



# Celtic Evensong and Communion

## The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

### 23 February 2025 4:00 pm

*We come from many places to be together for a little while.  
Each of us brings our own experience and traditions to this gathering.  
So here in this place, let us take time together to encounter the holy.*

*Please remember to silence all devices*

### The Opening Rite

**Musical Meditation**

*Ubi caritas*

**Welcome**

**Opening Meditation**

God forgives unconditionally  
So can we  
The thief on the cross still dies on his cross  
But forgiveness will set his spirit free  
And what of you and me standing on the ground  
with our piles  
of hurts mounting so high  
Will we die a thousand deaths before we die?  
Yearning for revenge, will we die of that thirst?  
Will the rage that fills us be the stake on which we burn?  
Will we stumble over every resistance placed in our way?  
And stay stuck in the misery of it all?  
Or will we take the chance that we might  
break free by following  
this path where it leads  
Past the whys and lies about how it cannot be  
Here is our chance  
Take this chance  
Break free

-Desmond and Mpho Tutu  
The Book of Forgiving

**The Invitatory and Psalm**

Arise, shine, for your light has come.

**And the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.**

Glory to the Holy Trinity,

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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O Gracious Light *Phos hilaron*



O gracious Light, Lord Jesus Christ, in you the Father's glory shone.  
Immortal, holy, blest is he, and blest are you his holy Son.

Now sunset comes, but light shines forth, the lamps are lit to pierce the night.  
Praise Father, Son, and Spirit: God who dwells in the eternal light.

Worthy are you of endless praise, O Son of God, life-giving Lord;  
Wherefore you are through all the earth and in the highest heaven adored.

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

- 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; \*  
dwell 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.

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.

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## The Lessons

Listen now to the Word of God

### 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.

*Lector* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### Musical Response

*Ashokan Farewell*

### The Second Lesson

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."

*Lector* For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,  
and for the Word of God within us,

*People* Thanks be to God.

### Reflection

Katie Scott

### Music after the Reflection

*Shenandoah*

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## The Prayers

*Leader* In the midst of hunger and war  
*People* **we celebrate the promise of plenty and peace.**

*Leader* In the midst of oppression and tyranny  
*People* **we celebrate the promise of service and freedom.**

*Leader* In the midst of doubt and despair  
*People* **we celebrate the promise of faith and hope.**

*Leader* In the midst of fear and betrayal  
*People* **we celebrate the promise of joy and loyalty.**

*Leader* In the midst of hatred and death  
*People* **we celebrate the promise of love and life.**

*Leader* In the midst of sin and decay  
*People* **we celebrate the promise of salvation and renewal.**

*Leader* In the midst of death on every side  
*People* **we celebrate the promise of the living Christ everywhere.**

*Leader* Let us now hold before God our neighbors who are in need, sickness, danger or despair.

*Here, the people may add particular intercession and thanksgivings.*

### **The Collect of the Day**

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 Collect for Anna Julia Haywood Cooper**

Almighty God, who inspired your servant Anna Julia Haywood Cooper with the love of learning and the skill of teaching: Enlighten us more and more through the discipline of learning, and deepen our commitment to the education of all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Anti-Racism**

God of all peoples, whose Son reached across the ethnic boundaries between Samaritan, Roman and Jew, help us to break down the barriers in our communities, enable us to see the reality of racism and bigotry, and free us to challenge and uproot it from ourselves, our society and our world in the Name of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Leader* Jesus says, "Come to me you who are troubled and I will give you rest." So come, you who are broken in body or in spirit, you who are torn by relationships and doubt, you who feel deeply within yourselves the divisions of the world. Come, for Jesus invites us to bring our brokenness. From now until the end of the service, you are invited to come to the Lady Altar and light a candle and kneel at the rail for prayers. Please move about as the Spirit leads you.

