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AS THE DAYS OF NOAH

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

30 November 2025

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer with Eucharist Rite II
First Sunday of Advent

Welcome to Grace!

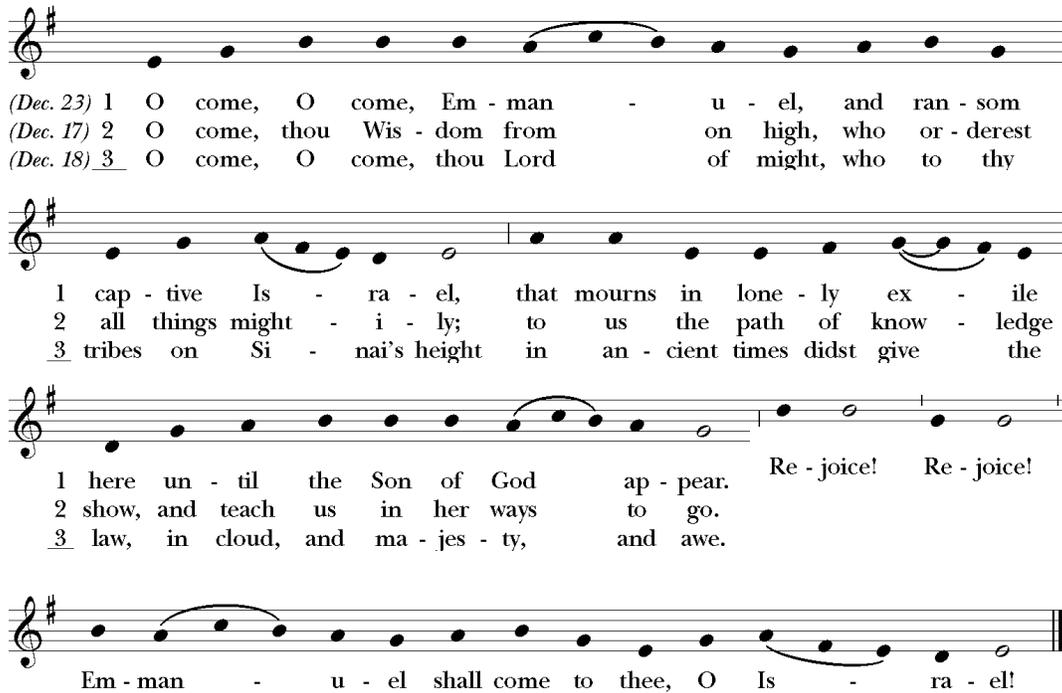
Opening Voluntary - *Now Thank We All Our God*

J S Bach/Virgil Fox

The Procession

Hymn #56

O Come, O Come Emmanuel



(Dec. 23) 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
(Dec. 17) 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
(Dec. 18) 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
1 cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
2 all things might - i - ly; to us the path of know - ledge
3 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
1 here un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re - joice! Re - joice!
2 show, and teach us in her ways to go.
3 law, in cloud, and ma - jes - ty, and awe.
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)

