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Sunday Service Connection Grace Episcopal Church

Virtual Worship/
Morning Prayer

Second Sunday after Christmas

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Dr. Bob Lambe, Musical Director
Deb Bordne, Marie Fournier, Deborah Whelan, Barbara Hanson
& Kay Standifer Cantors
Skip & Jackie Almon, Readers
01.03.21



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Opening

Officiant's microphone open, all others muted.

Priest: Blessed be God: Father, Son
and Holy Spirit;

People: and blessed be God's
kingdom, now and forever. Amen.



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The Collect

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



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First Reading – Reader

Reader's microphone open, all others muted

Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

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I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people
All: Thanks be to God



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Psalm 84 Rev. Grant & Reader

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of
springs, *for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

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- 6** They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7** Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8** Behold our defender, O God; *
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9** For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own
room, *and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10** For the Lord God is both sun and shield; *
he will give grace and glory;
- 11** No good thing will the Lord withhold *
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12** O Lord of hosts, *
happy are they who put their trust in you!



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Second Reading – Rev. Grant Barber

*Grant or Reader's
microphone open, all others
muted*

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

Glory to you O Lord

After the wise men had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son."

When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

Praise to you Lord Christ



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The Nicene Creed

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We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen



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Prayers of the People - Form II – Reader

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishops Alan and Gayle; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Dot B., Marilyn W., Kyle M., Jennifer M., Claire M., Muriel C., Daniel, Marjorie S., Tom D., JoAnn B., Vi G., Andrew D., Loren C., Richard T., Pat N., Rebecca T., Stephanie T., David T., George M., Alison S., Diane M., Carolyn D., John V., Norm L., Fredy V., Janet D., Beth W., Ron, Nancy M., Michele T. & Bob B.



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Prayers of the People –

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We give thanks for those serving in the military, especially: Matt C., Baron S., Zachary S., Christopher, Tim, Monique & Joey

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.
Silence - We invite you to name out loud others we pray for...

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.
Silence - We invite you to name out loud others we pray for...

I ask for your prayers of thanksgiving for blessings. Pray in gratitude to God.
Silence - We invite you to name out loud thanksgivings we pray for....

You may also add your prayers in the chat box, including birthday or anniversary remembrances.



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The Lord's Prayer

Mute microphones

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the
power,
and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

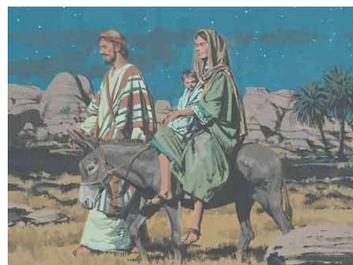


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"He will be called a Nazorean."



Closing

Officiant:

Let us bless the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia

People:

Thanks be to God!

Alleluia, Alleluia



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Announcements



Stewardship

"If you haven't returned your pledge yet, it's not too late. We need them as soon as possible so that the finance committee and Vestry can make and approve our budget for 2021. Thank you!"

Bob and Sandy

If you have made your pledge and want them, the Offering boxes have arrived.

Maureen & Lorenda will be at The Church for pick up on Monday & Tuesday, Jan. 4th & 5th

Drive around back of the Church for pick up. When you arrive, call Maureen's cell: 508-369-2464 and we will bring them out to you.



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