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**Music during Prayers**

*Captain O'Kane*

**Hymn #469 in The Hymnal 1982**

*There's a wideness in God's mercy*

**The Grace** See that ye be at peace among yourselves, and love one another. Follow the example of good men and women of old and God will comfort you and help you, both in this world and in the world which is to come. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**The Peace**

**The Holy Communion**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts

**People** **We lift them to the Lord**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**People** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is our joy and delight to give you thanks and praise Emmanuel, God with us. We give you thanks and praise for your hallowing of human flesh. We praise you that you brought forth new life in the family of Mary and Joseph as you do today from all who faithfully await the fulfillment of your word. We praise you that you were known first by poor shepherds and wise seekers as you are known today by the poor and outcast.

We rejoice at your light which shines out of darkness and enlightens all who seek you. We rejoice with the angels at your promise of peace for those who trust in you. We rejoice that the extraordinary is given birth in the ordinary places of life.

So with the angels who sing "Glory" and with all the saints and ancestors who have known you to be with us, we sing together:

**People** **Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant* We bless you for Jesus, born of the Spirit's love and a woman's body and blood. We bless you for Jesus who shows us how to live the fullness of our humanity and thus become one with you. We remember Jesus who laughed and wept and felt tiredness and fear; who praised Mary when she anointed him for death and blessed a woman of the city who washed his feet with tears. We remember Jesus who touched lepers and the sick and feasted with tax collectors and sinners. We remember Christ who lives on in all who courageously and faithfully bring forth the light of your love in earth's darkest places.

We remember Jesus who, on the night before he died, shared a meal with his friends.

He took bread, blessed it and broke it and gave it to them saying:

**People** **"Take and eat. This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me."**

*Celebrant* After supper he took a cup of wine, gave thanks and gave it to them saying:

**People** **"This is my life-blood given for you. Do this to remember me."**

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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*Celebrant* O God, who is known to us in human flesh, send your Holy Spirit on us and on these material things of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ, and we may be the body of Christ, food and life for the world. We ask these things through Christ, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit be glory now and forever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

### **The Invitation**

*Celebrant* This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.

It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,

You who have been here often, and you who have not been here long,

you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

### **Communion**

### **Concluding Prayer**

**All** God of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. **Amen.**

**Blessing** May joy and nothing less find you on the way.

May you be blessed and a blessing.

And may light guide you, and countless others, on the way home.

And may the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

*Officiant* May the Lord grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Concluding Musical Meditation**

*The Road to Lisdoonvarna*

### **Worship Leaders**

The Reverend Deborah Phillips  
Ryan, Patten, Debbie Phillips, Eric Wagner  
Paul Massari  
Katie Scott  
Kourtni Patten  
Joanna Troy

*Officiant*  
*Musicians*  
*Assisting*  
*Reflection*  
*Intercessor*  
*Usher*

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### **Parish Prayer List**

Christine, Reny Sparapani, Gary Young, Amy, Paul, Chuck Brown, Heather and Prescott, Ariana, Sheridan, Javy, Faith Aroko and Family, Jesse Hurst and Family, Neal and Maureen Joyce, Arthur, Deb Young, Cindy Rhodes, Ron, Gerald Tucker, Allison Mascolo, Melissa Glassman, Max Joyce, Marc Britt, those battling cancer, especially Faith's friend and the Princess of Wales, for Mel, Corey MacNeil, Dianne, Michael Towey, Jenny, Loretta and Kris, Priscilla Lemons, Deb Papps, Derek Fuller and Family, the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and their ministries; the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem, the Salem Public Schools and for an end to racism, war, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, gun violence and oppression. In thanksgiving, we pray for this community of faith, for God's grace and forgiveness, for those with the courage to stand up to tyranny, for Black History Month, for creation, for the diversity of people, and for all the blessings of this life.

### **Welcome Everyone!**

**Welcome to those of you here for the first time.** Please feel free to move about the space during the service, lighting candles or praying at the Lady Altar.

**All are welcome by God to the heavenly banquet.** The Episcopal Church offers the sacraments to anyone baptized in any denomination who, through prayer and thoughtful consideration, desires them. Please come to the communion rail to receive the bread and wine, whether you are an Episcopalian or not, or to receive a blessing.

**Please join in the singing!** The songs are printed either in the leaflet or in our Hymnal.

**We are a self-supporting congregation,** so when you pass the plate at the back of the chapel, please be generous. Today's collection will support our ministries to the community.

