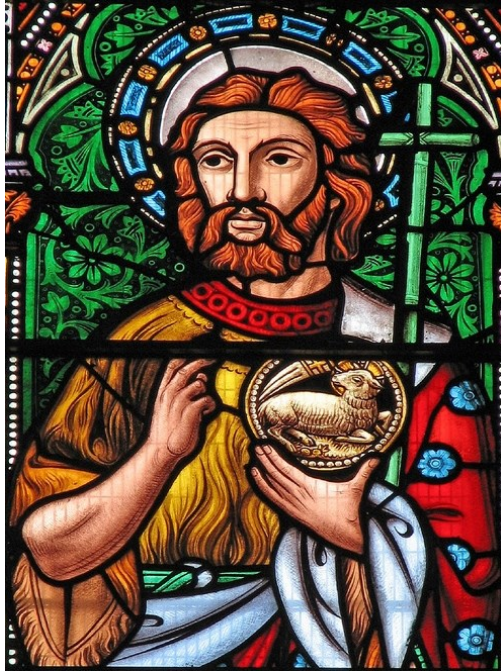


The Second Sunday of Advent



8 December 2024

Holy Eucharist Rite II with a Visit from
St. Nicholas: 10:00 am

Grace Episcopal Church

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Welcome!

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 Magnificat IV toni, Vs. 1 & 2

Heinrich Scheidemann

Introit

Roland Martin

Once for a shining hour, heaven touched earth, Hope was born anew, and peace reigned in the world. - Anon.

The Hymn at the Procession

The Hymnal 1982, #59

Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

Merton

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Kyrie

The Hymnal 1982, S 91

Lord, have mercy upon us

Healey Willan

The Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; 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.*

The First Lesson

Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Lector

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Canticle

The Song of Zechariah

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The Second Lesson

Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
 People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

Prepare the way, O Zion

The Hymnal 1982, #65
Bereden vag for Herran

The Gospel

Luke 3:1-6

Gospeller

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

Gospeller

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Deborah Phillips

The Nicene Creed

The Book of Common Prayer, page 358

The Prayers of the People

I bid your prayers for the Church during this season of Advent. Pray for the leadership of the Episcopal Church, this Diocese and our parish. May we each prepare our hearts for the coming of our Savior, not as a baby in a manger, but in glorious majesty, to bring in the kingdom of God.

We pray for God's holy, Catholic Church, *that we all may be one.*

I bid your prayers for the good use of our gifts. Pray for the discernment of our passions and ways to offer them to the Glory of God. We give thanks for this grace-filled parish, for its membership and for its witness, and for our Property Committee. May we use our resources for God's work in the world.

Give us grace in all that we undertake,
that our works may find favor in God's sight.

Awaken our hearts to God's presence in all people; in those we love easily and those with whom we struggle. May we be your loving presence to those whom we serve.

Grant that we may truly and humbly serve our God,
that Christ's Name may be glorified by all people.

Because Jesus particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, and those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list, and those whom we name either silently or aloud.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble,
that they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Give to the departed eternal rest, *let light perpetual shine upon them.*

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

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A Visit from St. Nicholas

The Peace

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

Boris Ord

Adam lay ybounden, Bounden in a bond: Four thousand winter Thought he not too long. And all was for an apple, An apple that he took, As clerkès finden Written in their book. Nè had the apple taken been, The apple taken been, Ne had never our lady Abeen heavenè queen. Blessèd be the time That apple taken was, Therefore we moun singen, Deo gracias!

The Hymn at the Presentation

The Hymnal 1982, #66

Come, thou long expected Jesus

Stuttgart

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, page 367

The Sanctus

Swedish Massbok arr. Regina Fryxell

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of power and might;

Heav - en and earth are full of thy glo - ry; Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the Name of the Lord; Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, page 364

The Fraction

O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way the sin of the world,

have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a - way

the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, thou Lamb of God,

that tak - est a - way the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

All present are invited to receive the Holy Sacrament.

Communion Hymn

What is the crying at Jordan?

The Hymnal 1982, #69

St. Mark's Berkeley

Postcommunion Prayer

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Postcommunion Hymn

Hark! The glad sound! The Savior comes

The Hymnal 1982, #72

Richmond

Blessing and Dismissal

Closing Voluntary Magnificat IV toni, Vs 4

Heinrich Scheidemann

Refreshments are offered in the Lobby for all.

Thank you to Caroline Ogab for hosting

The Christmas in Salem House Tour will begin at 11:30 am

— Worship Leaders —

The Reverend Deborah Phillips

Presider and Preacher

Joanne Moar

Verger

Gavin Watson-Betrand

Acolyte

Jim Harrison

Lector

Lisa Duffy

Chalicer

Tom Gaither, Barbara Layne

Ushers

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Our Prayers are offered for

For Nancy and Christine, Reny Sparapani, Gary Young, Amy, Paul, Chuck Brown, Heather and Prescott,, Ariana, Sheridan, Javy, Steve, Faith Aroko and Family, Jesse Hurst and Family, Angela Williams, Neal and Maureen Joyce, Arthur, Jane Thompson, 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 and Family, Steve, Deb Papps, Derek Fuller and Family, the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and their ministries, for Ukraine and Haiti; 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 the tenth anniversary of the Celtic Service, for this season of Advent, for this community of faith, for creation, for the diversity of people, and for all the blessings of this life. If you have prayer requests, please email prayelistlist@gracechurchsalem.org by Tuesday at noon for publication in that week's e-news.

Advent Outreach Project

Dear Grace Folk!

