



Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28, 2024

8:00 am (said)

10:30 am (sung)

Nursery Care Available from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Grace Episcopal Church
The Plains, Virginia

Welcome to Grace Church in The Plains. We are grateful for your presence in worship today. If you would like to learn more about our life at Grace, or become more closely associated with this community, we encourage you to complete a pew card, which may be placed in the offering plate, given to our rector, or mailed to the church office. For detailed information about the ministry and witness of our parish, including the complete schedule of worship services and weekly events, visit: www.gracetheplains.org. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

Please remember to silence all mobile phones and other electronic devices.

The people stand as able at the ringing of the tower bell

Hymn 569

God the Omnipotent! King, who ordainest

Russia

1 God the Om - ni - po - tent! King, who or - dain - est
 2 God the All - mer - ci - ful! earth hath for - sak - en
 3 God the All - right - eous One! earth hath de - fied thee;
 4 God the All - prov - i - dent! earth by thy chas - tening

thun - der thy clar - ion, the light - ning thy sword;
 thy ways all ho - ly, and slight - ed thy word;
 yet to e - ter - ni - ty stand - eth thy word,
 yet shall to free - dom and truth be re - stored;

show forth thy pi - ty on high where thou reign - est:
 bid not thy wrath in its ter - rors a - wak - en:
 false - hood and wrong shall not tar - ry be - side thee:
 through the thick dark - ness thy king - dom is haste - ning:

give to us peace in our time, O Lord.
 give to us peace in our time, O Lord.
 give to us peace in our time, O Lord.
 thou wilt give peace in thy time, O Lord.

Words: Sts. 1-2, Henry Fothergill Chorley (1808-1872), alt.; sts. 3-4, John Ellerton (1826-1893), alt. Music: *Russia*, Alexis I.vov (1799-1870).

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

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

People

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

Celebrant

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.**

Verses read by all at 8:00

Verses sung by the Grace Church Choir at 10:30;

Refrain sung by all



Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land;
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples. *Refrain*

For over you the Lord will rise,
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawning. *Refrain*

Your gates will always be open;
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, 'The City of the Lord,
the Zion of the Holy One of Israel. *Refrain*

Violence will no more be heard in your land,
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation,
and all your portals, Praise. *Refrain*

The sun will no more be your light by day;
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory. *Refrain*

The Liturgy of the Word

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Reader A reading from the first book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the Lord replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

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

Psalm 111

Confitebor tibi

Plainsong Tone VIII.5

Read by all at 8:00.

Sung by the cantor at 10:30.

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *

they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *

and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *

the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works *

in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *

all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *

because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;

he commanded his covenant for ever; *

holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *

those who act accordingly have a good understanding;

his praise endures for ever.

The Second Lesson 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Reader A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

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

Sequence Hymn 536

God has spoken to his people

Torah Song

1 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,
2 They who have ears to hear the mes - sage,
3 Is - ra - el comes to greet the Sa - vior,
4 O - pen your ears, O faith - ful peo - ple,
o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O
they who have ears, then let them hear. They who would learn the
Ju - dah is glad to see his day. From east and west the
o - pen your ears and hear God's word. O - pen your hearts, O
roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.
way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.
peo - ples trav - el, he will show the way.
roy - al priest - hood, God has come to you.
God has spo - ken to his peo - ple, Hal - le - lu - jah!
And his words are words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu -
jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! God has spo - ken to his peo - ple,
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra,
Hal - le - lu - jah! And his words are
To - rah o - ra,
words of wis - dom, Hal - le - lu - jah!
To - rah o - ra, Hal - le - lu - jah!

“Torah ora” is Hebrew for, “The Law is our Light.”

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The Gospel Mark 1:21-28

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

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Kate Bryant

The Nicene Creed

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped 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

The Intercessor and People pray responsively.
Congregational responses are in bold font.

Intercessor

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "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.

For our Bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this town, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, 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 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, especially **Betty Lou Wolfe** and **Michele Miller**, 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.

