



Grace Episcopal Church

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Rev. Travis K Smith, Rector

Rev. Mimi Mathews, Deacon

Second Sunday after the Epiphany
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, January 19, 2020 – 10:00 am

Welcome to Grace Church

We're glad you are here! The center of all that we do at Grace is the worship of God as revealed to us in the person of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. This is our principle call as Christians and is the means by which we are nourished so that we might be the hands and feet of our Risen Lord in our community and the world.

- We invite everyone in worship to **come to our Lord's Table** during worship to receive communion or a blessing. The bread is received with an open hand; the wine by guiding the chalice to your lips or by dipping the wafer into the cup. If you do not wish to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing instead.
- An opportunity for **healing prayer** is offered during worship at the kneeler located under the heart banner in Grace's Wellness Corner. Prayers can be offered for any part of your life that needs it—physical, mental, spiritual. You can come seeking healing for yourself or for someone else in any part of their life.
- **Angels of Grace Nursery** is located upstairs. We love to have children at the services and welcome their energy with open hearts and arms. While not staffed, the nursery is a place parents can take a child if quiet time is desired. Go through the double doors, up the stairs, and follow the signs. A changing table is available in the nursery and in the women's restroom.
- **Children's Chapel** is offered during worship. After the Gospel, children process upstairs and celebrate God's love of them and their neighbor. Children rejoin the service during the Peace.

Join us for further refreshment after worship concludes. If you're looking for a spiritual home, exploring your faith, searching for ways to serve your community, or seeking to make a difference in God's world, you are welcome at Grace Episcopal Church.

Mission Statement of Grace Church

- We are called by God to be a community of faith committed to knowing Jesus and making Him known to the world.
- We believe we are called to seek Christ in all persons and to love our neighbors as God loves us.
- We believe as the body of Christ we are called to reach out to our local community and the world, to invite all people to know the joy of God, and to welcome all persons into fellowship.
- We believe we are called to nurture each other in the faith and to be a fellowship of grace and renewal.

Looking for a church that loves people? Come as our guest and leave as one of the family! Church services are held at 7:30a.m. at the **Historic Stone Church** in downtown Elkridge off of Main Street and at 10 a.m. at the **Holy Family Chapel** at 6725 Montgomery Road. For more information about Grace Episcopal Church, check the website at www.graceelkrige.org or call the office at 410-796-3270.

The Word of God

Entrance Rite

ENTRANCE HYMN: Amen, Amen - Wr 249

Amen amen amen

Amen amen

Verse 1

See the little baby
Lyin' in a manger
on Christmas morning

Verse 2

See him at the temple
talking to the elders;
How they marveled at his wisdom.

Verse 3

See him at the seaside
preaching adn healing
the blind and feeble.

Verse 4

See him in the garden
praying to his Father
in deepest sorrow.

Verse 5

Then they crucified him
Jesus our Savior,
and he rose on Easter.

Last Chorus

Amen, amen, amen

amen, amen amen,
amen amen.

Adapted to WR249
WORDS and MUSIC: African-American spiritual; Nelsie T Johnson

OPENING ACCLAMATION

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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: The heart of worship

Verse 1

When the music fades all is stripped away
And I simply come
Longing just to bring something that's of worth
That will bless your heart

Pre-chorus

I'll bring you more than a song
For a song in itself is not what you have required
You search much deeper within
Through the way things appear
You're looking into my heart

Chorus

I'm coming back to the heart of worship
And it's all about you all about you Jesus
I'm sorry lord for the thing I've made it
When it's all about you all about you Jesus

Verse 2

King of endless worth no one could express
How much you deserve
Though I'm weak and poor all i have is yours
Ev'ry single breath

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People *And also with you.*
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Genesis 18

The people sit.

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. ³He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on — since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹⁰Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' ¹⁴Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁵But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

¹⁶Then the men set out from there, and they looked toward Sodom; and Abraham went with them to set them on their way. ¹⁷The LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, ¹⁸seeing that Abraham shall become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹No, for I have chosen him, that he may charge his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice; so that the LORD may bring about for Abraham what he has promised him." ²⁰Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! ²¹I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." ²²So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?" ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." ²⁷Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the LORD. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh do not let the LORD be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." ³³And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham; and Abraham returned to his place.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People *Thanks be to God.*

Silence may follow.

PSALM: Psalm 40:1-12

Remain seated.

¹I waited patiently upon the LORD; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.

²He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

³He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴Happy are they who trust in the LORD! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

⁵Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.

⁶Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.