As we contemplate the meaning of this season and begin to slow down, get quiet and still, and prepare our hearts for the most wonderful gift of our Lord, you are invited to offer your own gift to some of our most marginalized people in the city. During Advent, please bring a 'gift' for a Lifebridge Basket which will be at the entrance of the Church.

The most needed, and heartbreakingly simple things needed are: **Gloves, Hats, Socks, Pocket Handwarmers, Toothpaste, Women's Sanitary Products, and Disposable Razors.**

Thank you for whatever you can provide materially, and if that is not possible for you, we thank you for directing your thoughts and prayers to this segment of our community. Look for the Lifebridge Basket as you enter the church.

Upcoming Events

12/8	9:00 am	Young and the Restless
	10:00 am	Visit from St. Nicholas
	11:30 am	Christmas in Salem House Tour
	1:00 pm	Lecture
	2:00 pm	Lecture
	4:00 pm	10th anniversary of Celtic Evensong and Communion!
12/13	7:00 pm	Salem Education Foundation Charlie Brown Jazz Concert in Abbot Hall
12/14	10:00 am	Craft Event with Social Committee
12/15	10:00 am	Gaudete Sunday
	4:00 pm	Gaudete Sunday
12/21	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Christmas Cookie Walk
12/22	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist
	4:00 pm	Blue Christmas/Longest Night Celtic
12/24	4:00 pm	Christmas Pageant
	10:00 pm	Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
12/25	10:00 am	Christmas Day Service
12/29	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist
	4:00 pm	Celtic Christmas

Cookie Walk Returns December 21!!!!

Our sixth annual Cookie Walk is December 21, 2024 from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon, and we are recruiting volunteers. We need many bakers - - the more bakers we have, the greater the variety!! We also need volunteers to help with set up, sales and/or cleanup. And, of course, financial contributions towards costs or to support the event are always appreciated.

Here are some details:

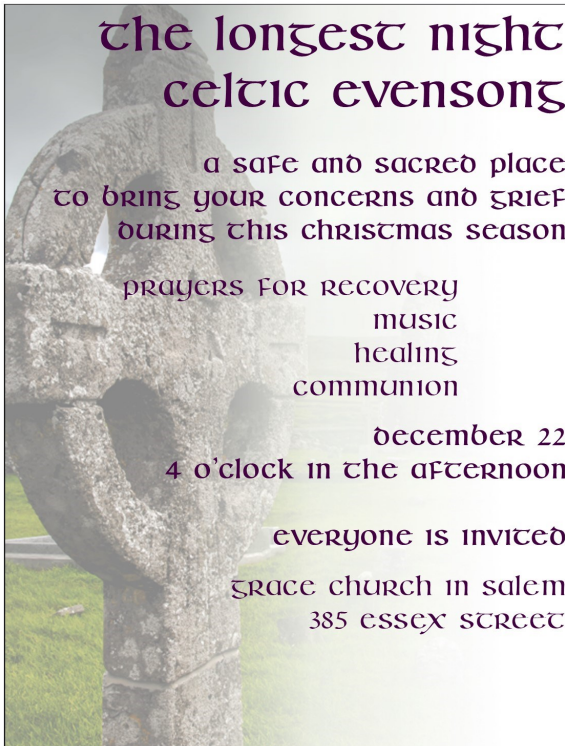
· Cookies. For this event, we only sell homemade baked cookies - - no cakes, pies or other baked goods. Cookies should be dropped off in a sealed container - - e.g., a zip lock freezer bag - - and should include a card

with your name, the kind of cookie, and an ingredient list. The cookies should be loose in the container, i.e., not pre-packaged in baggies. In addition to regular homemade cookies, we also sell gluten-free cookies and dog cookies. So, if the latter are a specialty of yours, you might consider baking them.

- Drop off. Drop off for the cookies at the church is anytime Friday, December 20 before 8:00 PM. There will be a green bin in the cloister area where you can leave the cookies. If this time slot doesn't work, you can email the Fundraising Committee to make special arrangements.

- Other volunteers. We need volunteers for set-up, sales, and clean-up on Saturday, December 21.

Please let the Fundraising Committee know if you can bake or otherwise volunteer in some way. The Fundraising Committee hopes to put together a list of volunteers soon. You can also contact us with any questions. You may email us at fundraising@gracechurchsaalem.org or you may contact Melissa Barnes, Joanne Moar, Peggy Carter, or Kourtnei Patten directly. And, of course, we also hope that you will come and buy cookies on December 21, 2024.



**the longest night
celtic evensong**

a safe and sacred place
to bring your concerns and grief
during this christmas season

prayers for recovery
music
healing
communion

december 22
4 o'clock in the afternoon

everyone is invited

grace church in salem
385 Essex Street

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A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

The Most Reverend Sean Rowe	<i>Presiding Bishop</i>
The Right Reverend Julia Whitworth	<i>Bishop Diocesan</i>
The Right Reverend Carol Gallagher	<i>Assistant Bishop</i>
The Reverend Deborah A. Phillips	<i>Rector</i>
The Reverend E. Clifford Cutler	<i>Assisting Clergy</i>
The Reverend Manny Faria	<i>Assisting Clergy</i>
Mark N. Peterson	<i>Music Director</i>
Tom and Karen Tucker	<i>Property Stewards</i>

— Vestry —

Ryan Patten	<i>Senior Warden</i>
Barbara Layne	<i>Junior Warden</i>
Lisa Duffy	<i>Clerk</i>
Joanne Moar	<i>Treasurer</i>
Melissa Barnes, Marianne Cannon, Joanna Troy	<i>Members of Vestry</i>
Susan Tweed, Matt VanHamersveld, Holly Willis	

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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.