Opening Sentence

Confession of Sin

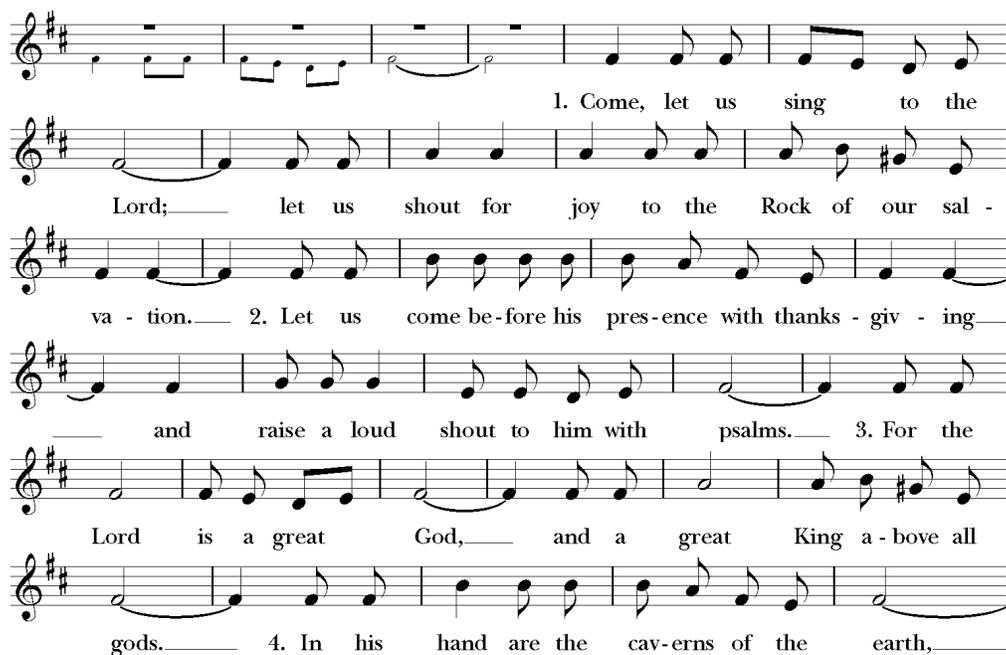
The Invitatory and Psalter

Book of Common Prayer p. 78

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Book of Common Prayer p. 80

Venite S-35



1. Come, let us sing to the
Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal -
va - tion. 2. Let us come be - fore his pres - ence with thanks - giv - ing
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. 3. For the
Lord is a great God, and a great King a - bove all
gods. 4. In his hand are the cav - erns of the earth,

and the heights of the hills are his al - so. 5. The
 sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have
 mold - ed the dry land. 6. Come, let us bow down, and bend the
 knee, and kneel be-fore the Lord our Ma - ker. 7. For
 he is our God, and we are the peo - ple of his
 pas - ture and the sheep of his hand.
 Oh, that to - day you would heark-en to his voice!

Title: Daily Morning Prayer II, The Invitatory: *Venite*

Music: Jack Noble White (b. 1938)

Psalm 122 (read responsively by half verse)

Laetatus sum

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, *
"Let us go to the house of the LORD."
- 2 Now our feet are standing *
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city *
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,
 the tribes of the LORD, *
**the assembly of Israel,
 to praise the Name of the LORD.**
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, *
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: *
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls *
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, *
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the LORD our God, *
I will seek to do you good."

The First Lesson

Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.
O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

Canticle 13 #S-236 (all stand)

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you
for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Descant

5. Glo - ry to you, be -
5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the
hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of
depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to
hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you,
you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you!
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Title: Canticle 13, A Song of Praise: *Benedictus es, Domine* Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)

The Second Lesson

Romans 13:11-14

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Canticle 6 #S-204

1. Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

2. We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks

to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly King,

God the Father Al-might - y. 4. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther,

5. that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy up - on us.

6. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer.

7. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mercy up - on us.

8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. Thou only, O Christ,
with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Fa-ther. A - men.

Title: Canticle 6, Glory be to God: *Gloria in excelsis*

Music: *Old Scottish Chant*, from *Chants or Tunes for Particular Hymns*, 1763?, alt.

The Third Lesson

Matthew 24:36-44

Jesus said to the disciples, “But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Homily

The Apostles Creed

Suffrages B

Book of Common Prayer p. 96

Book of Common Prayer p. 98

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord; Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for Thanksgiving Day

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Litany of Thanksgiving

The Peace

Book of Common Prayer p. 837

Brief Announcements (three short bullet points, or preferably in Haiku format) 😊

Offertory - Every Valley

John Ness Beck

Hymn 380

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-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

Jesus Remember Me

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: My flesh is food indeed

Music: Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

Communion Hymns #304

I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

The musical score is for unison or harmony and consists of three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has two flats, and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936), alt.

Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk melody; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

Hymn # 337

And now, O Father, Mindful of the Love

1 And now, O Fa - ther, mind - ful of the love that
 2 Look Fa - ther, look on his a - noint - ed face, and
 *3 And then for those, our dear - est and our best, by
 *4 And so we come; O draw us to thy feet, most

bought us, once for all, on Cal - vary's tree, and hav - ing with us
 on - ly look on us as found in him; look not on our mis -
 this pre - vail - ing pres - ence we ap - peal; O fold them clos - er
 pa - tient Sa - vior, who canst love us still! And by this food, so

him that pleads a - bove, we here pre - sent, we here spread
 us - ings of thy grace, our prayer so lan - guid, and our
 to thy mer - cy's breast! O do thine ut - most for their
 awe - some and so sweet, de - liv - er us from ev - ery

forth to thee, that on - ly of - fering per - fect in thine
 faith so dim: for lo! be - tween our sins and their re -
 soul's true weal! From taint - ing mis - chief keep them pure and
 touch of ill: in thine own ser - vice make us glad and

eyes, the one true, pure, im - mor - tal sac - ri - fice.
 ward, we set the pas - sion of thy Son our Lord.
 clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to per - se - vere.
 free, and grant us nev - er - more to part from thee.