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

Lord, have mercy.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer for Grace, Stanardsville; St. Andrew's, Richmond; St. Mary's, Arlington; and St. Mary's, Colonial Beach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For The Grace Church Staff, The Grace Church Choir, Shakespeare Opera Theatre, the families and teachers of Grace Montessori School, including Head of School **Jillian Johncox**, and Seminarian and Deacon, The Rev. **Austin Wendt**, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those away from home in the service of our country, including **Bishop Carl Wright**. Are there others? Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those preparing for Baptism, including **Talen Cunningham**, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for the people of **Israel and Palestine** and for those on our parish prayer list, including, **Nancy Albert, Richard Asher, Don Austin, Tina Blake, Betsy Calvert, Frank Crosen, Kaitlin Crosen, Bishop Curry, Obie and Claudia Dugan, Gene Galvin, Caroline Havens, Rachel Hibbin, Gene Higgins, Arabella Holloman, Ruth Hooper, John Johnson, James Karney, Hope Laingen, Elizabeth Lenhardt, Sally Price, Allan Rogoff, Pat Tucker, Michael Turner, Scott Wehner, and Bunny Wisecarver.**

Are there others?

Lord, have mercy.

For **Weston**, that he may be freed from the burdens of work and from the thought of work during his Sabbatical. Guide him during this time of refreshment and rest with Loriana and his family; give him a renewed zeal for your purposes, a holy restlessness in his desire to serve you more effectively, and an abiding contentment in how he can serve. May his Sabbatical help him to embrace his calling to share God's love with the exhilaration of knowing that God has uniquely equipped him as a priest, and may he return to us fully restored in strength, energy, and love.

Lord, have mercy.

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

To thee, O Lord our God.

Celebrant

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

You are invited to shake hands or bow to your neighbor during The Peace

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The people are seated

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem

Arise, shine

George Elvey

Arise, shine for thy light is come,
and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and gross darkness the people;
but the Lord shall arise upon thee,
and his glory shall be seen upon thee,
And the gentiles shall come to thy light
And kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Isaiah 60:1-3

Sung by the Grace Church Choir

Presentation Hymn 380, st. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Old 100th

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Psaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

The people remain standing as able

Said at 8:00

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Sung at 10:30



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy S 125

Sanctus

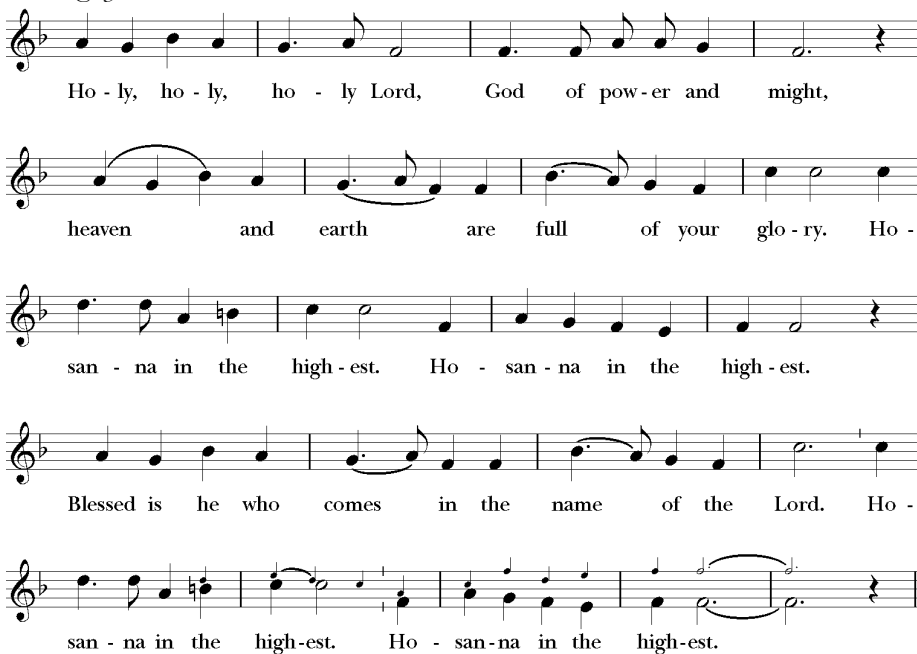
Richard Proulx

Said by all at 8:00

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.**

Sung by all at 10:30



The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Memorial Acclamation S 136

Said by all at 8:00

Celebrant

Therefore, according to his
command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory.