⁷In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure; *
(you have given me ears to hear you);

⁸Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.

⁹In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.'

¹⁰I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O LORD, you know.

¹¹Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

¹²You are the LORD;
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

SEQUENCE HYMN: Seek Ye First - WR 349

Verse 1

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things
Shall be added unto you
Allelu alleluia

Verse 2

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find
Knock and the door
Shall be opened unto you
Allelu alleluia

adapted to WR 349

CCLI Song # 1352 // Karen Lafferty

GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

All stand.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

²⁹[John] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” ³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four

o'clock in the afternoon.⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON: The Rev Travis K Smith

THE CREED

All stand.

*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

All remain standing.

Form I

Deacon or other leader

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

We pray for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, for our Bishops Eugene and Robert, for Travis our Rector, Mimi our Deacon and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For Donald our President, Larry our Governor, Calvin our County Executive, Benjamin and Chris our Senators, Guy, Clarence, and Katie our State Senators, Dutch and John our Representatives, Terri, Shane, Eric, Vanessa, Jennifer, and Jessica, our State Delegates,

Opel and Elizabeth our Council Members, we pray for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this city of Elkridge, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

Lord, have mercy.

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

To thee, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSiON OF SiN

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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

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.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

The Celebrant says

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.
Psalm 50:14

OFFERTORY HYMN: O Sing A Song Of Bethlehem - WR 242

O sing a song of Bethlehem
Of shepherds watching there
And of the news that came to them
From angels in the air
The light that shone on Bethlehem
Fills all the world today
Of Jesus' birth and peace on earth
The angels sing always.

O sing a song of Nazareth
of sunny days of joy,
O sing of fragrant flowers breath,
and of the sinless Boy:
for now the flowers of Nazareth

in every heart may grow;
now spreads the fame of his dear name
on all the winds that blow.

O sing a song of Galilee,
of lake and woods and hill
of him who walked upon the sea
and bade the waves be still
for though like waves on Galilee
dark seas of trouble roll
when faith has heard the Masters word
falls peace upon the soul

O sing a song of Calvary,
its glory and dismay
of him who hung upon the tree
and took our sins away
for he who died on Calvary
is risen from the grave
and Christ our Lord by heaven adored
is mighty now to save

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DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN

The Great Thanksgiving

SURSUM CORDA

The People remain standing.

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 him thanks and praise.*

PROPER PREFACE

Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Celebrant 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, 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.

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 many 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.*

EPICLESIS

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father 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, Father, 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.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People and Celebrant

*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,
forever and ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

INVITATION

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

DISTRIBUTION

The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [Amen.]

COMMUNION HYMN:

Softly And Tenderly - WR348 & When Peace Like a River - WR428

Softly And Tenderly – WR348

Verse 1

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling for you and for me
See on the portals He's waiting and watching
Watching for you and for me

Chorus 1

Come home come home
Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling O sinner come home

Verse 2

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading
Pleading for you and for me
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies
Mercies for you and for me

Verse 3

O for the wonderful love He has promised
Promised for you and for me
Tho we have sinned He has mercy and pardon
Pardon for you and for me

Altered to match verses from WR 348

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WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER - WR 428

Verse 1

When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

Refrain:

It is well with my soul,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Verse 2

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,

let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul. [Refrain]

Verse 3

My sin--O, the bliss of this glorious thought,
my sin--not in part but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [Refrain]

Verse 4

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend:
"Even so"--it is well with my soul. [Refrain]

Words: Horatio G Spafford Music: Philip P. Bliss

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

*Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

BLESSING

The Priest blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who led the Wise Men by the shining of a star to find the Christ, the Light from Light, lead you also, in your pilgrimage, to find the Lord. *Amen.*

May God, who sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon the Only begotten at his baptism in the Jordan River, pour out that Spirit on you who have come to the waters of new birth. *Amen.*

May God, by the power that turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana, transform your lives and make glad your hearts. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen*

POST-COMMUNION HYMN: I Want To Walk As A Child Of The Light - Wr 248

Verse 1

I want to walk as a child of the light
I want to follow Jesus
God set the stars to give light to the world
The star of my life is Jesus

Chorus

In Him there is no darkness at all
The night and the day are both alike
The Lamb is the light of the city of God
Shine in my heart Lord Jesus

Verse 2

I want to see the brightness of God
I want to look at Jesus
Clear Sun of righteousness shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father

Verse 3

I'm looking for the coming of Christ
I want to follow Jesus
When we have run with patience the race
We shall know the joy of Jesus

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

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Announcements

Vestry 2020

We wish to welcome our new members to the Vestry and wish to thank the member who have served.

