



## The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The Last Sunday after Pentecost

November 21, 2021 ~ 10:45 a.m.



The Rev. April Berends, Rector ~ The Rev. David Burman, Associate Rector  
Sarah Hess, Seminarian ~ Caroline Day, Seminarian

+ Season after Pentecost +

## GATHERING

\* = *Rise as you are able, in body or in spirit* | ☩ = *a customary time to “cross” oneself*

### PRELUDE

*Die Wurde (La Majesté)*  
(From Marches Héroïques)  
Nathan Warner, trumpet

Telemann  
arr. Michel Rondeau

### \* ENTRANCE HYMN

*Crown him with many crowns*

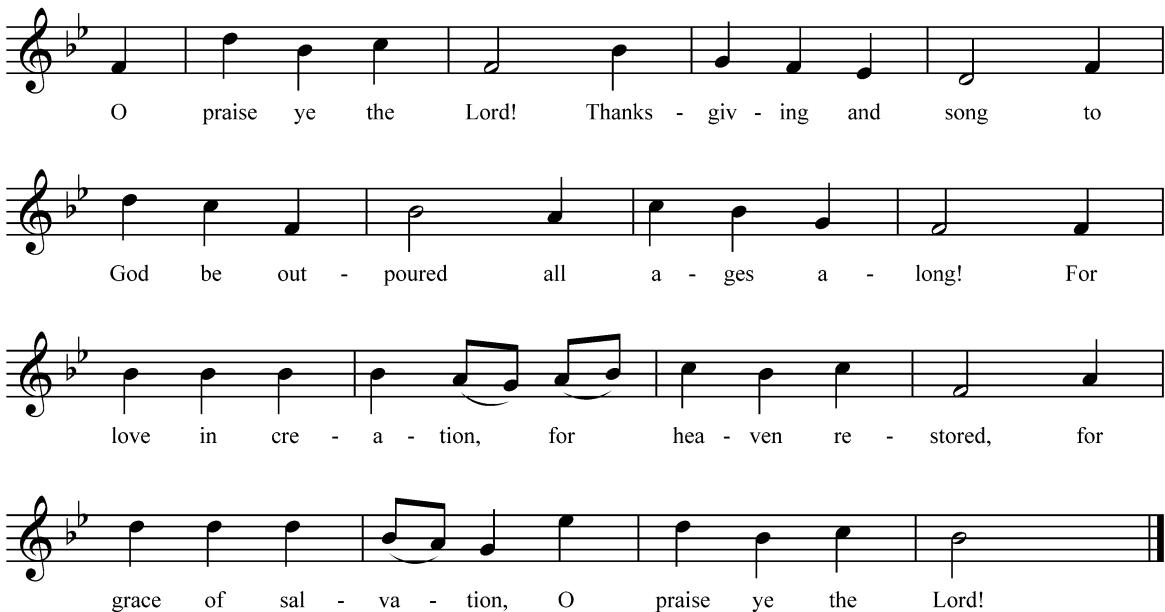
*Hymnal 494*

### \* THE ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant      Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
People            **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**  
Celebrant       Let us pray.  
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.

### \* SONG OF PRAISE

*O praise ye the Lord*



O praise ye the Lord!  
Thanks - giv - ing and song to  
God be out - poured all a - ges a - long! For  
love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored, for  
grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

## WORD

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### THE FIRST LESSON 2 Samuel 23:1-7

Reader A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

These are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

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

**PSALM 132:1-13** (*Sung by all*)



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- 1 Lord, remember David,  
and all the hardships he endured;
- 2 How he swore an oath to the Lord  
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:
- 3 “I will not come under the roof of my house,  
nor climb up into my bed;
- 4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep,  
nor let my eyelids slumber;
- 5 Until I find a place for the Lord,  
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.”
- 6 “The ark! We heard it was in Ephratah;  
we found it in the fields of Jearim.
- 7 Let us go to God’s dwelling place;  
let us fall upon our knees before his footstool.”
- 8 Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place,  
you and the ark of your strength.
- 9 Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;  
let your faithful people sing with joy.
- 10 For your servant David’s sake,  
do not turn away the face of your Anointed.
- 11 The Lord has sworn an oath to David;  
in truth, he will not break it:
- 12 “A son, the fruit of your body  
will I set upon your throne.

