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# HIDDEN

**GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

5 January 2025

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

# Welcome to Grace!

Opening Voluntary - *We Three Kings*

piano arr. By Bill Scott

The Procession

Hymn #497

*How bright appears the morning*

1 How bright ap - pears the Morn - ing Star, with mer - cy beam - ing  
2 Though cir - cled by the hosts on high, he deigned to cast a  
3 Re - joice, ye heavens; thou earth, re - ply; with praise, ye sin - ners,

from a - far; the host of heaven re - joic - es;  
pit - ying eye up - on his help - less crea - ture;  
fill the sky, for this his In - car - na - tion.

O right - eous Branch, O Jes - se's Rod! Thou Son of Man and  
the whole cre - a - tion's Head and Lord, by high - est ser - a -  
In - car - nate God, put forth thy power, ride on, ride on, great

Son of God! We, too, will lift our voic - es:  
phim a - dored, as - sumed our ve - ry na - ture;  
Con - quer - or, till all know thy sal - va - tion.

Je - sus, Je - sus! Ho - ly, ho - ly, yet most low - ly,  
Je - sus, grant us, through thy mer - it, to in - her - it  
A - men, a - men! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

draw thou near us; great Em - man - uel, come and hear us.  
thy sal - va - tion; hear, O hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.  
Praise be giv - en ev - er - more, by earth and hea - ven.

Words: William Mercer (1811-1873); after Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608)

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### The Word of God

Song of Praise

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1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908), alt.

Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822–1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

### The Collect

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### The First Lesson

#### Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,

and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
 proclaim, give praise, and say,  
 "Save, O LORD, your people,  
 the remnant of Israel."  
 See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
 and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
 among them the blind and the lame, those with child and  
 those in labor, together;  
 a great company, they shall return here.  
 With weeping they shall come,  
 and with consolations I will lead them back,  
 I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
 in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
 for I have become a father to Israel,  
 and Ephraim is my firstborn.  
 Hear the word of the LORD, O nations,  
 and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
 say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
 and will keep him as a shepherd a flock."  
 For the LORD has ransomed Jacob,  
 and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.  
 They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
 and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD,  
 over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
 and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
 their life shall become like a watered garden,  
 and they shall never languish again.  
 Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
 and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
 I will turn their mourning into joy,  
 I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.  
 I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
 and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,  
 says the LORD.

### The Psalm

#### Psalm 84

#### *Quam dilecta!*

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*  
**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
 my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house  
 and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
**by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
 my King and my God.**
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
**they will always be praising you.**
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*

**whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the LORD withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.

12 O LORD of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

## The Second Lesson

### Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Gospel

Hymn #128  
*We three Kings*



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are, bear - ing  
2 Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I  
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I: in - cense  
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a  
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



1 gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,  
2 bring to crown him a - gain, King for ev - er,  
3 owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,  
4 life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
5 God and Sac - ri - fice; heaven sings al - le -

1 moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
 2 ceas - ing nev - er o - ver us all to reign.  
 3 glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship him, God Most High.  
 4 bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
 5 lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

*Refrain*

O star of won - der, star of night,  
 star with roy - al beau - ty bright; west - ward lead - ing,  
 still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Words: John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820–1891), alt. Music: *Three Kings of Orient*, John Henry Hopkins, Jr. (1820–1891)

## The Holy Gospel

### Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
 are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
 for from you shall come a ruler  
 who is to shepherd my people Israel.”

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to

## The Sermon

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The Peace

Announcements

## Blessing of Coats for the King

Holy God, you clothe the skies with the raiment of stars, and you clothe your glory with our humanity in Jesus Christ our Lord. You bid us to know that we have love when we share our possessions, and clothe those who need warmth. As the Magi brought gifts for the new born king so we bring these gifts to clothe our King who is born anew in the poor of this your world. Bless these coats that they remind all who share in their warmth of the warmth of your love, that all may be clothed in hope and faith.

Offertory - *Love Came Down at Christmas* (words on pg. 10)

George K. Evans

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 Hymns #341

## For the bread which you have broken

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the  
 2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your  
 3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed  
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have  
 gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -  
 at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing  
 hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.  
 bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.  
 for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.  
 send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Words: Louis F. Benson (1855–1930), alt. Music: *Omni die*, melody from *Gross Catolisch Gesangbuch*, 1631; harm. William Smith Rockstro (1823–1895)

# Hymn #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)

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The Procession

Hymn #135

*Songs of thankfulness and praise*

1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,  
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;  
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;  
4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen - dent light,  
man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;  
and at Ca - na, wed - ding - guest, in thy God - head man - i - fest;  
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;  
where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.  
branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;  
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;  
When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,  
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.  
cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man - i - fest.

