



# Grace Episcopal Church Galena, Illinois

## First Sunday in Advent

November 29, 2020

### Welcome to Grace Church!

It is, as always, a pleasure and privilege to worship together today. Please know that your presence is valued whether this is your first time at Grace or whether you are a regular, whether we are together in person or online on Zoom.

*As we prepare ourselves for worship,  
please sit or kneel in quietness  
as the prelude is offered.*

### MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

* Members and Guests, <i>Celebrants</i>	* Robin French, <i>Music Director</i>
* Rev. Dr. Gloria Hopewell, <i>Presider</i>	* Nancy Cook, <i>Erben Organ</i>
* Rev. Diane Luther, <i>Deacon</i>	* Tony Packard, <i>Vestry Coordinator</i>
* Lynn Giles, <i>Lector</i>	* , <i>Altar Guild</i>
* Donna Davis, <i>Intercessor</i>	* Maren Coates, <i>Greeter</i>

### We gather to worship

#### PRELUDE

*In Remembrance of Him*

*P. Taylor*

*Please stand as able as the church bells ring.*

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Blessed are you, holy and living One.

People: **You come to your people and set them free.**

## PRAYER 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.**

## THE COLLECT

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

People: **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

## THE LESSON

Lector: A reading from **Isaiah 64:1-9**

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence--

as when fire kindles brushwood  
and the fire causes water to boil--

to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard,  
no ear has perceived,

no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.

We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;

for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,  
and do not remember iniquity forever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.

**Lector:**      Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People:**      **Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSE

**PSALM 80:1-7, 16-18**      (*alternately by verse as directed by the lector*)

*Qui regis Israel*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \***  
**the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**

And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

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

## THE EPISTLE

Lector: A Reading from **1 Corinthians**.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to **Mark**

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

Jesus said, "In those days, after that suffering,

the sun will be darkened,  
and the moon will not give its light,  
and the stars will be falling from heaven,  
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Gloria Hopewell

### We affirm our faith

#### THE CREED

*(Please stand as able.)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and 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], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.*

## We offer prayers

Deacon: Faithful God, stir up your strength and come to help us as we look for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ; hear our prayers and strengthen us to the end as we pray: Restore us, O God of hosts; show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Intercessor: We give thanks to you, our Loving God, for the grace you have given to us in Christ Jesus: Enrich your Church in speech and knowledge of every kind that she may not be lacking in any spiritual gift and may be awake, alert and blameless. Restore us, O God of hosts;

**People:** **show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Lector: Make your name known, Almighty One, so that the nations might tremble at your presence: Gather the elect from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven, that all humanity may know that we are the work of your hand and the sheep of your flock.  
Restore us, O God of hosts;

**People:** **show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Intercessor: Come among us with great power and glory, O Shepherd of your people, shine forth and give to all the earth the light of your presence. Restore us, O God of hosts;

**People:** **show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Lector: Be near to this community, at our very gates and within our hearts, and do not hide your face from us, that we may know your glory in the evening and at midnight and at cockcrow and at dawn, and not be found asleep at the day of your coming.  
Restore us, O God of hosts;

**People:** **show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Intercessor: Compassionate One, open the heavens and come down with your healing grace for those whom we pray, and all those on our Prayer List. Others? \_\_\_\_\_  
Restore us, O God of hosts;

**People:** **show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Lector: We give thanks for the grace and peace that come from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, offering our special gratitude especially for Matthew (Morel) and Max (Vollkommer) serving in the military; our Outreach partners Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk and La Santa Cruz parish in the Diocese of SE Mexico; the United Thank Offering, the Galena ARC, the United Churches Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, Shelter Care Ministries, Dubuque Rescue Mission; all who worship in this place and those who have not yet walked through these doors. Others? \_\_\_\_\_.

May your angels gather your beloved into the day of your triumph as we remember those who have died, especially Vincent (Bucci); and those who mourn, and those whose anniversaries of death we observe this week: Theresa (Girdon), Donald (Molitor), Dr. Edward (Bench), Wendell (Phillips), Rollin (Schur) and Dorothy (Grenier). Others? \_\_\_\_\_.  
Restore us, O God of hosts;

**People:** **show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Deacon: No one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, O Holy One; you are the potter and we are the clay, the work of your hand: Shine forth upon your creation, stir up your strength, and come to help us, as we put our trust in you, O Father, through our Savior Jesus Christ in the power of your Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

## CONFESSON OF SIN

*(Stand or kneel as able)*

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

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.**

Presider: 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.

People: **Amen.**

*(Stand as able.)*

## We share the Peace of Christ

Presider: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## We share the ministries of the Church

### ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

#### ANNIVERSARY/BIRTHDAY BLESSING

**Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# The Holy Communion

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*For those who have received the consecrated wafers and communion items, you may prepare your worship area as the priest prepares the table.*

## PRESENTATION HYMN

*Sleepers, Wake!*

*Nicolai/Sachs*

*As the hymn is played, and the altar is prepared for Communion, you may reflect on these words:*

“Sleepers, wake!” A voice astounds us, the shout of rampart –guards surrounds us:

“Awake, Jerusalem, arise!”