Words: William Bright (1824-1901), alt. Music: *Unde et memores*, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

The Procession

Hymn #58
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)

The Sending Forth - page 366
Closing Voluntary - *Bless This House*

Bill Scott, piano Steve Grant, organ

May Brae

Grace Notes

- **WWW:** Our next book is *Searching for Sunday* by Rachel Held Evans'. Join us on [Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.](#) in the parlor as we explore themes of faith, doubt, and grace through Evans's reflections on the sacraments. All women are welcome. Come as you are and bring a friend!
- The **Music Ministry** at Grace Church is growing. Our choirs meet [Wednesdays](#) with Children's Choir at [5:15 p.m.](#) and Adult Choir at [6:15 p.m.](#)
- **Fiber, Friends, and Fellowship** meets every [Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.](#) in the Parish Hall.
- The **Saints and Sinners dinner groups** will start up again this month. This is a great way for both newcomers and long-time parishioners to meet others within the parish. If you are interested in joining us this fall, please contact the church office or Debbie Hand at (316) 617-2409 or handrab@yahoo.com.
- Join us for **Breakfast with Saint Nicholas** on [Dec. 6th at 9:00 a.m.](#) We will learn about St Nicholas, visit with Saint Nicholas, and eat a yummy breakfast. Tickets can be purchased online (see the Grace Code).
- EYC Advent Party is [Sunday, December 7th from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.](#)
- **THE GRACE CODE**

Scan or tap to visit:



- New to Grace
- Outreach giving
- Facebook page
- Family Promise
- Breakfast with St. Nicholas

- **Celebrate Grace's 175th** anniversary of being allowed into the Diocese, [Thursday, February 12th 2026 at 6:00 p.m.](#) Reception following. Bishop Richards will be there and we will have confirmations, receptions, and reaffirmations as part of the celebration.
- **Ready for a Leap of Faith?** Our next Episcopal Christianity Class begins [Sunday, December 28th at 9:15 a.m.](#) in the parish library. It is the last chance to prepare before the Bishop's February 12th visit. This class is for anyone interested in Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation, or to simply study the faith.
- **St. Catherine's Guild** will meet [Monday, December 1st at noon](#) in the parish hall.
- **Vestry** will meet [Monday, December 1st at 6:00 p.m.](#)
- **Outreach** will meet [Sunday, December 7th](#) right after the 10:30 service.
- **Staff Advent Lunch** is [Tuesday, December 9th at 11:30 a.m.](#)
- **Poinsettia forms** are available for pickup in the cloister. These are due back to Nikki by [December, 15th](#).
- If you would like to **donate to Family Promise**, scan the Grace QR Code.
- **Breaking News:** A new photo directory is in the planning stage. If you would like to be a part of organizing please contact Connie Pearce at conniepearce56@gmail.com
- **Christmas kids lists** are available in the cloister. Consider helping a child have an amazing Christmas by adopting a child. Thanks for your continued generosity.
- **Holy Trinity Bazaar & Artisan Market:** [Saturday, December 6th from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.](#) at Holy Trinity Episcopal in Clemson. See Flyer on bulletin board for more information.
- **Celebrate the Season** with a free Wednesday Night Feast! [Wednesday the 17th of December at 5:30 p.m.](#) Bring a donation for Family Promise if you want. Be sure to let us know you are coming by contacting the parish office by [Monday, December 15th](#).
- **Year End Contributions:** Checks must be postmarked on or before [December 31st 2025](#). Any checks received after 12-31-2025 will be posted to your 2026 statement.
- **Offering Envelopes:** 2026 offering envelopes are now available for pick up in the cloister.
- **Coats and Blankets for the King:** We are now collecting new or gently used coats and blankets for our community friends. Items may be brought to the Church.

Those who serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Jodie Webb

Second Counter: Debbie Hand

Worship Leader: Cory Trotter, Joey Oppermann

Lector: Abby Burden

Lector: Brett Dixon

Chalice:

1st Crucifer:

Server/Gospel Bearer:

Ushers: Buddy Bilbrey, Debbie Hand , Maxwell Jeffers

Linen Guild: Pam Herold

Altar Guild: Pam Herold, Bess Boyer

Interim Organist/Choirmaster: Steve Grant

Organist Emeritus: Bill Scott

Stewardship Report

As of 10/31/2025

YTD 2025 Revenue \$327,965

YTD 2025 Expenses \$353,299

YTD 2025 Deficit \$25,334

Pledge Drive

Week 7

2026: Pledged: \$333,019

Cards: 101

2025 Pledged: \$294,434

Cards: 89

Those with birthdays this week

Daryl Kress
Amanda Knobel
Larry Bowman
Bill Hinnant
Sandy Sloan
Tate Mosteller
Cobb Oxford
Mary E. Harris

Baptismal Newbirth Day

10 December
21 August
04 March
23 October
15 January
22 December

Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

Ellie Cooper	30 November
Donna deHoll	01 December
Don Colman	02 December
Nancy Devine	03 December
Quinn Camak	04 December
Joe Herold	04 December

Expectant Parents

Parker and Caroline Bates
Brent and Kirri Kinley

Vestry Members

Cindy Baker - 2022-2024
Bess Boyer - 2022-2024
Beth Lollis, Sr. Warden - 2022-2024
Rob Homer-Drummond - 2023-2025
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

Grace Church Endowment

Matthias Kloeck
Lee Hancock
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