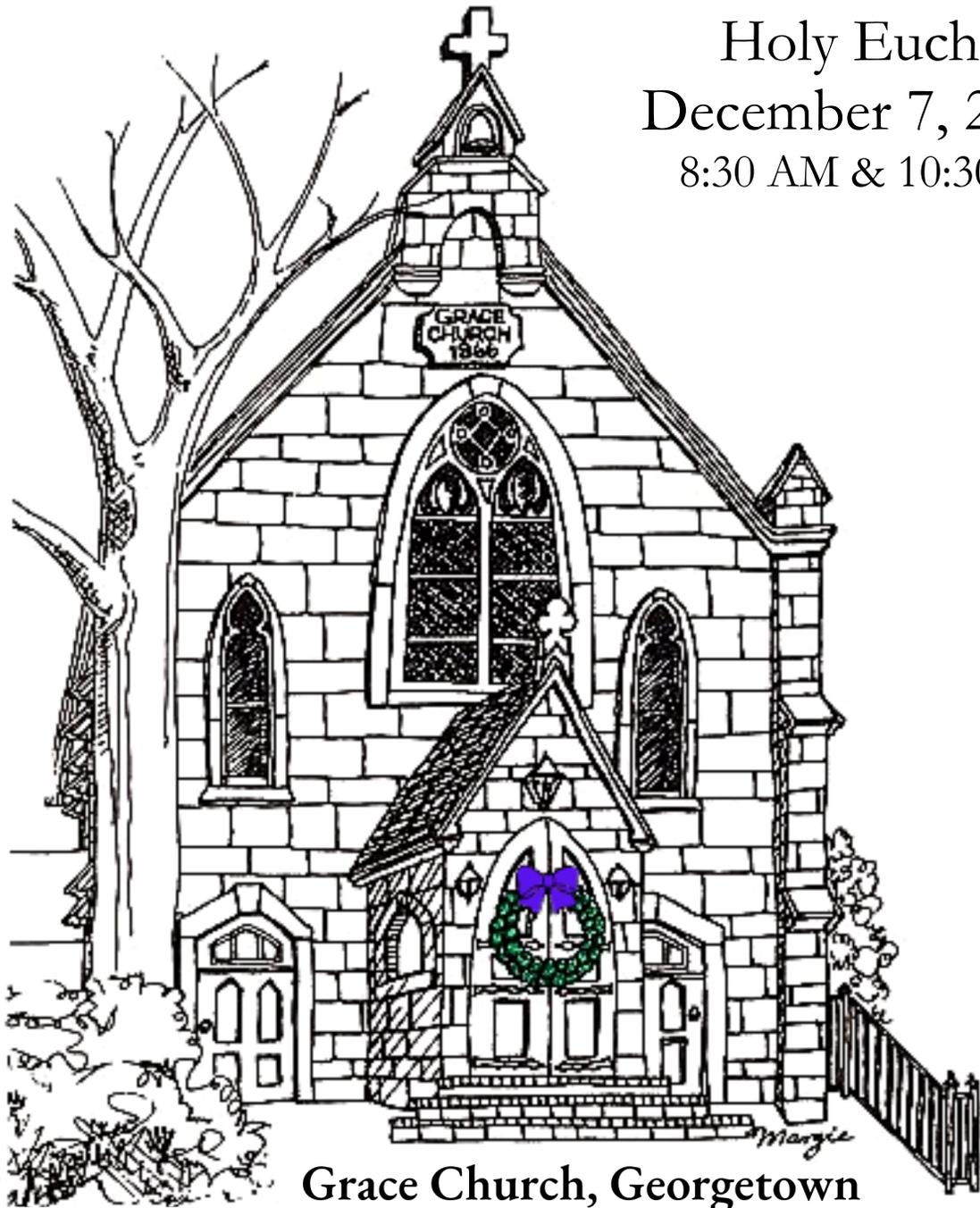


The Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Eucharist
December 7, 2025
8:30 AM & 10:30 AM



Grace Church, Georgetown

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Welcome to Grace Church

We are so glad that you are worshipping with us this morning! If you are visiting or want to know more about Grace, please visit our website for more information: gracedc.org.

Let this bulletin be your guide for the service; it includes everything you need.