Midnight’s peace their cry has broken, their urgent summons clearly spoken:

“The time has come, O maidens wise! Rise up, and give us light; the Bridegroom is in sight.

Alleluia! Your lamps prepare and hasten there, that you the wedding feast may share.”

Zion hears the watchman singing; her heart with joyful hope is springing,  
She wakes and hurries through the night.

Forth he comes, her Bridegroom glorious in strength of grace, in truth victorious:

Her star is risen, her light grows bright. Now come, most worthy Lord, God’s Son, Incarnate Word,  
Alleluia! We follow all and heed your call to come in to the banquet hall.

Lamb of God, the heavens adore you; let saints and angels sing before you,  
As harps and cymbals swell the sound.

Twelve great pearls, the city’s portals: through them we stream to join the immortals  
As we with Joy your throne surround. No eye has known the sight, no ear heard such delight:  
Alleluia! Therefore we sing to greet our King; for ever let our praises ring.

*This German hymn in the Lutheran tradition seems to have been written in 1597 at Unna, in Westphalia, where Nicolai was then pastor; and during the terrible pestilence which raged there in 1597 and 1598, to which over 1300 fell victims. Nicolai's parsonage overlooked the churchyard, and there daily interments took place, often to the number of thirty. In these days of distress, when every household was in mourning, Nicolai's thoughts turned to Death, and thence to God in Heaven, and to the Eternal Fatherland. In the preface of his published meditations he says: "There seemed to me nothing more sweet, delightful and agreeable, than the contemplation of the noble, sublime doctrine of Eternal Life obtained through the Blood of Christ. This I allowed to dwell in my heart day and night, and searched the Scriptures as to what they revealed on this matter, read also the sweet treatise of the ancient doctor Saint Augustine [The City of God].*

*..... Then day by day I wrote out my meditations, found myself, thank God! wonderfully well, comforted in heart, joyful in spirit, and truly content...*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP Eucharistic Prayer D

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Presider: It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

*(Stand or kneel as able.)*

Presider and **People:** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest.

Presider: We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all. When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you. **Amen.**

**Presider and People:** **We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

Presider: Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and forever. **Amen**

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

**People:** **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.**

Presider: The living bread is broken for the life of the world.

**People:** **Lord, unite us in this sign.**

## FRACTION

Presider: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**People:** **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*For those who do not have the consecrated wafers, you may say this prayer as others receive.*

### **PRAYER FOR WHEN WE ARE UNABLE TO SHARE COMMUNION**

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. ***Amen.***

-- The Prayer Book for the Armed Services

### **THE BLESSING**

Presider: 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.***

Presider: 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.***

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

**People:** ***Amen.***

Presider: And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

**People:** ***Amen.***

Deacon: Go forth to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

*Courante*

*J.B. Lully*

***The flowers today are given by the Altar Guild.***

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Prayers are Requested:** *Please include the following concerns during worship today and throughout the week:*

### **Cycle of Prayer:**

The Most Rev. Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury and for our companion Parishes: Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk and La Santa Cruz parish in the Diocese of SE Mexico.

### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Jeffrey, our Bishop and all members of Grace Church.

### **We pray for those who are sick or in need:**

Havyk (Beauchamp), \*Ruth (Beegle), Barb (Bolsen), \*Bob (Burton), \*Bill (Calvert), \*Kathy (Doig), Matthew (Dowe), \*Renee (Dowe), \*Al (Elsbree), Mary (English), Keith (Ferguson), Daney (Fitzpatrick), \*Jennie (Fjelde), Martha (Furst), Bev (Getz), Susan (Haerle), \*Barb (Hooper), Howell Family, Ginger (Komiskey), Alden (Kuntz), Verity (Liljedahl), \*Alice Maffit, \*Diann & \*Robert (Marsh), \*Mary (Nelson), Sarah (Newton), \*Bill (Norton), Maureen (O'Dea), Lisa (Prindle), Steve (Raiman), David (Schaller), Jason (Schaller), Gabriel (Serrano), Melody (Serwich), Stacia (Stroud), \*Pat (Terry), \*Tom (V.), Mina, Stanley, Don, Heather (H.), David (J.), Kathie (O.) and Bruce (W.)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS for November 29, 2020

### **Zoom Poetry Meeting**

A Zoom Poetry group is meeting at Grace Church on Mondays at 2:00pm. If you are interested, write Carol Poston at [poston@sxu.edu](mailto:poston@sxu.edu) or call her at 815-777-0220 to receive the link to the meeting.

**Mid-Week Eucharist** is this Wednesday, December 2nd, at 7:30am in the church and online.

**Wednesday Morning Study Group** is Wednesday, December 2nd, at 10:30am online.

**Meditative Prayer** meets Friday, December 4th, at 9:00am online. You are welcome to join, and gentle guidance will be provided for those unfamiliar with this practice.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**  
*for Sunday, December 6th, 2020*  
**Second Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 40:1-11  
2 Peter 3:8-15a

Mark 1:1-8  
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2020 CALENDAR**

December 6th, 13th & 20th	Advent Eucharist 10:30am
December 20	Longest Night Service 7:00pm
December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Christ Mass 5:00pm

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