

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany



23 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 intinction) 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 and Fugue in G minor Dietrich Buxtehude

Hymn at the Procession

The Hymnal 1982, #657

Love divine, all loves excelling

Hyfrydol

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 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 Word of the Lord

The Lessons *The people sit.*

Jewish Scripture

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 The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 37:1-2, 7-10

Mark Engelhardt



- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evil - | doers; *
do not be jealous of those who do | wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the | grass, *
and like the green grass fade a - | way.
- 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 a - | lone; *
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.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

God is love

The Hymnal 1982, #577

Ubi caritas (Murray)

The Gospel

Luke 6:27-38

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Deborah Phillips

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 as 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, Jary, 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, Jemy, 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.

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

Mark Browne

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost, taught by thee, we covet most of thy gifts at Pentecost, holy, heavenly love. Love is kind, and suffers long, love is meek, and thinks no wrong, love than death itself more strong; therefore give us love. Prophecy will fade away, melting in the light of day; love will ever with us stay; therefore give us love. Faith will vanish into sight; hope be emptied in delight; love in heaven will shine more bright; therefore give us love. Faith and hope and love we see joining hand in hand agree; but the greatest of the three, and the best, is love. From the overshadowing of thy gold and silver wing shed on us, who to thee sing, holy, heavenly love.

- Christopher Wordsworth

The Hymn at the Presentation

The Hymnal 1982, #573

Father eternal, Ruler of creation

Langham

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 Landsmark-DeLewis

Hymn at the Communion

The Hymnal 1982, #469

There's a wideness in God's mercy

St. Helena

Postcommunion Prayer

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Post Communion Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, #618

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Lasst uns erfreuen

Blessing and Dismissal

Voluntary

Finale from Organ Concerto no. 5

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	<i>Presider and Preacher</i>
Mark Peterson	<i>Organist and Choir Director</i>
Joanne Moar	<i>Verger</i>
Gavin Watson-Bertrand	<i>Acolyte</i>
Steve Allen	<i>Lector</i>
Holly Willis	<i>Chalice</i>
Tom and Karen Tucker	<i>Ushers</i>

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Potluck Tonight!!

Following the Annual Meeting this evening, we will have a potluck supper. Bring whatever you would like for the meal and plan to stay and catchup with others in the worshipping community.

Worship Leaders Invite

Are you being called to any of the following: altar server, reader, or ushers? Please speak to Debbie today at the end of the service. Training is available for all leadership roles and you would be committing to about once a month in that role.

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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