

Psalm 19 (*read responsively by half verse*)

Caeli enarrant

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
**it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**

- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
**the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.**
- 8 The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
**the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**
- 9 The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever; *
**the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.**
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
**sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.**
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
**then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.**
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Gospel Hymn #632

O Christ, the word incarnate

1 O Christ, the Word In-car-nate, O Wis-dom from on high,
 2 The Church from our dear Mas-ter re-ceived the word di-vine,
 3 O make thy Church, dear Sa-vior, a lamp of pur-est gold,

O Truth, un-changed, un-chang-ing, O Light of our dark sky;
 and still that light is lift-ed o'er all the earth to shine.
 to bear be-fore the na-tions thy true light as of old;

we praise thee for the ra-diance that from the scrip-ture's page,
 It is the chart and com- pass that o'er life's surg-ing sea,
 O teach thy wan-dering pil-grims by this their path to trace,

a lan-tern to our foot-steps, shines on from age to age.
 mid mists and rocks and quick-sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
 till, clouds and dark-ness end-ed, they see thee face to face.

Words: William Walsham How (1823–1897), alt.
 Music: Munich, melody from *Neu-verbmerhtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1807–1847)

The Holy Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
 because he has anointed me
 to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
 and recovery of sight to the blind,
 to let the oppressed go free,
 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Sermon

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The Peace

Announcements

Offertory - *Now let us from this table rise*

Text by Fred Kaan b. 1929

Hymn 380

From all that dwell below the skies

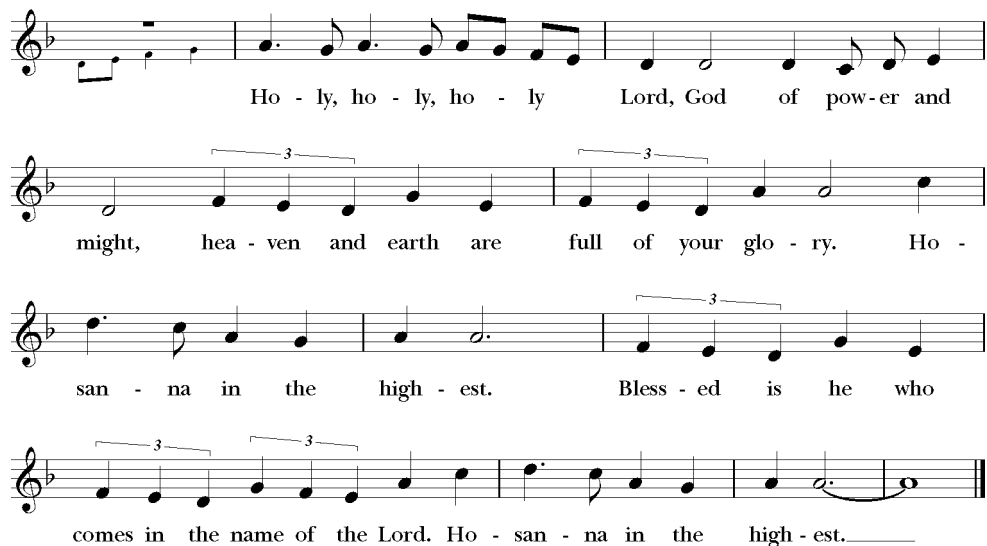


Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711) Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes Octante trois de David, 1551, alt.; harm, after Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561)