13 If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them, their children will sit upon your throne for evermore.”

## THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 1:4b-8

Reader      A reading from the Book of Revelation.

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader      The Word of the Lord.

People      **Thanks be to God.**

## \* SEQUENCE HYMN

*In Christ there is no East or West*

*Hymnal 529*

## \* THE GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

Reader      The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.

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

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

Reader      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

The Rev. April Berends

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the ☧ resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**\* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Intercessor** As we reflect on the meaning of Jesus' reign over our hearts, let us pray for the church and for the world, saying: May your reign come, O God; receive our prayer.

We pray for all those in positions of power, that they may govern with wisdom and integrity, serving the needs of their people.

May your reign come, O God;

**People** **Receive our prayer.**

**Intercessor** We pray for the church, the sign of your reign, and for Brian our bishop, April and David, our priests, Sarah and Caroline, our seminarians, and all ministers of your gospel that we may extend your welcome to people of every race and background. May your reign come, O God;

**People** **Receive our prayer.**

**Intercessor** We pray for Christians of every denomination, that together we may come to understand the royal priesthood you bestowed on us in baptism.

May your reign come, O God;

**People** **Receive our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for all those whose commitment to truth brings them into conflict with earthly powers, that they may have the courage to endure.  
May your reign come, O God;  
**People Receive our prayer.**

We pray for all who have need, especially

Charles, Wilma, Bill, Patricia, Tony, Susan, Russell, Amanda, Martha, Sue, William, Neil, Ash, Bill, Sally, Mary Lou, Andrea, Jennifer, June, Amy, Deborah, Ann, Niysah, Terrie, Alex, Andrea, Steve, Angela, Dwight, Doris, Rebecca, J.R., Charlotte, Libby, Jean, Barbara, Elizabeth, and Ann;

We pray for Bren who is deployed as a nurse in the pandemic.

We pray for Emily and Katie, who are with child.

We pray for Wil, Jake, Kevin, Tripp, Mike, Alexander, Russel, Logan, Jim, Sean, Evan, and all who serve in the Armed Forces, here and abroad. Lord, in your mercy,

**People Receive our prayer.**

Intercessor Comfort them with your presence and let them know your goodness.  
May your reign come, O God;

**People Receive our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for those who are dying and those who have died, especially The Right Rev. William Sanders, former Bishop of the Diocese of East Tennessee, that they may know the joy of life with you forever. May your reign come, O God;

**People Receive our prayer.**

Celebrant Almighty God, you remembered the oath you swore to David and so established a glorious realm of salvation through Jesus of Nazareth, his heir. Train our eyes to see your righteous rule, that, standing firmly in hope before the powers of this world, we may heed your voice and be constant in your truth. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Priest 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.

Priest      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

Celebrant      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People      **And also with you.**

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## TABLE

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Ride On, King Jesus*

*Spiritual*

*arr. Alice Parker/ Robert Shaw*

Refrain: Ride on, King Jesus, no man can-a hinder me.

I was but young when I begun, No man can-a hinder me.  
But now my race is almost done, No man can-a hinder me. (Refrain)

Jesus rides on a milk-white horse, No man can-a hinder me.  
The river Jordan he did cross. No man can-a hinder me. (Refrain)

If you want your way to God, No man can-a hinder me.  
The gospel highway must be trod, No man can-a hinder me. (Refrain)

“*Ride on, King Jesus*” is Black American spiritual rooted in the experience of enslaved peoples. The song describes a ruler so powerful that no one can hinder him. The text draws on highway imagery from the Hebrew scriptures as well as the New Testament stories of Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Black liberation theologian James H. Cone (1936-2018) uses this spiritual to emphasize a specific theological perspective: “It is significant that theology proper blends imperceptibly into Christology in the spirituals. That is, statements about God are not theologically distinct from statements about Jesus Christ. Jesus is understood as the King, the deliverer of humanity from unjust suffering.”