**When coming to communion,** please note that the bread is **gluten free**.

**We ask that you sign the guestbook at the entrance of the church.** If you want more information, our web address is [www.gracechurchsalem.org](http://www.gracechurchsalem.org). Our weekly newsletter, called Grace Notes can also be found there. If you wish to receive the newsletter, simply go to the website, open Grace Notes and subscribe.

**We hope you find the service meaningful** and the community's hospitality inviting.

*Thank you for praying with us today.*

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## Anna Julia Haywood Cooper

Anna Julia Haywood Cooper (August 10, c1859- February 27, 1964). Educator, advocate and scholar. Born in Raleigh, North Carolina to an enslaved woman and a white man, presumably her mother's master, Anna Julia was an academically gifted child and received a scholarship to attend St. Augustine Normal School and Collegiate Institute, a school founded by the Episcopal Church to educate African-American teachers and clergy. There she began her membership in the Episcopal Church. After forcing her way into a Greek class designed for male theology students, Anna Julia later married the instructor, George A.C. Cooper, the second African-American ordained to the Episcopal priesthood in North Carolina. After her husband's death in 1879, Cooper received degrees in mathematics from Oberlin College, and was made principal of the only African American high school in Washington D.C.. She was denied reappointment in 1906 because she refused to lower her educational standards. Throughout her career, Cooper emphasized the importance of education to the future of African Americans, and was critical of the lack of support they received from the church. An advocate for African-American women, Cooper assisted in organizing the Colored Women's League and the first Colored Settlement House in Washington, D.C. She wrote and spoke widely on issues of race and gender, and took an active role in national and international organizations founded to advance African Americans. At the age of fifty-five she adopted the five children of her nephew. In 1925, Cooper became the fourth African-American woman to complete a Ph.D degree, granted from the Sorbonne when she was sixty-five years old. From 1930-1942, Cooper served as president of Frelinghuysen University.





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## WARRANT FOR PARISH MEETING

The **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF GRACE CHURCH IN SALEM** will be called to order on **Sunday, February 23rd at 5:00 pm** for the following purposes:

1. To receive the annual reports of the Parish.
2. To present a budget for 2025.
3. To elect the following officers of the Parish:

Two Wardens (1 year)

Two Vestry persons (3 years)

Treasurer (1 year)

Clerk (1 year)

2 Delegates of Convention (1 year)

1 Alternate Delegate to Convention (1 year)

5 Delegates to North Shore Deanery (1 year)

4. To consider ways to live into our mission.

Everyone is invited to the meeting. Only members will be allowed to vote. A member is anyone who regularly attends Sunday worship, financially supports the parish through a pledge and participates in the life of the community. Everyone present, however, is welcome to participate in the discussion.

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*Please join us in our mission.*



# Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday 4 March

**5:00 pm—6:30 pm**

All are welcome to this free event

**Take a break from cooking  
and join others  
in food and conversation**

# Ash Wednesday

## 5 March



5:30 pm  
**Children's Service**

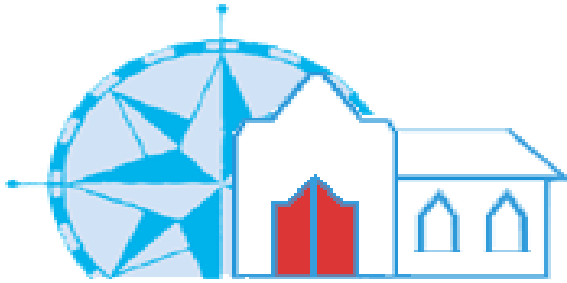
A half-hour service designed especially for children with imposition of ashes and a story.

7:00 pm  
**Choral Holy Eucharist**

Proper liturgy for Ash Wednesday with the imposition of ashes



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The Most Reverend Sean Rowe  
The Right Reverend Julia Whitworth  
The Reverend Deborah A. Phillips  
The Reverend E. Clifford Cutler  
The Reverend Manny Faria  
Mark N. Peterson  
Tom and Karen Tucker

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Music Director  
Property Stewards*

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Ryan Patten  
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Clerk  
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