Volunteers

Advent Candle Lighting Reader:

Marian Wentworth

First Lesson: Beth Lee**Psalm:** To Come**Second Lesson:** Lucy Alexander**Prayers of the People:** To Come**Communion Minister:** Helen Buhr**Greeter:** Lucy Alexander**Coffee Hour Host:** Lucy Alexander**Broadcast Technician:** To Come**Vestry Member in Charge:**

Lee Tyner (8:30) &
David Bujard (10:30)

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We are delighted that you are here to worship God with us this morning!

This worship bulletin contains the full text of the liturgy, including hymns, prayers, scripture readings, and some explanations and instructions at key points in our service. You are also welcome to use the Book of Common Prayer and Hymnals found at your seat if you prefer.

The Episcopal Church is part of the liturgical tradition, which has ancient roots in Jewish and early Christian worship. If this tradition is unfamiliar to you, please follow along as best as you are able and do not hesitate to ask someone nearby for assistance. For those who are familiar with our liturgy and how we navigate it, please keep an eye out for anyone among us who might need guidance and be prepared to offer them assistance and assurance. The God whom we come together to worship today is less interested in us ‘getting everything just right’ than in the attitude and inclination of our hearts. We believe that you are here because God has led you here today. Our intention is to welcome you as a beloved child of the living God, and make space for you to experience that love.

Our mission is simple and straightforward:

Grace Church manifests God’s love by offering a sacred space in Georgetown where diverse communities weave together their gifts and blessings.

We welcome each person as a beloved neighbor.

Welcome Home to Grace.

As we prepare for worship, we are invited to rest in God’s presence, stilling our hearts and quieting our minds

Liturgical Note:

- **Opening Dialogue** (“The Lord be with you...”),
 - **Sanctus** (“Holy, holy, holy Lord...”),
 - **Epiclesis**, the prayer asking the Holy Spirit to bless and sanctify the gifts,
 - **Words of Institution**, recounting Jesus’ words at the Last Supper,
 - **Anamnesis**, our remembrance of Christ’s death, resurrection, and coming again,
 - **Memorial Acclamation** (“We remember his death...”), and then flows directly into the **Lord’s Prayer**.
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PRELUDE

O God, Look Down from Heaven
Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

The Word of God

OPENING HYMN H67

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

10:30 a.m. service only – All stand as they are able.



1 Com - fort, com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus
2 Hark, the voice of one that cri - eth in the des - ert
3 Make ye straight what long was crook - ed, make the rough - er
saith our God; com - fort those who sit in dark - ness
far and near, call - ing us to new re - pent - ance
pla - ces plain; let your hearts be true and hum - ble,
mourn - ing 'neath their sor - rows' load. Speak ye to Je -
since the king - dom now is here. Oh, that warn - ing
as be - fits his ho - ly reign. For the glo - ry
ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them;
cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way;
of the Lord now o'er earth is shed a - broad;
tell her that her sins I cov - er,
let the val - leys rise to meet him
and the all flesh shall see the to - ken
and her war - fare now is o - ver.
and the hills bow down to greet him.
that the word is nev - er bro - ken.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

The People stand as they are able.

Celebrant: O holy Light, you light the way for all of us. We light this candle to prepare for the coming of Jesus to our world. Fill our hearts with your love, so that we may receive your Son with joy and hold him fast in our hearts with a firm faith.

All: **Amen.**

Two purple candles are lit.

Celebrant: Today we light two candles; the first we call Hope, and the second, we call Peace. We believe in Jesus and look forward to his coming at Christmas. We pray that our world may be a better place because we remember the birthday of Jesus.

Reader: A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Like a branch that sprouts from a stump,
someone from David's family will someday be king.
The Spirit of the Lord will be with him
to give him understanding, wisdom, and insight.
He will be powerful, and he will know and honor the Lord.
His greatest joy will be to obey the Lord

Deacon: O loving God, as we enter the Advent Season, show us how we may prepare ourselves for the coming of Christmas. Open our minds and hearts to receive the loving spirit of Jesus. We thank you for the gift of your only Son, who is our friend and our guide.

All: **Amen.**

All remain standing as they are able.

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

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

All: **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.**

TRISAGION S. 102

Alexander Archangelsky (1846-1924)

Spoken at 8:30 a.m. service. Sung at 10:30 a.m. service.

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,

Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.

People: **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-10

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw
like the
ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the
nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

Reader: Let us recite the Psalm responsively by half verse.

The people read the words in bold.

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *

he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.

5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.

6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.

7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

18 Blessed be the Lord GOD, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!

19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 15:4-13

Reader: A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;
in him the Gentiles shall hope."

