

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany



16 February 2025

Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II: 10:00 am

Grace Episcopal Church

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Greetings!

Welcome to those of you here. Here's some information:

Most Sundays, we have Church School at 10:00 am with trained teachers. The classroom is located through the door at the front right of the chapel and down the hall; please ask if you need help finding it. The children will join us in church at the Peace and for Communion. All baptized children of any age are welcome to receive communion.

Please join in the singing! Hymnals are located in the pew and the numbers are listed in the leaflet. **“S”** numbered hymns are found in the front of the *Hymnal 1982*. The *Book of Common Prayer* may also be found in the rack in front of you.

This is a self-supporting congregation, so when the plate is passed in the middle of the service, please be generous. Today's collection will support our ministries to the community.

At the communion, God welcomes all 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 whether you are an Episcopalian or not, or to receive a blessing.

When coming to the rail for communion, please kneel or stand at the rail from right to left until the rail is full. You may receive the wafer, receive the wine after consuming the wafer (no intincting) or may ask for a blessing. Please let the priest know if you need **gluten free**.

The priest, Debbie, is available after the service to answer any questions you might have. Please let her know your thoughts about today's service.

If this is your first time here, please sign the book at the entrance of the church. If you want more information, our website is www.gracechurchsalem.org. Our weekly newsletter, called Grace Notes, can be found there. If you wish to receive the newsletter, simply go to the website, open Grace Notes and subscribe.

May we all find the service meaningful and the embrace of the community inviting. It is a joy to worship together, wherever we are in our journey.

The Opening Rite

Opening Voluntary Prelude in C minor BWV 546 J. S. Bach

Hymn at the Procession *The Hymnal 1982, #690*
Guide me, O thou great Jehovah *Cwm Rbondda*

Opening Sentence *page 355 in The Book of Common Prayer*

A Song of Praise *Lift Every Voice and Sing II, #243*
Glory, glory Hallelujah David Hurd

The Collect of the Day

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of the Lord

The Lessons *The people sit.*

Jewish Scripture

Jeremiah 17:5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse-- who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

Mark Engelhardt



- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the | wicked*
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the | scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the | LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and | night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in
due season, with leaves that do not | wither; *
everything they do shall | prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the | wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows a- | way.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment | comes*
nor the sinner in the council of the | righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the | righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is | doomed.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

Blest are the pure in heart

*The Hymnal 1982, #656**Franconia***The Gospel****Luke 6:17-26***Gospeller*The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.*People*

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets." "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

Gospeller

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Deborah Phillips

The Nicene Creed*page 358***The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty God, we are the body of Christ when we gather your Church.

We pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop, for Julia, our Bishop, and for Debbie, our Priest. Keep our ministries faithful. Pray for the Church.

God of peace, look with mercy upon the peoples of the earth. Teach us humility, forgiveness and justice. May we serve you through acts of reconciliation, as we bring the peace that only knowledge of you may bear. Pray for peace.

God of grace, look with favor upon your people in need. Quiet our minds, relieve our anxieties, address the needs of those on our prayer list. May we serve you through acts of prayer, as we bring your healing presence to others. Pray for those in any need or trouble. You may now offer your prayers, either silently or aloud.

People may add their own intentions and petitions as others pray in silence for those on our prayer list: Christine, Reny Sparapani, Gary Young, Amy, Paul, Chuck Brown, Heather and Prescott, Ariana, Sheridan, Jay, 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 Toney, 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, 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.

Eternal God, the source of all that is good and holy. May we serve you through acts of thanks, as we offer all that we have to do your will. Pray for all the blessings of this life.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Anthem at the Offering

Richard Shephard

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

The Hymn at the Presentation

A mighty fortress is our God

The Hymnal 1982, #688

Ein festa Burg

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy)

Lift Every Voice and Sing II, #256

Betty Carr Pulkingham

Lord's Prayer

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Fraction Anthem

Lift Every Voice and Sing II, #270

Marjorie Landmark-DeLewis

Hymn at the Communion

Remember your servants, Lord

The Hymnal 1982, #560

Beatitudes

Postcommunion Prayer

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Post Communion Hymn

All my hope on God is founded

The Hymnal 1982, #665

Michael

Blessing and Dismissal

Voluntary

Hornpipe

G. F. Handel

*The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God
by Janet and Leonard Scinto*

— Worship Leaders —

The Reverend Deborah Phillips

Presider and Preacher

Mark Peterson

Organist and Choir Director

Joanne Moar

Verge

Gavin Watson-Bertrand

Acolyte

Tony Boisvert

Lector

Joanne Moar

Chalice

Barbara Layne, Peggy Carter

Ushers

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February is designated as Black History Month in the United States, a time of the year which is dedicated to honor the contributions of African Americans to society both in the U.S. and worldwide. The first official observance of a month devoted to celebrating the contributions of African Americans came in February 1976. However, it was not until 1986 when the U.S. Congress, with a joint resolution of the House and Senate, designated the month of February as “National Black History Month.”

The resolution requested that then-President Ronald Reagan issue a proclamation of this observance. Hence, in 1986, Presidential Proclamation 5443 was established and noted that “the foremost purpose of Black History Month is to make all Americans aware of this struggle for freedom and equal opportunity.”

During this month, we will learn about Black scientists, artists, leaders and innovators that have made a positive impact on the quality of our lives, people such as Neil deGrasse Tyson, Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, Bayard Rustin, and Mark Dean.

Each day during this month, subscribers to our e-news “GraceNotes” will receive a brief biography of one such person. It will be a reminder of the significant impact African Americans have had on the lives of so many in our nation and around the world.

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.

The mission of Grace Church is to unconditionally invite all people to join us in building a faithful Episcopal congregation that goes out into the community and through prayer, presence and partnering improves the quality of life by bringing everyone closer to God.

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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A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

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The Right Reverend Julia Whitworth

Bishop Diocesan

The Reverend Deborah A. Phillips

Rector

The Reverend E. Clifford Cutler

Assisting Clergy

The Reverend Manny Faria

Assisting Clergy

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Music Director

Tom and Karen Tucker

Property Stewards

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Melissa Barnes, Marianne Cannon, Joanna Troy

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