Mysterium
Sung by all at 10:30

Ambrosian chant

Celebrant
There - fore, ac - cord - ing to his com - mand, O Fa - ther,

Celebrant and People
We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.

Music: Ambrosian anaphora chant; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991). Copyright © 1971 Mason Martens.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for 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

Fraction Anthem S 154

Said at 8:00

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ
our Passover is
sacrificed for us;

People

Therefore let us
keep the feast.
Alleluia.

Pascha nostrum

David Hurd

Sung by all at 10:30

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Behold what you are. Become what you receive.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those worshipping at home

adapted from St. Alphonsus de Ligouri

Said by all

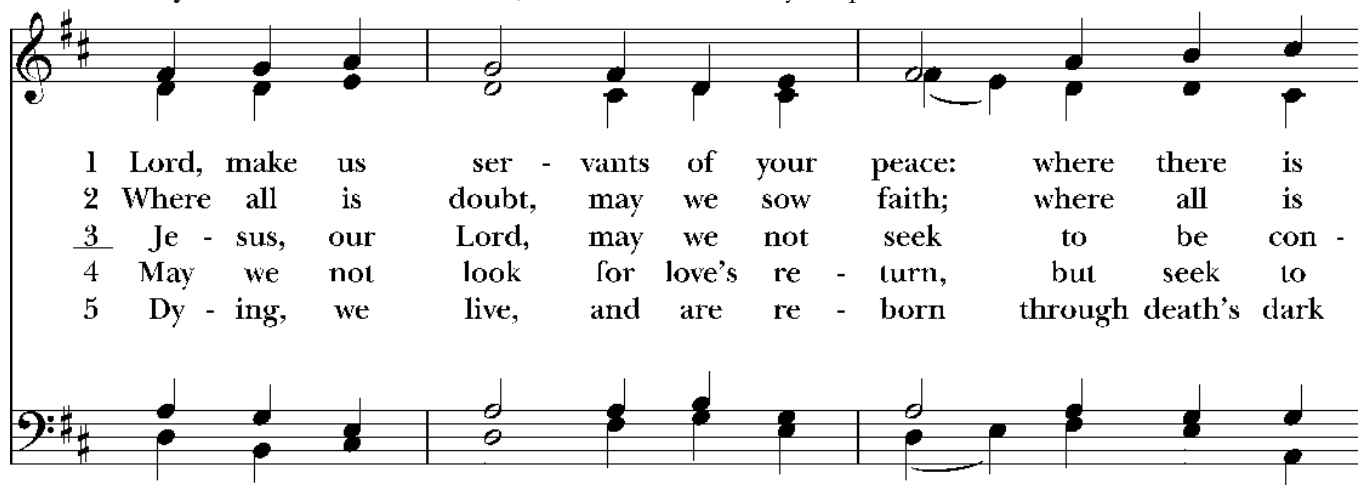
Celebrant and people

Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We love you above all things, and long for you in our souls. Since members of your body cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into their hearts. As though you have already come, we embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you; never permit us to be separated from you. Amen.