## \* THE PRESENTATION

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2

*(from Enriching Our Worship)*

### \* SURSUM CORDA

*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*



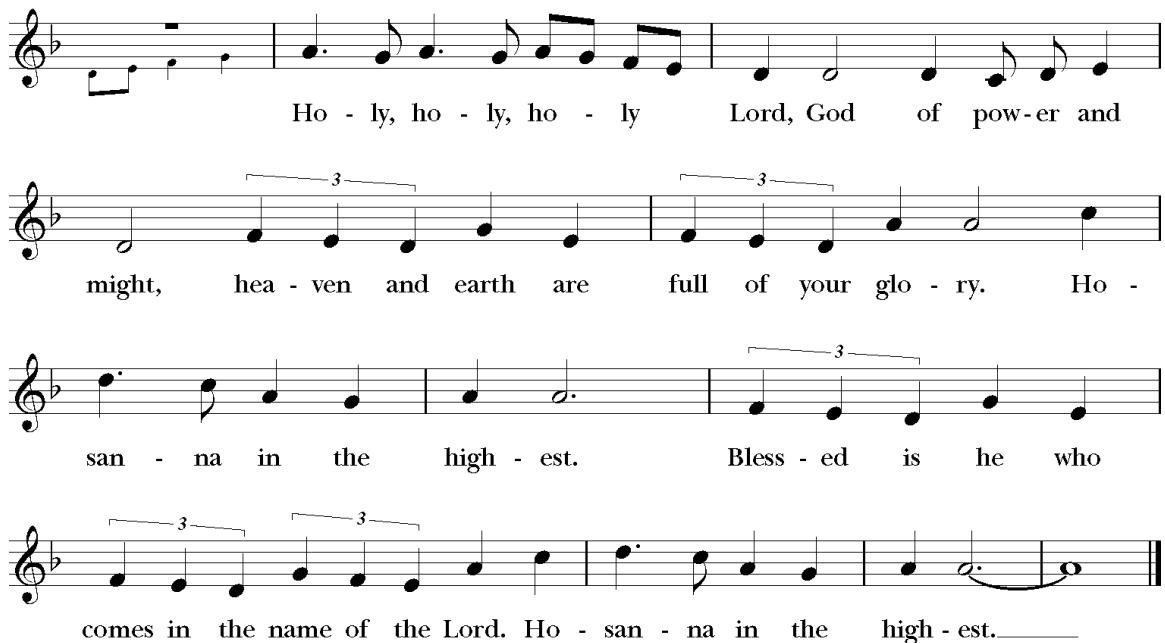
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Celebrant* We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

## SANCTUS

*Hymnal S129*



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)*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

*All: Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.*

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

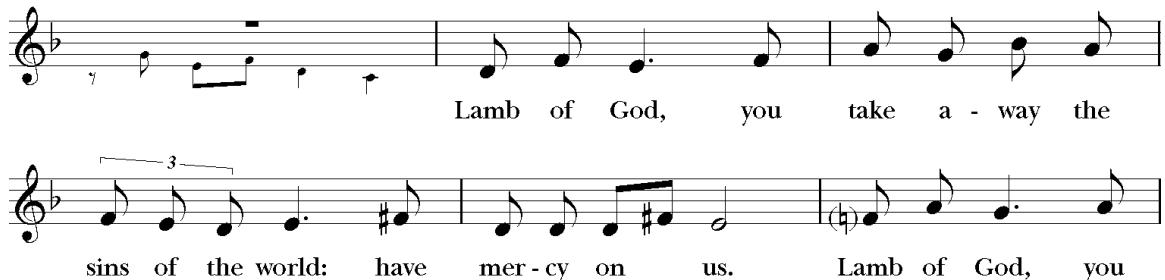
### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 FRACTION ANTHEM

