



Grace
Episcopal
Church

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2025

online bulletin



YOU ARE WELCOME!

Grace Episcopal Church is a place for all – the curious, the hurting, the imperfect, and the joyful. We gather as a lively and visible group of Christians dedicated to social justice and positive change in Chicago’s South Loop neighborhood and beyond.

Whoever you are, whatever you bring to God’s table, you are in the right place this morning. Welcome!

Praying with Grace

- Masks are optional at Grace and are always welcome.
- A gender-neutral restroom is located to the left of the altar along the east windows.
- Times to stand or sit are indicated by the italicized instructions throughout the service. It’s perfectly fine to remain seated as you’re comfortable.
- Everyone, without exception, is invited to receive communion. The communion bread is gluten free. To receive a blessing; keep your hands folded across your chest.

Connecting with Grace

- Find Grace online at gracechicago.org and sign up for our weekly e-newsletter
- Contact the clergy and staff at info@gracechicago.org
- Email your prayer requests to prayers@gracechicago.org
- Follow Grace @graceplacechi



Children at Grace

Children are welcome at Grace. We consider them an integral part of the service and welcome their participation. Busy bags with crayons and coloring pages for children are available by the Welcome Table.

Grace Leadership

Vestry

2026 Melissa Moore Gillespie (Co-Warden) and Ted Otto (Co-Warden)

2027 Kevin Malone and Tim Paprocki

2028 Kim Callis, Nolan Cooper (Treasurer), Emma Koch (Clerk) and Mary Beth Weigel

Clergy

The Rev. Amity Carrubba, Rector

The Rev. Andrea Billhardt, Deacon

Arlicia Corley, Seminarian

Staff

Marilyn Haverly, Minister of Music

Darrial Brown, Sexton

Sara Filipiak, Parish Administrator

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Communications: Mary Beth Weigel, Gail Purkey, Wendy Manning

Liturgy: Melissa Moore Gillespie, Emma Koch, Kim Callis, Andrea Billhardt, Kevin Malone, Marilyn Haverly

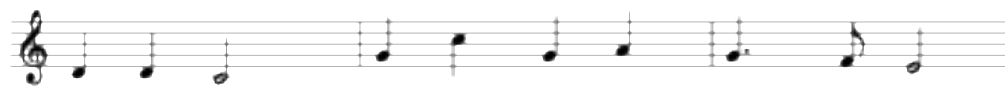
Service & Advocacy: Marilynn Rochon, Andrea Billhardt, Wynette Edwards, Mary Beth Weigel, Paula Morrow, Ursula Forhan, Christina Krenicki

Prelude *Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart*, M. Hayes & L. Larson

Opening Hymn



1. Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to
 2. Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph - et, Priest, and
 3. Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole Pal - sied limbs and
 1. *Gra - ti - tud y prez al Rey, A Je - sús can -*
 2. *Ma - ni - fies - to en el Jor - dán, Ya - cla - ma - do a -*
 3. *Ma - ni - fies - to al li - ber - tar Cier - po xal - ma*



you we raise, Man - i - fest - ed by the star
 King su - preme; And at Ca - na, wed - ding guest,
 faint - ing soul; Man - i - fest in val - iant fight,
ta hoy su grey. Ma - ni - fies - to cual Se - ñor
llí por Juan; Yen Ca - ná, de - jan - do ver
del pe - nar; Ma - ni - fies - to fue al ven - cer



To the sag - es from a - far; Branch of roy - al
 In your God - head man - i - fest; Man - i - fest in
 Quell - ing all the dev - il's might; Man - i - fest in
Por la es - tre - lla en su ful - gor; Vás - ta - go de es -
Ma - ni - fies - to su po - der, El mi - la - gro a -
A Sa - tán con su po - der; Man - ni - fies - to en



Da - vid's stem In your birth at Beth - le - hem;
 pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
tir - pe real; Fue Be - lén su ho - gar na - tal.
quel o - bró Que a - gua en vi - no con - vir - tió.
com - pa - sión Re - par - tien - do ben - di - ción.



An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
 An - thems be to you ad - dressed, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
¡Hoy can - ta - mos tu lo - or: En - car - na - do Dios de a - mor!
¡Hoy can - ta - mos tu lo - or: En - car - na - do Dios de a - mor!
¡Hoy can - ta - mos tu lo - or: En - car - na - do Dios de a - mor!

