

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
A COMMUNITY OF GRACE, ANCHORED IN CHRIST,
TO LOVE, GROWING TO SERVE

Morning Prayer

Prelude *I Want to Walk as a child of the Light* arr. Burkhardt

Leader

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. *Isaiah 60:3*

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

Isaiah 49:6b

From the rising of the sun to its setting my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Leader *Lord, open our lips.*

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader and **People**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Alleluia.

Leader *The Lord has shown forth his glory:
Come let us adore him.*

Psalm 29

1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

**3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.**

4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

**7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the
wilderness; *the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the Lord *all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.

**11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *the Lord shall give his people the blessing
of peace.**

First Reading Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Second Reading Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

Music Meditation

Come Down, O Love Divine
Come down O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

Vaughan Williams

The Gospel Mark 1:4-11

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Homily**The Apostles' Creed**

Officiant and People together, all standing

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth;**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his Name;
In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.*

The People stand

Leader The Lord be with you

People And also with you

Leader Let us pray

Officiant and People

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern them and uphold them, now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your name for ever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

*O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord:
Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to
those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find
you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your
kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Intercessory Prayers

Leader

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord.

People Respond: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

All My Hope on God is Founded

Herbert Howells

*All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew,
me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.
God's great goodness e'er endureth, deep his wisdom passing thought:
splendor, light, and life attend him, beauty springeth out of nought.
Evermore from his store newborn worlds rise and adore.*

Prayers of the People As of January 10, 2021

We pray for the Church, for +Michael, Presiding Bishop and Primate; +Andrew our Bishop; for Pickett+ our rector.

We pray for Donald our President; for Joe our President-Elect; for the leaders of the nations, Henry our Governor; Alfred Mae our Mayor and all first responders in our city and country.

We pray for those who are in need of God's healing, especially: Patty Baker, Bob Barinowski, Joan Dillard; Johnny Fellers, Virginia Ferguson, Mike Frost; Barbara Goode, Don Goode, Catherine Heisey, Mary Hendricks, Rodney Hungerford, Don Litchford, Jack McGee, Laurie Owen, Jim Parrish, Mel Pearson, Rich Pinkerton, Alma Raley, Jamie Raley, Scott Smith, Kam Stake, Neal Stegner, Jay Tanzer, Bob Vaughn, Bessie Williams.

Rest of the soul: Grace Frost; niece of Lisa Long

Please call church office, if there are additions or updates to the Wednesday extended or Sunday prayer lists. Names will be removed every four (4) weeks unless notified.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces: Alex Baker, Afghanistan; William E. Branham, Cherry Point, NC; Holden Brunson, Okinawa, Japan ; Hunt Brunson, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Will Cox, MCRD Parris Island; Bran Feller, Kuwait; Mitchell Edwards, Charleston; Allen Dempsey, Texas; Campbell Freitas, Norfolk, VA; AMN Dara O'Neal, McChord AFB, Washington; Chris Smith, Korea; Joe Todd, Ft. Gordon, GA; Parker White, New River, NC; Joey Wilson, Charleston and those around the world and at home.

For those celebrating birthdays this week: 1/10-Avery Brunson, Hunt Brunson; 1/11- Joe Jr. deLoach, Ashley Hudson; 1/12-Davis Kinard; 1/13-Lisa Adams, Karen LaRoche; 1/14-Andrew Boyles, Katherine Brown; 1/15-Mary-Stuart Hardy; 1/16-Ryan Bock, Kellie Rhodes

For those celebrating anniversaries this week: 1/13- Joe and Heather Conder

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Shannon Lindsay by Heather and Nelson Lindsay.