Communion Hymn 593

Lord, make us servants of your peace

Dickinson College



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark



1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your



1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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1 Deck thy - self, my soul, with glad - ness, leave the
 2 Sun, who all my life dost bright - en; Light, who
 3 Je - sus, Bread of Life, I pray thee, let me

gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's
 dost my soul en - light - en; Joy, the best that an - y
 glad - ly here o - bey thee; nev - er to my hurt in -

splen - dor, there with joy thy prais - es ren - der
 know - eth; Fount, whence all my be - ing flow - eth:
 vit - ed, be thy love with love re - quit - ed;

un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed hath this
 at thy feet I cry, my Ma - ker, let me
 from this ban - quet let me mea - sure, Lord, how

won - drous ban - quet found - ed - high o'er all the heavens he
 be a fit par - ta - ker of this bless - ed food from
 vast and deep its trea - sure; through the gifts thou here dost

reign - eth, yet to dwell with thee he deign - eth.
 hea - ven, for our good, thy glo - ry, giv - en.
 give me, as thy guest in heaven re - ceive me.

Words: Johann Franck (1618-1677); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt. Music: *Schmücke dich*, melody Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906.

The Postcommunion Prayer

The people kneel as able

Celebrant 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.

The Blessing

Celebrant

William Sloane Coffin Jr.

May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short, grace to risk something big for something good, and grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but the truth and too small for anything but love. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 493

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Azmon

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Azmon*, Carl Gotthilf Gläser (1784-1829); adapt. and arr. Lowell Mason (1792-1872).

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary

Grand Chœur

Théodore Salomé

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Serving Today

Celebrant and Preacher The Rev. Kate Bryant
Seminarian The Rev. Austin Wendt, Deacon
Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Jason Farris
Reader & Intercessor 8:00 am Scott Christian | ***10:30 am*** Bruce LeLacheur
Ushers 8:00 am Scott Wehner | ***10:30 am*** Rob and Barbara Dollison
Audio Visual Minister Shane Pixton
The Grace Church Choir
The Grace Church Altar Guild
The Grace Church Flower Guild
Tellers Rob Dollison

The Grace Vestry

Class of 2026

Robin Pegler, *Senior Warden*
Gordon Bonham
C.C. Sloan
Lexi Marsh
Bruce LeLacheur, *Register*

Class of 2025

Neil Polhemus
Kenneth Garrett
Pat Tucker
Scott Christian

Class of 2024

April Gaines
Tim Karney, *Junior Warden*

Class of 2023

Riley Berg
Niyi Ladipo
Ginny-Len Hazel Potter
Nigel Ogilvie

The Grace Co-Treasurers

Rick Miller
Nigel Ogilvie

The Grace Trustees

Georgia Herbert
Malcolm Matheson, III
Robert DeT. Lawrence, IV

Annual Giving 2024

Roster of Pledging Members

From the Annual Giving Team and Finance Committee:

When we receive your pledge, your name will be listed in this space as part of the Roster of Pledging Members in 2024. Generous annual giving is the lifeblood of our financial foundation at Grace and we are grateful for your participation and pledges.

If you would like to submit your 2024 Annual Giving Pledge online please scan the following QR Code:



Catherine Adams | Bruce LeLacheur & Enid Adams | Brian Hoyt & Kathryn Aleda | Anonymous | Anonymous | Anonymous | Ann Backer | Mary Ball | Anne (aka Dorothy) Ballenger | Cynthia Darlington Beyer | Tina and Bruce Blake | Enriqueta Bond | Gordon and SueLynn Bonham | Karen Brandt | Sherry Brown | The Rev. Kate Bryant | Calvin & Mickie Burton | Landon & Carol Butler | Betsy Calvert | Alan & Donna Caudill | Scott Christian | Sherri Crawford | Jack & Ruth Cunningham | Andrea Currier | Dr. Katherine Elgin & Marcus Dahlstrand | Dr. Amrit Daryanani | Jack Daunt | John & Kathy Daunt | Mike Daunt | Rob & Barbara Dollison | Obadiah & Claudia Dugan | Frank Edrington, II | Dean & Carina Elgin | Caroline Elgin | Tom Foster | Kenneth Garrett | Reginald & Jennifer Grier | Vicky Griffith | Teresa Duke and Robert Hale | Joane Henley | Georgia Herbert | Dr. John Hood & Alba Aleman | Jim & Ellie Ivancic | Freeman James | Virginia Jenkins | Tim & Monica Karney | John & Angela Kauffman | Edeltraud (Eydie) Keener | Cathy Kleckner | Alex & Michelle Knutsen | Jeff & Rebecca Krauss | Paige Kroner | James & Hope Laingen | Robert deT. Lawrence IV | Rick Leach & Holli Thompson | Charles & Mary Mackall | Jacqueline Mars | Lexington Marsh | Monica Constantine & F. Freeman Marvin | Malcolm Matheson, III | The Rev. Weston Mathews & Lorian Mathews | Barbara Merchant | Tom Middleton | Colby & Kelly Miller | Rick Miller | Joseph & Leslie Mitchell | Kim Nash | John Norman, Jr. | Robert Norton | Nigel Ogilvie & Louisa Woodville | Mark & Karin Ohrstrom | The Rev. Caroline Smith Parkinson | Roger Pearson | Joe Peralis & Sally Wolfe-Peralis | Robert & Gail Petty | Shane & Heather Pixton | Neil & Caroline Polhemus | Ginny-Len Hazel & Kevin Potter | Trevor Potter & Dana Westring | Jiamie Pyles | Gomer Pyles | Helen Richards | Nigel & Sarah Roberts | Brian & Margaret Robson | Andrea Rosse | Nadia, Alex & Kate Rossi | Becki Ryder | Joe & Karen Saunders | Caitlin & Adair Seager | Martha Skinker | CC & Cathy Sloan | April Gaines & Fred Smith | Howard & Page Smith | Edward Tiller, III | Pat Tucker | The Rev. Linnea S. Turner | Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Turner IV | Charles & Geraldine Turner, III | Stan Walus | Riley Berg & Austin Weatherford | Scott Wehner | Austin Wendt | Nancy West | Celeste Wheelwright | Jody & Buddy Wilbanks | Lynn Wiley | Elizabeth Wolfe | Marcia Woolman | The Grace Concert Series Angel Donor Program

Total Pledge Amount to Date:

\$566,034.00

Pledges to Date:

109

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rector's Sabbatical

From Thursday, December 28 until Sunday, March 24, our Rector Weston Mathews is on Sabbatical. He will respond to your messages as he is able when he returns.

If you have question about parish operations, please contact Director of Parish Operations and Communications Kyle Crosen at [540-253-5177](tel:540-253-5177) or kyle@gracetheplains.org.

What to Do in Case of An Acute Pastoral Emergency

Should you need pastoral care from Rev. Kate in the event of an acute pastoral emergency, **please call 540-680-3150**. Your call will be directed to one of the church wardens, who will then contact Rev. Kate, as appropriate.

In the Event of Bad Weather

Winter is upon us, and with that means the possibility of snow and ice, which means the possibility of unplowed roads, dangerous driving conditions, and power outages. We will offer Sunday worship services, as long as church staff and parishioners are not subjected to undue risks.

You should never take a weather-related risk to travel to Grace.

To find out whether Sunday worship is being held, please check the Grace website (gracetheplains.org), social media, or call the Church Office at **540-253-5177**. A recording will let you know whether or not Sunday worship will be canceled due to bad weather.

Lenten Service Questionnaire

In order to gauge parish interest in continuing such a Lenten program this year, we invite you to answer these four questions before Sunday evening, January 28.

1. Would you attend a Wednesday night Grace Lenten supper and lay-led worship experience during Lent?
2. If so, would you offer to prepare and bring a soup, salad or bread? (No casseroles or sweets)
3. If so, would you be able to help with the set up and/or clean up?
4. If so, would you be able to assist with worship?

Please speak with Rev. Kate, a vestry member or email kyle@gracetheplains.org to provide your feedback.

