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CHILDREN OF THE MOST HIGH

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

23rd February 2025

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome to Grace!

Opening Voluntary - Like The First Bird

Alfred V Fedak

The Procession

Hymn #390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Descant



4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with
a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his
health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.
or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. *Hymnal* 1940, alt.
Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuertem Gesangbuch*, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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

The Collect

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Psalm

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42 (*read responsively by half verse*)

Noli aemulari

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.
- 3 Put your trust in the LORD and do good; *
dwelt in the land and feed on its riches.
- 4 Take delight in the LORD, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.
- 6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.
- 7 Be still before the LORD *
and wait patiently for him.
- 8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
- 9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
- 10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the LORD shall possess the land.
- 11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
- 12 But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.
- 41 But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the LORD; *
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- 42 The LORD will help them and rescue them; *
**he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.**

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Gospel Hymn LEVAS # 76

Jesus in the morning

1. Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus in the morn - ing
2. Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him in the morn - ing
3. Love Him, Love Him, Love Him in the morn - ing
4. Serve Him, Serve Him, Serve Him, in the morn - ing
5. Je - sus, Je - sus, Je - sus in the morn - ing

1. Je - sus in the noon - time; Je - sus,
2. Praise Him in the noon - time; Praise Him,
3. Love Him in the noon - time; Love Him,
4. Serve Him in the noon - time; Serve Him,
5. Je - sus in the noon - time; Je - sus,

1. Je - sus, Je - sus when the sun goes down!
2. Praise Him, Praise Him when the sun goes down!
3. Love Him, Love Him when the sun goes down!
4. Serve Him, Serve Him when the sun goes down!
5. Je - sus, Je - sus when the sun goes down!

Title: Jesus in the Morning Words: Traditional

The Holy Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed - page 358

Prayers of the People Form VI - page 392

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory - *God of the Sparrow*

Hymn 380

Carl Schalk

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, 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.

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 #831

Ubi Caritas (Sing 5 times, slowly)

Descant
 U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
 Ai - a nō e loa'a ke a - lo - ha

A
 U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
 Ai - a nō e loa'a ke a - lo - ha

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
 Ai - a nō e loa'a ke A - kua nō.

B
 u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i ³ - bi est.
 Ai - a nō e loa'a ke A - kua nō.

Translation: Where true charity and love abide, God is there.

Words: Latin, 8th c., tr. Malcolm Naea Chun (b. 1954)

Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Jesu, Jesu

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh - bors we have from you. **Fine**

1. Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2. Neigh - bors are rich and poor, neigh - bors are black and
 3. These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should
 4. Lov - ing puts us on our knees, serv - ing as though we are
 5. Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

1. feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 2. white, neigh - bors are near and far a - way.
 3. love; all these are neigh - bors to us and you.
 4. slaves, this is the way we should live with you.
 5. feet, this is the way we should live with you. **D.C.**

Words: John 13:1-17; adapt. Tom Colvin, 1969 Music: Ghana Folk Song; adapt. Tom Colvin 1969; harm. Charles H. Webb, 1988

Hymn #657
Love divine all loves excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788) Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811–1887)

The Sending Forth - page 366
Closing Voluntary - Fugue in G Minor

J.S. Bach

Grace Notes

- **Flowers are given** to the Glory of God and in honor of our 50th wedding anniversary, by Pam and Joe Herold.
- **Fourth Sunday Loose Offering** goes to Family Promise.
- 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 is in need of **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.
- **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) Study Session** will be **Saturday March, 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th from 10 a.m. - Noon.**
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Grace Church BBQ will be **Oct. 11 2025**
- If you are interested in the Bishop's **Bible in a year challenge** visit <https://www.edusc.org/bible-in-a-year/>
- If you are interested in receiving **Bishop Daniel Richards weekly meditations** called *Notes Along the Way*, visit <https://www.edusc.org/notes-from-along-the-way/>.
- **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.
- **Wednesday night suppers at Grace are BACK!** Our next supper followed by Bingo is **Wednesday Feb. 26th at 6:30 p.m.** The cost is \$11 per adult and \$6 per child. If you would like to attend RSVP to the church office by **Monday, Feb. 24th at Noon**
- **Moms Meet up** is **Thursday, Feb. 27th from 5-7 p.m.**
- **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4th.** Donations at the door.
- **Ash Wednesday Liturgies are Noon and 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 5th.**
- **Day of Discernment** is **March 15th** at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. For those considering ordination. For more information visit <https://www.edusc.org/blog/diocesan-day-of-discernment-set-for-march-15-2025/>
- 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.
- **Fiber Friends and Fellowship** is in need of yarn for their yarn stash. If you are interested in donating any yarn you may leave it in Deacon Mary's Office.
- **Lenten Study:** we will be studying Psalms 120-134, the Songs of Ascent. The book is *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*, by Eugene Peterson. Read two chapters a week. **We meet on Sundays in Lent at 9:15 starting March 9th.**
- **Bring in your Palm Sunday palm fronds** from previous years. We will burn them up on Shrove Tuesday to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday. The Bowl is found in the cloister between now and Shrove Tuesday.

Those Who Serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Cory Trotter

Second Counter: Jodie Webb

Lector: Mary Harris Edwards

Lector: Jane Williams

Intercessor: Hugh Osburn

Chalice 2: Brett Dixon

1st Crucifer: Nathanael Burden

Server/Gospel Bearer: Cory Trotter

Torch Bearers:

Ushers: Mike Digby, Debbie Hand

Linen Guild: Dixie Harris

Altar Guild: Cindy Baker, Lisa Arnold

Organist/Choirmaster: Steve Grant

Organist Emeritus: Bill Scott

Those with birthdays this week

Mary Jane Ames

Jerry Peeler

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