The Holy Communion

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Sanctus S-129



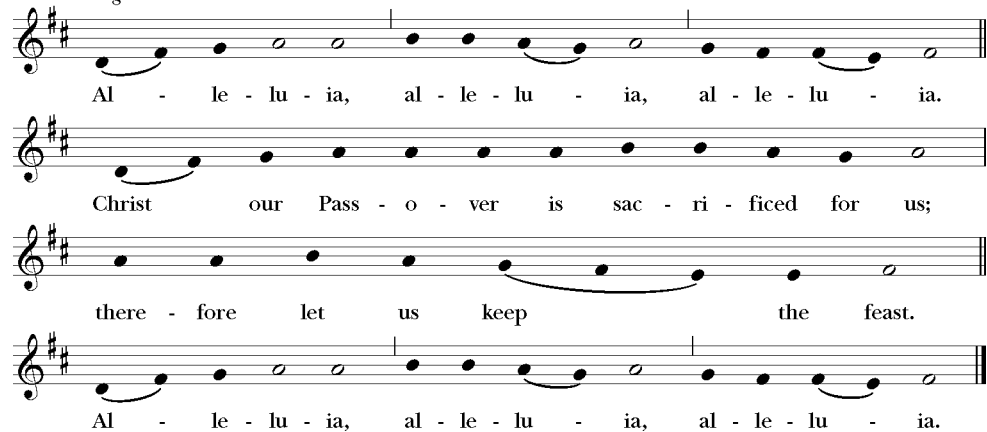
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Fraction Anthem S-154

This setting is not used in Lent.



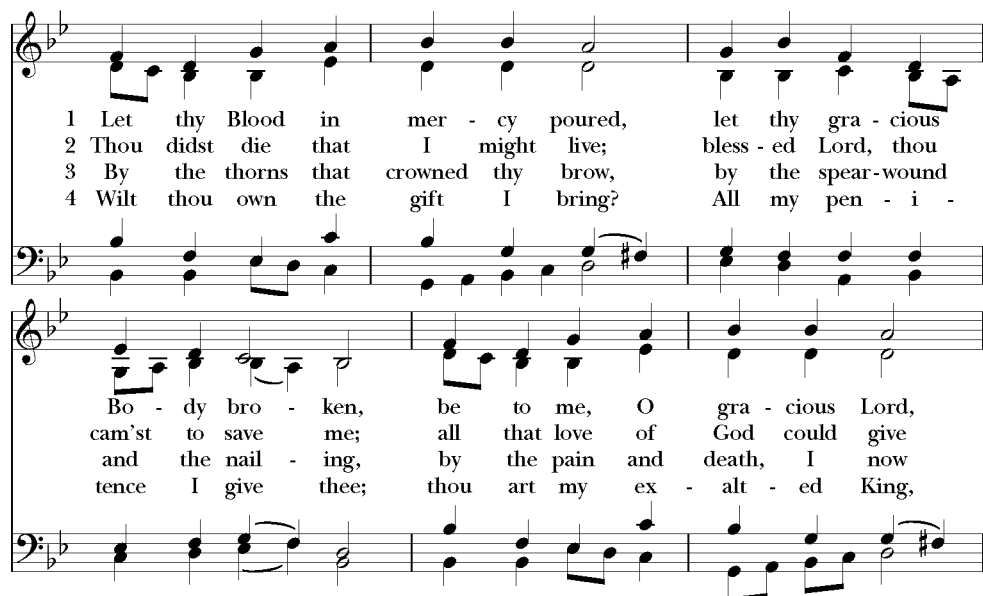
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;
there - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Words: Psalm 34

Music: James E. Moore Jr.

Communion Hymns #313

Let thy blood in mercy poured



1 Let thy Blood in mer - cy poured, let thy gra - cious
2 Thou didst die that I might live; bless - ed Lord, thou
3 By the thorns that crowned thy brow, by the spear-wound
4 Wilt thou own the gift I bring? All my pen - i -
Bo - dy bro - ken, be to me, O gra - cious Lord,
cam'st to save me; all that love of God could give
and the nail - ing, by the pain and death, I now
tence I give thee; thou art my ex - alt - ed King,

Refrain

of thy bound-less love the to - ken.
 Jes - us by his sor - rows gave me. Thou didst give thy -
 claim, O Christ, thy love un - fail - ing.
 of thy match-less love for - give me.

self for me, now I give my - self to thee.