Vestry Officers*:

Robert Puppa, Sr Warden
Dennis Kratz, Jr. Warden
Karen Stewart, Treasurer
Ginny Stickles, Registrat

Members Leaving: Class of 2019:

Rita Chelton, Cathy Hudson,
Karen Stewart*

Class of 2020: Dennis Kratz*, Maureen Shrewbury, George Buxton

Class of 2021: Fiona Accardi, Nancy Maher, Robert Puppa*

Class of 2022: Peter Maher, David Blackburn, Chris Fox

Grace Early Learning Center

Grace Early Learning Center is now enrolling for the following rooms: Toddlers & PreK. We now offer ***Before & After Care*** (We provide transportation to Elkridge Elementary and Duckettes Elementary. The bus for Rockburn Elementary picks up and drops off at our center.)

We believe in hands on learning, teacher and child guided activities and helping children strengthen their social skills. We continue to serve breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack.

Please share with your friends & family. If you would like more information about our program, please email(geccdirector@gmail.com) or call 410-796-4561.

Just for You: Care Note Booklets are available!

The Care Notes cover a variety of topics to assist people when they are struggling with different aspects of their lives. They provide Hope, Help and Healing with the information about how you might deal with different topics like bullying, illness, hospice, death, marriage, just to name a few. and they cover all ages- Children, Youth, Adults and Seniors. They are near the front door of the FLC on the bookcase. Help yourself- they are for you and they are free compliments of the Pastoral Care Ministry committee.

Tuesday Suppers

Thank you to Jean Schutt who has volunteered to coordinate the dinners for 2019 - 2020 year. If you would like help by doing a supper on a Vestry night, please contact Jean.

Dinner will be January 28th at 6pm

Ladies Night (Day) Out

Ladies of Grace meet the last Sunday of each month for food & fellowship.

January 26 – *Tino's Italian Bistro 12 noon*

RSVP to Jody Nation (410)207-9870

Gluten Allergy??

Grace now has Gluten Free Host. If you are in need of the Gluten Free Host please let Fr. Travis or Rev. Mimi know and they will be happy to serve you.

Tithing via your Credit Card – web or text

We have an agreement with Vanco, our online stewardship/giving company, to accept Credit Card (MC, Visa, Amex & Discover) contributions. You can register your credit card via online or via text message option. You can choose to make your contribution one time, weekly or monthly.

- Online option – graceelkridge.org – go to top right corner click on “Stewardship/Giving” and follow prompts.
- GIVE + Text – text 410-618-1877 and a link will be sent to you for donating. Follow prompts after the link is open.
- We also purchased a “Mobile Card Reader” so we can use credit cards at events.

See flyer in back of the church to log in or just to check it out.

Please Use Store Cards-Help The Local Poor

In the fall 2017, The Vestry decided that on behalf of Grace Church, Fr. Travis Smith can and should continue helping indigent families approaching the church for assistance. While this is often overlooked, The Vestry is proud of this outreach and the judicious use of resources by Fr. Travis Smith. Put in simplest terms possible, the “profit” from the store card program will be used to continue this outreach; deficits will be covered by the Rector’s Discretionary Fund, (supported by loose plate offering 1st & 5th Sundays) surpluses mean more aid available to the community.

Please consider using store cards as a way to brighten the world, just a little bit for those who need it most.

Mustard Seed Thrift Shop

<https://graceelkridge.org/thrift-shop>

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

The Mustard Seed is now on the Net! Our web site is presently in development. Please visit our site. The more visits we get, the more exposure we will be given on the Net. If you have ever shopped with us, please write reviews for us on Google and Yelp. Both traffic and sales are up in the past six months. We continue to work on improving our marketing and upgrading our inventory. Donations can be left off at any time in the brown shed next to the front door of the shop. Please pay us a visit and bring a friend.

Route One Resource Center - Grassroots

Thank you to all who have made donations to the Route One Day Resource Center. They are always appreciated very much. If you would like to make additional donations, bring them with you to Sunday worship. All donations must be ready to eat, no larger than 15oz cans. These are the items they are in need of currently: Bottled water-20oz size, Gatorade, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Tuna, Canned Chicken, Chef Boyardee-15oz can, Spaghettios-15 oz can, Chunky Soups, Dinty Moore Beef Stew, Baked Beans with meat, Underwood Deviled Ham, Libby's Canned Corned Beef, Vienna Sausages, Spam, Beef Jerky, Canned Fruit, Individually packaged snacks.