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that
you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN H723 in WL&P

Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old

10:30 a.m. service only – All stand as they are able.

1. I - sa - iah the proph - et has writ - ten of old how
2. Yet na - tions still prey on the meek of the world. And

God's earth - ly king - dom shall come. In - stead of the thorn tree the
con - flict turns par - ent from child. Your peo - ple de - spoil all the

fir tree shall grow; the wolf shall lie down with the lamb. The
sweet - ness of earth; the brier and the thorn grow wild. Lord,

moun - tains and hills shall break forth in - to song, The
has - ten to bring in your king - dom on earth, when

The musical score consists of two systems of vocal parts (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic and rhythmic foundation for the vocal parts.

peo - ples be led forth in peace. For the earth shall be filled with the
 no one shall hurt or de - stroy. When wis - dom and jus - tice shall
 knowl - edge of God as the wa - ters cov - er the seas.
 reign in the land and your peo - ple shall go forth in joy.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 3:1-12

All stand as they are able.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
 ‘Prepare the way of the Lord,
 make his paths straight.’”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend Diana Edwards

Following the sermon we keep a period of silence for individual reflection

THE NICENE CREED

All stand as they are able.

**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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: God of the watching, God of the waiting: Be present with us.

Leader: God of the watching, thank you for the symbol of the Advent wreath, whose circle reminds us that your mercy is endless, with no beginning or end. Help us to set our minds on things eternal.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of the waiting, we pray for all in authority. We look forward to the day when the nations of the world walk in the light and your peace is experienced by all.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of the watching, we pray for this city that we may be a community of hope and light in this world.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of the waiting, we pray for all the people of your church that you may strengthen them for the ministry that you have set before them.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of the watching, we pray for the sick, the friendless, and the needy, that they may experience your healing presence.

(Please add your intercessions and petitions)

Leader: God of the watching, God of the waiting.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of the watching, we pray for all who have died, especially those we name before you now:

(Please add your own prayers for those who have died)

Leader: God of the watching, God of the waiting.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of the waiting, we are challenged in our worship to set our hearts and minds on the here and now, and to remember and be thankful for all that matters.

(Please add your blessings and thanksgivings)

Leader: God of the watching, God of the waiting.

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Hasten, O God, the coming of your kingdom, and grant that we, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his advent in glorious majesty.

All: **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

All remain standing as they are able.

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **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.**

Celebrant: 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

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord. After which, the people sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For a full listing of announcements and volunteer opportunities, please turn to pages 27-31.

THE OFFERTORY & PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY

Sung by the choir

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.



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Your offering gifts may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed around. All are also invited to support Grace Church's ministry of sharing God's love with the world by scanning this QR code: it takes you right to the Grace Church PayPal donation page. You may also contribute through our website at gracedc.org/give-to-grace, and through your regular contributions in-person or by mail.

Communion @ Grace

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. Communion will be distributed by the priest and communion minister standing below the altar steps, center aisle. Please approach the priest by the center aisle. The priest will place the bread in your hand. Gluten free wafers are available by request. If you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms over your torso for the priest to bless you. Please return to your seat by the side aisle.

Please stand as the peoples' offerings are carried forward

The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer C

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues...

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS S 129

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Spoken at 8:30 a.m. service. Sung at 10:30 a.m. – Celebrant and People:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues...

And so, Most Gracious God, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; Lord God of our Mothers: God of Hagar, Deborah, and Ruth; God and Parent of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Most Merciful God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

AMEN.

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

**All: 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

FRACTION HYMN H336

Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus

1 Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er -
 *2 Come with us, O might - y Sa - vior, God from God, and
 *3 Come with us, O King of glo - ry, by an - gel - ic

more to be; and though leav - ing now thine
 Light from Light; thou art God, thy glo - ry
 voic - es praised; in our hearts as in thy

al - tar, let us nev - er - more leave thee,
 veil - ing, so that we may bear the sight.
 hea - ven, be en - rap - tured an - them raised.

Be thou one with us for ev - er, in our life thy
 Now we go to seek and serve thee, through our work as
 Let the might - y cho - rus ev - er sing its glad ex -

love di - vine our own flesh and blood has
 through our prayer; grant us light to see and
 ul - tant songs; let its hymn be heard for

tak - en, and to us thou giv - est thine.
 know thee, in thy peo - ple ev - ery - where.
 ev - er— peace for which cre - a - tion longs.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people may be seated. The ministers deliver the Sacrament to the people.