Words: Greek; tr. John Brownlie (1859–1925) Music: *Jesus, meine Zuversicht*, melody Johann Cruger (1598–1662); harm. after *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

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 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)

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Hymn #525
The Church's one foundation

1 The Church's one founda - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4 Mid - toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839–1900)

Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818–1876)

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Closing Voluntary -

Grace Notes

- **Preliminary Annual Giving Report for 2024:** \$29,860 Surplus.
- **Week 12 - Pledges**
2024 - Total amount \$345,712
Total cards - 100; 2025 - Total amount \$332,497, Total cards - 102.
- 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
- **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, belts of all sizes, small bottles of baby powder, corn starch powder, and foot powder.** Donated items can be placed in the cloister or on a back table in the parish hall.
- **Mommy and Me Mondays:** Moms of young children, join us every **Monday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. starting Jan. 6th** for a time where you can meet other moms while your little one is entertained.
- **Fiber Friends and Fellowship** meets **every Tuesday at 11 a.m.** in the Parish Hall.
- **WWW** meets **every Tuesday from 6:30-8 p.m.** in the Parlor.
- **Daughters of the King (DOK)** will have a meeting **Sunday, Feb. 2nd from 9:15-10 a.m.** in the Parlor for anyone who may have questions about the organization.
- **Confirmation:** If you have taken the class and are wanting to get confirmed on **March 9th or Nov 2nd**, Let Nikki know so we can get your form filled out and make sure you are on the list.
- **Annual Meeting: today Sunday, Jan. 26th at 9:30 a.m.** the annual breakfast will begin at **8:45 a.m.** in the parish hall.
- **Soup Luncheon Date Change:** We will be having the 75th Annual Grace Episcopal Soup Luncheon to benefit the Anderson Emergency Soup Kitchen on **Thursday 1/30/25**. Tickets will be available for those who want to sell or give them to friends but will also be sold at the door. We will be delivering meals again and help is needed to get local businesses to place orders. Volunteers needed to make soup, desserts, set up/slice desserts/cornbread on **1/29/25** as well as volunteer **1/30/25** to serve, deliver, clean up. Soup Saturday to be **Saturday 25TH**. Signups will be in the cloister but you can also directly contact Jodie Webb 864-380-1683/j.webb@nationwide.com to let her know of your willingness to help. Connie Pearce is in charge of cornbread -contact her re: helping/donations 864-634-4728.
- **The Grace Life committee** is compiling a list of parish allergies. Please complete if you would like to share. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1sps7SvVYJdVWnCM38GavBln1z3ZQXizPnDbq3wn2cSI/viewform?edit_requested=true We will make sure to note any foods that include shared allergies.
- **Pacesetters Square Dancing Group:** Will meet **every Thursday from Jan. - Aug. from 6:30 - 9:30 p.m.** in the Parish Hall.
- **Episcopal Relief and Development** is responding to the wildfires in Southern California. For more information visit <https://episcopalnewsservice.org/pressreleases/episcopal-relief-development-is-responding-to-the-wildfires-in-southern-california/>
- The **Outreach Committee** is preparing to choose an organization to support for this calendar year. Besides being the beneficiary of the BBQ proceeds, the organization should have other ways our congregation can volunteer, support, and be involved. We are asking members for suggestions. Please submit your suggestions to the Church Office, or talk with Tom or Connie Pearce or Janet Rippy.

Those Who Serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Louis LeBrun

Second Counter: Mike Digby

Lector: Mary Harris Edwards

Lector: Maryann Barnwell

Intercessor: Al Sloan

Chalice 2: Sara Cheek

1st Crucifer: David Burden

Server/Gospel Bearer: Brett Dixon

Torch Bearers:

Ushers: Mike Digby Debbie Hand

Linen Guild: Pam Herold

Altar Guild: Cindy Baker, Lisa Arnold

Interim Organist/Choirmaster: Bill Scott

Organist Emeritus: Bill Scott

Those with birthdays this week

John Peebles

Susan Whatley

Luke Kent

Jack Hardaway

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