Please check out their new website: Daycenter.org

10:00 am Servers @ Holy Family Chapel

Please check the schedule for details or call Ginny Stickles @ 410 382 2184.

Jan:	19 - <i>Meg Magee, Elaine Puppa, Karen Stewart, Isobel Schum</i>
	26 – <i>Jack Applegarth, Rita Chelton, Ginny Stickles, Rita Chelton</i>
Feb:	02 – <i>Betty McMullen, Jonathan Nation, Isobel Schum, Bob Puppa</i>
	09 – <i>Jody Nation, Rita Chelton, Karen Stewart</i>
	16 – <i>Ginny Stickles, Rose Gloth, Rita Chelton,</i>
	23 – <i>Chris Fox, Michelle Matto, Karen Stewart, Rita Chelton</i>

Collections:

	<i>December 2019</i>	<i>January 2020</i>
<i>Envelopes</i>	\$ 13,525	\$ 5563
<i>Loose:</i>		

<i>RDF</i>	\$	183	\$	52
<i>General Fund</i>	\$	137	\$	77
<i>Sabbatical</i>	\$	497		
<i>Online: Vanco</i>	\$	1439		
<i>Total Monthly</i>	\$	15,781	\$	5692

Attendance: 1/12/2020 7:30 am - 20

10:00 am - 60

Parish Calendar Week of January 19, 2020

Monday, Jan 20th

Office – 9am – 2pm

7:00 pm – Choir Practice @ FLC conf rm 2 -

7:30 pm AA meeting @ FLC

Tuesday, Jan 21st

Office 9am – 2pm

9:00am - Discernment Study (All Welcome)

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Mustard Seed Thrift Store

8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ FLC

Wednesday, Jan 22nd

Office 9 am – 2 pm

9 am – Christmas Day Service @ HSC

6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 432 Meeting @ FLC

Thursday, Jan 23rd

Office 9am – 2pm

7:30am - Eucharist Service @ FLC

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Mustard Seed Thrift Store

7:00 pm – Loving Embraces @ conf room 1 (1st & 3rd Thursday)

Friday, Jan 24th

Office Hours CLOSED

10:00 am GELC – Jump Bunch

Saturday, Jan 25th

10:00 am – 1:00 pm - Mustard Seed Thrift Store

11:00 am – Private Rental @ FLC

Sunday, Jan 26th

7:30 am - Holy Eucharist @ HSC

9:00 am – Adult Sunday School @ FLC conf Rm 1

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist @ FLC

11:00 am – Grace Family Fellowship @ FLC

11:00 am – 12:30 pm Mustard Seed Thrift Store OPEN (1st Sunday of Month ONLY)

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm - *Private Rental* @ FLC – Yale Presbyterian Church

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care Team –next meeting Feb 3, 2020

If you are interested in joining the Pastoral Care, there are opportunities for someone to serve so if you feel called to serve at Grace please drop a line to the office, Fr. Travis or Rev. Mimi

Loving Embraces – Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please join us in making prayer shawls for those in need. We are looking for people willing to create knit, crochet, or even quilt prayer shawls to be donated to Grace members, St. Agnes ICU, Ronald McDonald House or anyone in need of comfort.

- If you have supplies you'd like to donate, please bring them to Grace.
- If you want to learn, please come we will be available if you have questions about your knitting or crocheting.
- We will meet on the 1st & 3rd Thursday from 7-8 pm at Grace (except March & April)
- Please drop in and join us whenever you can or questions please contact Annie Burke afb1776@gmail.com.

Celebration of Life – next meeting TBD @ FLC Conference room

Caring Card - Ministry

~Have you ever wanted to let someone know that you are thinking of them? ~

- Now you can by using the new Grace “Caring Card”.
- These cards are available for you to take, write a message, and mail to someone.
- Grace provides the card, and you provide the “caring” and the postage.

There will be cards available at the Historic Stone Church & the Family Life Center.

*Please make sure you get permission of the person you are lifting up in prayer, before you add them to the prayer list.

Prayer / Visitation (Look for the Yellow Card)

Do you know someone in need of Prayers or Visit?

Fill out a yellow Prayer & Visitation cards located in the back of the FLC and the HSC, (4.5 x 5.5 yellow card). Please pass it only to the church via the offering plate, and the Pastoral Team will visit and or pray. Please make sure if requesting a visit or prayers the

person is aware you are giving their name. Thank you for your support on this addition to communication to the office.

