

Prelude Coventry Carol, Innes

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Virtual & In Person Worship

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Opening Carol O come, all ye faithful Hymnal 83

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song of Praise

St. James Mass - Gloria

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Glo - ry be to God on high,
Je - sus Christ, we now de - clare
Prai - ses to the Ho - ly One,

5
To all Peo - ple, peace on earth, An - gels, shep - herds draw - ing nigh,
Lamb of God and Lord of Love. Grant us mer - cy, hear our prayer,
9
Prai - ses sing in high - est heav'n; To the Fath - er and the Son

Join to ce - le - brate His birth. Glo -
Give us grace from heav'n a - bove.
and the Ho - ly Spi - rit giv'n.

13
1. ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

17
2. in ex - cel - sis De - o!

The Collect

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Be seated

12/14/2021

First reading Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the LORD to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the LORD has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The LORD has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Carol God rest ye merry gentlemen Hymnal 105, Verses 1, 2

Second Reading Hebrews 1:1-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

For to which of the angels did God ever say,
"You are my Son;
today I have begotten you"?

Or again,
"I will be his Father,
and he will be my Son"?

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says,

"Let all God's angels worship him."

Of the angels he says,

"He makes his angels winds,
and his servants flames of fire."

But of the Son he says,

"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever,
and the righteous scepter is the scepter of your kingdom.

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness;

therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness beyond your companions."

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Carol Of the Father's love begotten Hymnal 82, Verses 1, 2

Gospel [Luke 2:1-14](#)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

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

Prayers of People According to Form III

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Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We pray for all in need, especially those on our parish prayer list, and those we now name silently or out loud

(during the quiet please offer out loud those for whom you seek prayers)

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We pray for those who have died, especially Ron, Stevie and those we now name silently or out loud. *(during the quiet, please name out loud or silently to yourself and God those who have died)*

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We give thanks for our many blessings.

(in the quiet which follows please name silently or out loud your thanksgivings)

Silence

Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.



The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

Anthem Calypso Lullaby

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

St. James Mass - Sanctus

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10 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of
16 pow'r and _____ might, _____ heav'n and earth are full of your
22 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high _____ - est. Blessed is
28 he, is he who comes in the name of the Lord. _____
33 _____ Ho _____ - 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.

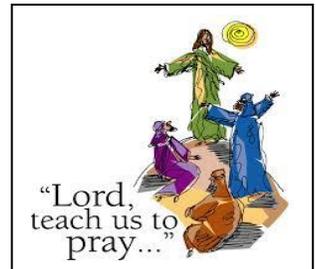
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

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 Carol It came upon a midnight clear Hymnal 89

In the bleak mid winter Hymnal 112

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

Carol Joy to the World Hymnal 100

Postlude O Come All Ye Faithful, Innes

Announcements

Prayer Circle

We have tried an evening Prayer Circle and we did not have any new members, so we are going to go back to the first Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM. We will continue to do it through the Grace Church zoom. Please join us on **January 8, 2022 at 9:00 AM** (the first Saturday is New Year's Day).

The other dates are:

Feb. 5, 2022

Mar. 5, 2022

Apr. 2, 2022

May 7, 2022

Jun. 4, 2022



Grief Support group next meeting to be announced.

Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God: Alleluia, alleluia!