Consider Serving as a Lector and/or Eucharistic Minister

In The Episcopal Church, we talk about “the ministry of all baptized persons,” which rests upon our conviction that all baptized persons are ministers, caring for the people God loves, and carrying out our baptismal vows to share the Gospel.

Some are called to serve as Lectors; serving in this ministry is a wonderful way to deepen your appreciation of scripture, and help your fellow worshippers to clearly and prayerfully hear the Word of God.

Others are called to serve as Eucharistic Ministers, assisting the priest with the preparation and distribution of the Eucharistic elements of bread and wine.

If you are interested in learning more about serving as a Lector and/or Eucharistic Minister, please speak with Rev. Kate.

Wood Ministry Work Day
Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.
In the Large Parking Lot

Volunteers Needed for the Peas and Grace Food Pantry

Help Needed

Drivers: Those who have access to a pickup truck and who are available to drive to pick up food on Thursdays or Fridays.

Shelf Stockers: Those who are available to open boxes, unpack produce, and restock the food pantry shelves on Fridays.

Hosts: Those who are available to open the food pantry, assist community members with their food pantry items, and close the food pantry on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

Please contact April Gaines to volunteer or to ask questions about volunteering.

fredaprl@gmail.com OR 703-217-3133

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at Noon and 7:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday worship is the doorway to our spiritual journey in Lent. The liturgy is one of contrasts, beginning with sobering reflections on our mortality through the readings, homily, Litany of Penitence, and imposition of ashes. We will also share in the Holy Eucharist at the end of the service celebrating God's forgiveness and love.

Third Sunday Choral Evensong Series

For Martin Luther

with Dr. Jason Farris

Sunday, February 18, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Free Will Offering Graciously Accepted

Calamity Improv

presents The Show

Saturday, February 24 at 7:30 p.m.

Purchase Tickets: www.darkhorseva.com

Paragon Philharmonia in Residence at Grace

presents American Debuts

Sunday, March 10, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

Purchase Tickets: www.paragonphilharmonia.org

Grace Montessori School News from Head of School Jillian Johncox

Happy New Year from Grace Montessori School!

GMS will begin our family activities in February with a special Valentine's Day Tea for families.

Students in both our toddler and primary program will prepare and serve their valentines a special high tea including handmade finger foods, pastries, and of course tea! This will be a special day full of love and excitement for students, parents, and staff!

GMS is currently enrolling for our 3–6-year primary program! If you or someone you know is interested in scheduling a tour of the school, please have them call or email for more information!

jillian@gmstheplains.org

Alcoholics Anonymous at Grace

For more information on the time and meeting place of our meeting or other services, please call the Northern Virginia Intergruop of AA at **703-293-9753**.

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Coffee Hour

Join us in the parish hall for coffee hour after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Ginny-Len Potter Hazel and April Gaines have graciously volunteered to be co-chairs for a renewed Hospitality Committee which will be overseeing coffee hour on Sunday mornings. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Ginny-Len at ginnylenhazel@gmail.com.

Small Group Engaging Scripture

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. & Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Room

Looking for an opportunity to enhance your spiritual development and connect with others in Christian Fellowship? Each meeting features a short worship, time to connect with other participants, and a discussion of the four lectionary readings for that Sunday's service. Rather than structured Bible study, SGES is an opportunity to simply explore how God is speaking to each of us through scripture. Participants find that their Sunday worship experience is enhanced by having read and discussed the four readings ahead of time.

For more information on Sunday SGES -email Scott Christian at fscott5195@gmail.com

For more information on Tuesday SGES -email Tim Karney at tkarney@comcast.net

Peas & Grace Food Pantry

Tuesdays & Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

The Peas & Grace Food Pantry is open to serve the public Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Please share this information with those in the community who may need food assistance.

For more information: peasandgrace@gmail.com

Yoga Class

Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

Mondays at 6:00 p.m. yoga classes continue in the Parish Hall.

Classes will last approximately 75 minutes including a meditation time.

For more information, please contact Kerry Waters at kwaterspirit@yahoo.com



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