This yellow card is not in place of the weekly “Prayers of the People” to be read during services. We want to share with you, your concerns, joys & thanksgivings on the “Prayers of the People” sheet in the back of the HSC & Holy Family Chapel @ FLC.

Pastoral Care Team Reaches Out to Service Members

Grace's Pastoral Care Team has started a ministry of sending prayer books and commemorative medals to people serving in the military. If you have a loved one who might appreciate receiving this gift from Grace, please contact the church office.

Just a Spoonful of Love – Casserole Ministry

Grace's Pastoral Care team invites parishioners to join them in working to resume our Casserole Ministry to serve members during times of need, e.g., illness, hospitalization, arrival of new child, etc. To participate in this ministry, all you have to do is pick up a casserole pan (recipe included) from the back of the church, buy the ingredients, prepare the casserole, wrap it in plastic and aluminum foil, date it and attach the second copy of recipe card provided (so recipients can view ingredients for possible allergies), and return the casserole to the freezer in the FLC kitchen. Members of the Pastoral Care team will handle deliveries. Receipts may be presented to the church office for notation on individual's giving statement as donation in kind. If this experiment is successful, new recipes will be available monthly or seasonal. For information, see Rev. Mimi after services or contact her at 443-277-0068. Casseroles can be accepted during office hours M- F or bring them with you on Sunday to church.

Sonshine Card Ministry

Thank you for your support, we have received many cards to help with our mission. Please continue to drop extra cards to the office when you have them. This is very special mission to many people in our parish.

Grace Parish Prayers of Intercession

January 19 – January 25

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St James', Lothian; St Mark's, Deale; St Paul's, Prince Frederick

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The united Church of Bangladesh

In our community: *We pray that we may be devoted to your worship and directed and sustained in our ministries; that the Holy Spirit will guide and uphold this Parish in all its missions and in our individual spiritual journeys. We pray for the resident of Colonial Landing Apartments, give thanks and prayer for our visitors for whom have yet to walk in our doors. We bid prayers for all member of the Regular and Reserve Forces of the United States, especially Brian Hesson (friend Rev. Mimi Mathews), Charles Hill (Marion Hayes grandson in law), Rachel Werts (Karen Stewarts daughter), Jason Werts (Karen Stewarts son in law), David Kinnamont (Karen Stewart son), John Lord (Betty McMullen grandson -in law), Matt Merritt (Amy Szekely son), David Shrewbury (Puppa's son in law), Marc Benson (Stickles nephew), Christen Kratz Woolford (Dennis Kratz daughter) and Tom Woolford (Dennis Kratz son in law). We also pray for all the men and women who risk their lives daily serving in law enforcement, fire and public safety. Prayers for the Military who have died and their families. We continue to keep all our military and public service casualties in your prayers for their continued recovery.*

Repose of the Soul:

Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Prayers of Special Intentions: Brenda, Marilyn Bresnahan - Dunn, Ann Burt, Alberta Calvin, Jesse Crouch, Edward Dabeck, Dianne Lynn Davis, Vinnie Burke, Janet Farnsworth, Norah & Scott Kinderman, Katie Lingg, Jerry & Mary Maschino, Mauer Family, Dennis Miller, Riley Sandberg, Mana Seera Edie Springuel, Gail Trinite, Ray Wilkerson

For the hospitalized, sick and home bound: Rev. Lloyd Aiken, David Behrens, Peggy Blackburn, Robin Blackburn, Pat Chelton, Doris Clay, May Davis, Barb Durham, Joe Flanery, Eleanor Gyr, Fiona Rhys Jones, Harry Sappington, Pam Stevens, Rebecca Ubert, Jean Williams, Doug Williams, Cory Woodall

Birthdays: Charlene Weigman, Rita Chelton,

Anniversaries:

* Names will remain on the prayer list for 8 weeks unless requested longer

Welcome to Grace - Are you our guest today?

Please take a moment to tell us something about you. Share whatever you like. Please tear this off and put in the offering plate or give it to the rector.

At which location and service were you our guest? Date: _____

Historic Stone Church Holy Family Chapel @ the Family Life Center

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

How did you find us?

Friend Graceelkridge.org
 Signs Other: _____

Please check all that apply:

First time guest Returning guest New to the area

Would like information on Christian Education

Adult Children Youth Ministries

Would like to know more about Grace Episcopal Church

Would you like to be added to Constant Contact for Church announcements

Other: _____ (Seniors, Fellowship, ...)