*Hymnal S163*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

## COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*This morning, we will receive communion in one kind only (bread). To receive communion, move forward toward the priest. Stretch out your hands, and the priest will drop the wafer into your hands. Please wait to remove your mask and consume your wafer until you have returned to your seat.*

*Gluten free wafers are available; let the priest know if you need one. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand, and we will bring communion to you.*

### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

*Hymnal 324*

### SENDING

#### \* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

#### \* THE BLESSING

#### \* HYMN IN PROCESSION

*Hail, thou once-despised Jesus*

*Hymnal 495*

#### \* THE DISMISSAL

Priest                    Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia!  
 People                  Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

#### POSTLUDE

*Fanfare*

*William Mathias*

Celebrant	The Rev. David Burman
Preacher	The Rev. April Berends
Director of Music/Choral Conductor	David Long
Trumpet	Nathan Warner
Trumpet	Tina Erickson
Organist	Karla Fowkes

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**It's Stewardship Season!** The vestry, rector, staff and finance team are preparing for life together at Grace in 2022, and pledge packets went out at the end of last week. Look for information in Gracenotes, saygrace.net, in your mailboxes and on our social media in the weeks to come as we seek to name, celebrate and steward the gifts, financial and otherwise, that God has given us in this community of Grace. Please pray about what you may be called to offer as we make our commitments for the coming year.

### Annual Parish Meeting Today (November 21<sup>st</sup>) at 4pm

This afternoon brings one of Grace's most enduring pre-holiday activities—the Annual Parish meeting. While we long to be feasting together in the Undercroft once again, in order to reduce the potential for virus transmission over the Thanksgiving holiday, this year's meeting will be held via Zoom. We encourage you to enjoy the snack and beverage of your choice while we hear about ministries and finance, offer gratitude to departing Vestry members and elect new ones. To join the meeting, visit [www.zoom.us](https://www.zoom.us) and enter meeting ID 867 3018 9752.

### Pledges Current and Future

As we near the end of the year, please take a moment to review your pledges. If you are not up-to-date, please make every effort to catch up; the pandemic, parishioner deaths and relocations have made money tight this year. We also hope that you will make a pledge for 2022. You can do this online by visiting <https://www.saygrace.net/pledge-969083-826068.html>, by filling out a pledge card and mailing it or bringing it to church, or you can call the Paula Garner, the parish administrator, at 243-3253. Your pledge will help the vestry set realistic budget goals for the year ahead. Thank you for your generosity!

Terry Burnett

Grace invites you to take a moment for worship and quiet gratitude with its annual **Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, November 23, at 6:00 p.m.** Soothe yourself with scripture, music and prayer before the rush of food and relatives on the 25<sup>th</sup>! In order to provide fewer chances for viral spread as the holiday season begins, we will forgo the traditional soup-and-bread supper that usually follows the service.

### **Advent Quiet Day -- Saturday November 27, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Amid a global pandemic, perhaps we recognize in a greater degree the need for Christ to come again. Life in quarantine has exposed the complexities of pain and suffering in the world. As a result, we have uncovered the rich tension of hope-filled expectation. We feel the pain and suffering that exists in the world, yet we know that Christ is Lord. We grieve the current order of the world, yet we believe that Christ will deliver us.

We yearn for the day Christ will make all things new, but we cannot forget the pain and suffering of the crucified Christ, nor can we sidestep the aching of this world. We grieve and cry out to God; we lament. As we get set to begin the season of Advent, the time of hope-filled expectation for the birth of Christ, we will take time to explore the meaning of and call to lament. Using videos, scripture, and music we will take time to lament individually and in community, to join together and share our hope-filled expectations and our calls for God to act swiftly to bring forth God's kingdom this day.