The following music is played during Communion.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Pastorale

Flor Peeters (1903-1986)

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Most loving God, creator and redeemer,
we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory.
Through Christ, and with all your saints,
we offer ourselves and our lives to your service.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit,
to stand with you in your world.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: May he whose second Coming in power and great glory we await, make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and constant in love.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: And may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you this day and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION HYMN H76

On Jordan's Bank

10:30 a.m. service only – All stand as they are able.

1 On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry an -
2 Then cleansed be ev - ery breast from sin; make
3 For thou art our sal - va - tion, Lord, our
4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand, and
5 All praise, e - ter - nal Son, to thee, whose

1 noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; a - wake and heark - en,
2 straight the way for God with - in, and let each heart pre -
3 re - fuge, and our great re - ward; with - out thy grace we
4 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; shine forth, and let thy
5 ad - vent doth thy peo - ple free; whom with the Fa - ther

1 for he brings glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
2 pare a home where such a might - y guest may come,
3 waste a - way like flowers that with - er and de - cay.
4 light re - store earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
5 we a - dore and Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more.

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Oh Thou, of God the Father
Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

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Updates from Grace

2026 Stewardship Campaign Continues!

Dear Friends and Family of Grace Episcopal Church,

Our Stewardship Campaign is underway! Please consider joining us in our Stewardship Campaign by making a pledge so that we may continue to serve all of you and our Georgetown community. The budget will be drafted during December, and the pledges that we have received by that time will provide the basis for formulating the budget. We are grateful to everyone listed here who has made a pledge to Grace for 2026. Your support to continue the mission and ministry of Grace Church is vital. *Thank you.*

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Marian Wentworth

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Reginald & Doreen Burner
The Carter Family
David Crawford
Diana Edwards
James Hamilton
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Margaret Lenzner
Francine Mate

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Daniela del Rosal

Jim & Janet Sale
Sally Stanfield

Cynthia Vance



Mary Daly
Rick Elgendy
Tracey Johnstone
Elizabeth Lee
Rachel & Larry Luu
Larry Molinaro & Whitney
Redding
Terry & Patricia Murphy
Mystelle Ruble

John & Nancy Seferian
Alecia Torres & Walker
Valdez
The Rev. David C. Wacaster

New Vestry Members Elected at the Annual Meeting

We are pleased to announce the election by acclamation of the following:

Billy Carter - Junior Warden for a 2 year term
David Bujard - Vestry Member for a 3 year term
Dani del Rosal - Vestry Member for a 3 year term
Gillian Morton - Vestry Member for a 3 year term
Doug Neumann - Vestry Member for a 2 year term

Others continuing to serve on the Vestry include Senior Warden Mary Ann Ruehling, Treasurer Braden Murphy, Secretary Lee Tyner, and Vestry members Mary Daly, James Hamilton, Mystelle Ruble, and Wally Valdez.

Open Mic Nights @ Grace Church | December 29 @ 7 PM

We are having monthly Open Mic nights in the Sanctuary. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and share! Poetry, music, and original works encouraged; all are welcome to join!

Journey with Me through Christmas: An Advent Devotional by Catherine Campbell

We invite you to join us as we embark on a meaningful journey throughout the season of Advent. This period offers a special opportunity for reflection, anticipation, and preparation. By participating, you will be part of a shared experience, embracing the spirit and purpose of Advent together. This devotional can be purchased via Amazon and other online retailers.

Office Hours

Our office will be closed from Christmas Day to January 2nd in observance of Christmas and New Years. We will resume normal operations on Monday, January 5th.

The normal office hours are Monday - Friday, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

The office can be reached by email at office@gracedc.org, and by phone at 202-333-7100.

Koinonia Groups

The Koinonia fellowship groups consist of small groups of people who meet periodically, either in members' homes or in another location of their choice, for food, conversation, and fun. For additional information contact Alecia Torres Valdez at aleciatorresv@gmail.com.

Virtual Gatherings Calendar

Sundays - Christian Education: Sunday Cool for children and youth 9:30 a.m.

Tuesdays - Centering Prayer 12:15 p.m. (Questions? Email helen.buhr@gracedc.org)

(NOTE: Email office@gracedc.org to receive zoom links. All Sunday services will be in person. The 10:30 am service will also be live streamed when trained technical personnel are available. The service can be viewed on Grace's YouTube channel. Search for Grace Episcopal Church, Georgetown Washington, DC and subscribe to our channel.)

