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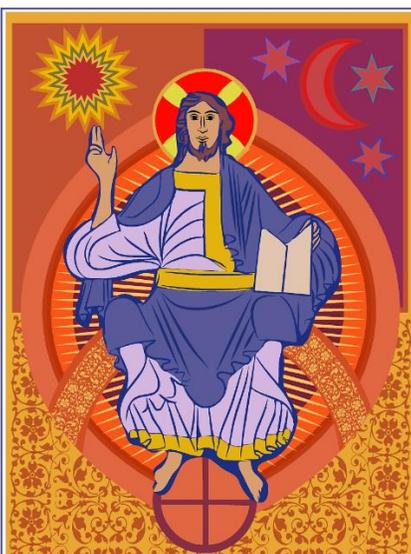
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Grace Episcopal Church

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Virtual & In Person Worship

Reverend Grant Barber

Dr. Bob Lambe, Musical Director

Lyle Pirnie & Nancy Pineo, readers

12.19.21

4th Sunday of our Advent Preparing: Joy

Knowing we prepare by recognizing the truth we live in at the present moment, claiming the promise of God repairing the breach between people, we bring our own joy in response to this season—a quiet joy that foreshadows the full-throated joy of Christmas.

Following the opening hymn:

Celebrant: In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God... Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together. - Isaiah 40:3, 5

From **Micah 5:2-5a**

Reader: You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,

*All: from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.*

Reader: Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has brought forth;

All: then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.

Reader: And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.

*All: And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.*

Lighting the Candle

The first 3 candles are lit.

Reader: Light of the world, in grace and beauty, mirror of God's eternal face, transparent
flame of love's free duty,

All: You bring salvation to our human race.

Reader: Sacred Mystery, we light the fourth candle of Advent for peace and promise.

The fourth candle is lit.

Reader 2: We kindle it with peace. We hear the joy in Mary's song and witness her faith, which proclaims your kingdom come. All: Sacred Mystery, you are the prime mover in our lives. We ask that, in these days of preparation, you inspire us to proclaim, by word and example, the dream of your beloved community. Amen.

Song of Praise Kyrie S91

The Collect

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said,

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,
but a body you have prepared for me;

in burnt offerings and sin offerings
you have taken no pleasure.

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God'
(in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

All: Thanks be to God

Canticle 80

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; *
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

Refrain

Psalm 80

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Re - store us, O God of

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hosts: show us the light of your coun - te - nance, and

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we shall be saved.

2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, *
stir up your strength and come to help us.

Refrain

3 Restore us, O God of hosts; *
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Refrain

4 O LORD God of hosts, *
how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?

Refrain

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears; *
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

Refrain

6 You have made us the derision of our neighbors, *
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Refrain

Gospel Luke 1:39-55

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you Lord Christ

HOMILY Rev. Grant Barber

The Nicene Creed

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

Prayers of the People – Reader

Please enter prayers and petitions into the chat if attending virtually.

Leader: We are invited to prepare, to discern what gives us true life.

People: Gracious God, in the midst of busy lives may we hear the invitation to reflection, quiet, and to know the true joy which satisfies our hopes and desires.

Leader: The cold arrives in this season. As we warm our homes, may our hearts be kindled with love for the dignity and well-being of all: peace in our homes, our streets, our towns, between friends, family members, for our parish and in the hearts of all who seek you.

People: Lord God, may our thoughts, and actions testify to the love we find in you.

Leader: During a holiday season life can be hard for the lonely, those who are sick, those who grieve. We pray now especially for those in any need, and especially those on our prayer list:

Ron, Ginny, Marilyn W., Carole HP., Muriel C., Richard T., David T. Sunrise T., Laura K., Art G., and Natalie W.

Dear Lord, we continue to lift up to you in prayer all those parishioners, family members, and friends who have been a part of our Prayers of the People. Their needs are many, and they remain in our hearts and minds. Lord, we pray that you will continue to heal them and nurture them. Amen.

Please let the office know (1) if you have any person in urgent need of prayer to be added to these prayers and (2) those with longer term, chronic needs, will be added to the Prayer Chain for long term prayer care.

Leader: We pray for those serving in the military, especially: Baron S., Zachary S., Christopher, & Joey

Leader: We give thanks for those whom we love but see no longer and those we now name silently or out loud. They stand before you and pray for us, as we now pray for them.

People: May light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: Are there other intercessions or thanksgivings others wish to name?

*All are invited to speak out loud or enter in the chat and offer further prayer needs, including birthday or anniversary remembrances. **Leader or other person reads petitions entered into Zoom Chat.***

Celebrant: asks if there are any birthdays or anniversaries to be celebrated in the coming week, then prays for those named; if none come forward with birthdays or anniversaries, the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession and Absolution

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Priest, stands and says

12/14/2021

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*



The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

Anthem

Eucharistic Prayer B

Contained in the other document.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Sanctus

Creation Mass - Sanctus

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16 pow - er, God of might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your

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28 Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; Ho -

34 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the

high est!

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Fraction Anthem

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

To receive communion please come up the center aisle and return to your pew by turning to your left and going down that side aisle.



Communion Hymn O come, O come, Emmanuel H56

Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. *Celebrant and People*

Almighty and ever-loving God, we know we are the body of Christ in this world and commissioned to do your work.

With your guidance, help us to grow Grace Church in ways we cannot now imagine.

In your compassion, Lord, help us to be open to all possibilities,

In your love, Lord, help us to accept those things that we need to change, and not limit ourselves in moving forward.

In your wisdom, Lord, please show us the way to go as we become your hands, your heart, and your voice in the world.

This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen

Blessing

Closing Hymn The angel Gabriel from heaven came H265

Postlude Unto God Be the Glory, Martin

Announcements

ASAP Christmas flowers due

Today Vestry meeting following the service."

12/24 Christmas Eve- Friday 4:30

12/26 9:30 Service of Lessons and Carols.



Choir Practice

each Sunday following the service. Join if interested.



Grief Support group next meeting to be announced.



It's NOT too late to order.....Christmas Flowers

To purchase please **contact Maureen** **Cost is \$15.**

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God/Aleluia, alleluia!