A light lunch of soup and bread will be provided. **To help determine how much space will be needed please reserve a spot by letting David Stanislawski know before or after church on Sunday (11-21) or by emailing him at**

**[David.stanislawski@chattanoogastate.edu](mailto:David.stanislawski@chattanoogastate.edu)**.

**Adult Class** -- God is in the waters that flow down the Appalachian mountains near us -- what do these waters tell us as Christians and environmental stewards? **Come find out as this class concludes at 9:30am in the undercroft.** We'll be watching the film *Hidden Rivers of Southern Appalachia*, using a new curriculum called "Wherever the River Goes," developed by a Care of Creation grant from the Episcopal Church. All are welcome to join!

### **Queering Scripture – Monday at 7:00 p.m.**

The Rev. April Berends and our Seminarian, Sarah Hess, welcome you to our last class on reading scripture with an eye towards God's care and love for LGBTQ+ people. We're exploring a variety of ways to read scripture faithfully, taking a close look at those passages of scripture that have so often been used as "clobber passages," and delving into the stories of scripture in ways allow us to connect with our own experiences as God's people. This class meets at 7pm on Monday nights via Zoom. Email April at [aberends@saygrace.net](mailto:aberends@saygrace.net) or Sarah at [hessse0@sewanee.edu](mailto:hessse0@sewanee.edu) .

**Scripture Discussion Group meets at 9:30am each Sunday in the Barth Room (wear your mask!)** to look through the readings assigned for that Sunday. Scripture is a wacky and beautiful tapestry -- join us as we discuss diverse parts of it! All are welcome! And if you've got kids, feel free to drop them off at the Pavilion, where Betsy Hawthorne Bedwell will have activities for them.

### **Scripture Class During Advent**

**During Advent**, the Sunday Lectionary class will be looking at lament through videos and scripture, in particular the psalms of lament and Lamentations. Lament moves us beyond mere grief for the world we live in, the pandemic, the political divide, racial injustice not to mention personal grief for lost friends, broken relationships, etc. It moves us to trust in the Lord, that his kingdom will come. Therefore, it seems like an appropriate way to prepare for Christ's birth. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Barth Room.

If Sunday morning is not a feasible time for you but you would like to learn more about lament and try this practice during Advent I will hold **a Zoom discussion group on Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 if there is enough interest**. Please let me know if you are interested in this option by catching me before or after church on Sunday or emailing me at [David.stanislawski@chattanoogastate.edu](mailto:David.stanislawski@chattanoogastate.edu).

**The Grace Online Directory** has migrated to a service called Breeze but can still be accessed via the webpage. Find the menu item “BREEZE” at the right end of the menu options that sprawl across the screen near the top, click and log in; user name is ‘saygrace’ and the password is ‘Chattanooga’. Get in touch with Jim Milburn with any questions and suggestions.

**Financial Information** -- Grace has moved its electronic giving from Tithe.ly to Breeze. You may use this link to get there -- <https://graceepiscopal.breezechms.com/give/online> . Please note that if you set up your information at Tithe.ly for ongoing donations (rather than just making a one-time gift), you will need to do the same at Breeze. You can also access Breeze through the [Grace Web Page \(www.saygrace.net\)](http://www.saygrace.net); you'll find it at the right-end of the horizontal menu listings near the top of the page.

**Use P.O. Box for Checks/Important Documents** -- Because hard times have made checks in our mailbox more vulnerable than in the past, we are asking everyone who's sending anything valuable or important to the church to use Grace's P.O. box address: **P.O. Box 80954, Chattanooga, TN 37414**.

If you'd like to give Altar Flowers during the rest of this year, please contact the office (423) [243-3257/dcarden@saygrace.net](mailto:243-3257/dcarden@saygrace.net) to sign up for a Sunday. Cost is \$77, and all donors need do is provide a dedication and the previously mentioned sum. Because it's been so long since we've had flower donors and so many circumstances have changed, we are deleting all standing orders (unless you've been in touch with the office about them already) and beginning from scratch. If you want to establish a standing order, please contact the office.

### **Mission of Grace Episcopal Church**

To provide a reverent place for Christian worship, learning, and service in the Anglican tradition, with special emphasis on the healing, nurturing, and challenging character of the Holy Spirit, open to and respecting all who would come.

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