Pastoral Care and Pastoral Care Committee

The Pastoral Care Committee prays for members and friends, especially those feeling alone, even bereft. Email office@gracedc.org to let the committee know if someone needs a check-in, a listening ear, or special prayers. The committee also enjoys their continuing ministry of delivering meals to families with newborns!

Note on Communications from the Rector

The Rector will never solicit financial gifts or gift cards via text message or email. If you receive such a communication please report it to your internet or cell service provider and delete the message. If you receive any other unusual communication purporting to be from our clergy or the church, please first verify that it was sent from the clergy's cell phone number or their official @gracedc.org email addresses. If you are still uncertain of the origins of the communication, please contact the church office directly! Thank you.

Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in Volunteering at Grace Church?

We need Readers – Eucharistic Ministers – Coffee Hour Hosts – and especially Broadcast Technicians! Contact Helen Buhr, at helen.buhr@gracedc.org, to get involved!

Georgetown Ministry Center:

Want to help volunteer with GMC or want to donate items? Contact info@gmcgt.org or (202) 338-830.

Grace's Table / Saturdays 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Grace's Table is a Saturday morning feeding ministry for the unhoused and those living on the margins. We are so grateful for our wonderful volunteers and are hoping to expand our team, which would allow us to share the responsibilities more broadly. Please consider providing some portion of the meal or helping serve and assist with set up & clean up. Come join us! Please contact Beth Lee at gracetable@gracedc.org for more info or to volunteer.

Georgetown Village

Georgetown Village Square, 1801 34th St. NW

Are you looking to help others in our local community? Georgetown Village, a nonprofit organization committed to helping older adults thrive while aging in place, is in need of volunteers to meet a number of important needs, such as driving older adults to medical appointments, making friendly visits, providing tech support, and more. This is a great opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of your neighbors! Reach out to info@georgetown-village.org for more information.

Beyond the Gates of Grace

Voices from the Holy Land Online Film Salon | December 14 @ 3 PM

On Sunday December 14, join the online salon, “A Deafening Silence? U.S. Church Leadership in the Face of Occupation Genocide” at 3:00 pm ET. Register at [Tinyurl.com/VFHL-December2025](https://tinyurl.com/VFHL-December2025)

Episcopal Relief & Development is Supporting Partners in the Caribbean in Response to Hurricane Melissa

Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with partners to support people affected by Hurricane Melissa. To donate, visit https://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief/?ID=WS25-DRR_251029DWAMH0200&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=fy25hurricanemelissa&utm_source=WS25-DRR_251029DWAMH0200

Grace's Mission Statement

Grace Church manifests God's love by offering a sacred space
in Georgetown where diverse communities weave together their gifts and blessings.
We welcome each person as a beloved neighbor.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Dec. 7th
The Second Sunday of
Advent

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist, *Contemplative Service*
9:30 AM Sunday Cool, on Zoom
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist with music & live-streamed
Coffee Hour after 10:30 service

Sunday, Dec. 14th
The Third Sunday of
Advent
Lessons & Carols

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist, *Contemplative Service*
9:30 AM Sunday Cool, on Zoom
10:30 AM Lessons & Carols & live-streamed
Coffee Hour after 10:30 service

Sunday, Dec. 21st
The Fourth Sunday of
Advent

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist, *Contemplative Service*
9:30 AM Sunday Cool, on Zoom
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist with music & live-streamed
Coffee Hour after 10:30 service

Wednesday, Dec. 24th
Christmas Eve

5 PM Christmas Carol Sing
5:30 PM Festive Eucharist with music

Thursday, Dec. 25th
Christmas Day

10:30 AM Holy Eucharist *Contemplative Service*
The Feast of the Nativity

Monday, Dec. 29th

7:00 PM Open Mic Night, in the Sanctuary

Recurring Events

Last **Monday**
of each Month

7 PM Open Mic Night, in the Sanctuary

Tuesdays

12:15 PM Virtual Centering Prayer

Saturdays

11 AM - 12:15 PM Grace's Table Feeding Ministry
Contact Beth Lee at gracetable@gracedc.org for more info.

Office Hours

9 AM - 2 PM Monday - Friday
(The Rector's regular day off is Friday)



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