Words: Sts. 1-3, Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885); st. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)  
Music: *Salzburg*, melody Jakob Hintze (1622-1702); harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The Sending Forth - page 366

Closing Voluntary -

(Lyrics for the Offertory on pg. 7)

Love came down at Christmas, Love all lovely, Love divine; Love was born at Christmas; star and angels gave the sign.

Worship we the Godhead, Love incarnate, Love divine; worship we our Jesus, but wherewith for sacred sign?

Love shall be our token; love be yours and love be mine; love to God and all men, love for plea and gift and sign.

## Grace Notes

- **Annual Giving Report** \$19,257 Surplus as of 11/30/24.
- **Week 9 - Pledges 2024** - Total amount \$320,112 Total cards - 92: **2025** - Total amount \$313,234, Total cards - 97.
- We are **In Need** of adults to assist with children's church. If you are interested, please contact Sharon George at [slgeorge864@gmail.com](mailto: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**. 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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**. Any checks received after 12/31/2024 will be posted to your 2025 statement.
- **2025 offering envelopes** may be picked up in the Parish Office.
- **Thank you** for the 40# of bags of dog food. I only deliver food to PAWS after Blessing of the Animals on October. Thank You from Pam Herold.
- **A Night at The Opera:** Join Cancer Association of Anderson on **Saturday, Jan. 11th at 7 p.m.** at St. John's United Methodist Church. For more information visit [www.caanerson.org](http://www.caanerson.org)
- **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 9<sup>th</sup> 2025**. And because of the unusual demand and tight schedule Fr. Jack's class is beginning again immediately. **Sundays 9:15 AM Parish Library: Jan. 5, 19.**
- 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, **Jan. 6th**.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Family Vision Casting:** Join us **Wednesday, Jan. 8th at 6 p.m.** for a meal and time of sharing ideas and requests for family-oriented programming at Grace in 2025. RSVP to Sharon Dorsey at [slgeorge864@gmail.com](mailto:slgeorge864@gmail.com) by **Jan. 5th**.
- **Pacesetters Square Dancing Group:** Starting **Thursday, Jan. 9th** the Pacesetters Square Dancing Group will begin holding their weekly class in the Parish Hall at Grace. All ages are welcome to join as long as they can follow the direction of the caller Mike Cox. They will meet **every Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** You do not have to have a partner or know how to Square dance. The kind people in this group will teach you how.
- **Brookdale Communion Visit:** **Monday, Jan. 13th at 11 a.m.**
- **Vestry Meeting:** **Monday, Jan. 13th at 6 p.m.**
- **Outreach Meeting::** **Monday, Jan. 14th at 5:30 p.m.**
- **Wiggle Church:** **Wednesday, Jan. 15th at 6 p.m.**
- **Grief Support:** **Thursday, Jan. 16th at 10 a.m.**
- **Guy's Gathering at Grace:** **Thursday, Jan. 16th at 6 p.m.**
- **EYC Spare Time Trip:** **Saturday, Jan. 18th from 2-6 p.m.**
- **Church Office will be Closed Monday, Jan. 20th**
- **Annual Meeting:** **Sunday, Jan. 26th**. All reports are due to Office by **Wednesday, Jan. 15th**.

## **Those Who Serve**

**Vestry-in-Charge:** Beth Lollis

**Second Counter:** Debbie Hand

**Lector:** Sara Cheek

**Lector:** Tom Pearce

**Intercessor:** Tracy Lidlow

**Chalice 2:** Bryan Harris

**1st Crucifer:** Nathanael Burden

**Server/Gospel Bearer:** Cory Trotter

**Torch Bearers:** Anna Rose Burden, Anna Swinford

**Ushers:** Brett Dixon, Hugh Osburn

**Linen Guild:** Dixie Harris

**Altar Guild:** Pam Herold, Bess Boyer

**Interim Organist/Choirmaster:** Bill Scott

**Organist Emeritus:** Bill Scott

## **Those with birthdays this week**

Robin Speer

Rodman Foster

Madeline Rishovd

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