Oramos Cantando #394

The Word of God

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
 And the glory of God has risen upon you. *Isaiah 60:1*

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Hebrew Bible Lesson

Readings are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible (NRSV).

A reading from the prophet Nehemiah

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁴And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁵Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁶So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." *Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 *proclaim the psalm in unison*

- ¹**The heavens declare the glory of God, ***
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- ²**One day tells its tale to another, ***
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- ³**Although they have no words or language, ***
and their voices are not heard,
- ⁴**Their sound has gone out into all lands, ***
and their message to the ends of the world.
- ⁵**In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; ***

it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleans me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

The New Testament Lesson

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

¹²Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Estrillo / Refrain



A - le - lú, a - le-lú, a - le-lú, a - le-lu-ya, gra - cias, Se - ñor. ñor.
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu, al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia, thanks be to God. God.

Estrofas / Verses



1. Gra - cias, Se - ñor, a - le-lu-ya. Gra - cias, Se - ñor, a - le-lu-ya.
 2. Por es - te pan, a - le-lu-ya. Por es - ta me - sa, a - le-lu-ya.
 3. Por el a - mor, a - le-lu-ya. Que tú nos das, a - le-lu-ya.
- 1. Thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia. Thanks be to God, al-le-lu-ia.*
2. One bread we break, al-le-lu-ia. One cup we share, al-le-lu-ia.
3. Lord, for your love, al-le-lu-ia. So free-ly giv'n, al-le-lu-ia.



Gra - cias, Se - ñor, a - le - lu - ya. Gra - cias, Se - ñor.
Que nos u - nió, a - le - lu - ya. Gra - cias, Se - ñor.
En es - te al - tar, a - le - lu - ya. Gra - cias, Se - ñor.
Thanks be to God, al - le - lu - ia. Thanks be to God.
One in the Lord, al - le - lu - ia. Thanks be to God.
At this great feast, al - le - lu - ia. Thanks be to God.

Oramos Contando #534

The Gospel

You are invited to cross yourself at the + below.

+The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Christ.

¹⁴Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *silence follows the sermon beginning and ending with a bell*

The Nicene Creed

Enriching Our Worship

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**+We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers

From Intercessions for the Christian People, edited

We pray for God's people throughout the world, especially for the people and churches in North America, that they might spread the good news of God's indiscriminate love, let us pray,

God, hear our prayer.

For those in positions of leadership and authority, that they might serve as Christ served and love as Christ loved, let us

pray,
God, hear our prayer.

For each other, the people of God gathered in this place, that we might always proclaim with our lives God's promise and plan, let us pray,
God, hear our prayer.

For all victims of prejudice and discrimination, that the light of Christ might shine as a beacon in the world's shadows, let us pray,
God, hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in need; for the poor, the homeless, the hungry, and the abandoned; for the sick and dying, that they might find hope and courage in the open arms of the Savior, especially:

let us pray,
God, hear our prayer.

For those whom we love but see no longer, especially Flore Maria (Angela's aunt) and Mirna Marisol (Alex's mom), let us pray,

God, hear our prayer.

For those

The people of the Holy Land & all those in conflict zones	Pastor Amity
Charles & Elizabeth (Wendy Manning's friends)	Kate (Eakin) and Joe (Gamble)
Kaz (Pastor Amity's uncle)	Dan (Wilson)
Allie & Dustin (Urusla Forhan's daughter & son-in-law)	Cynthia (Marvin Foltz's wife)
Tom (Haverly)	Nathaniel (Anderson)
Larry (Kim Callis' uncle)	Arthur (Craig Bivins' uncle)
Ursula (Forhan)	Blanca (Hector's mother)
Alex Jose (Caraballo Munoz - 25)	
Grace's Kiva Recipients (Merita, Freimen, Abdirahman and Ayawa)	
Grace's faith partners (Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Onnuri Church & Hope's Table Chicago)	

celebrating
birthdays,
anniversaries and all the blessings of this life, especially:

let us pray,
God, hear our prayer.

We pray for the needs and concerns of this congregation.

Online worshippers are invited to add their prayers in the chat.

Loving God, we offer you our prayers, some in words, others written in our hearts. Read our hearts; hear our prayers; and continue to shed your light on us this day and always. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,**

opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

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

The Peace

The peace of God be always with you.
And also with you.

The people greet one another.

Announcements

Some announcements will be given; more information is at the end of this bulletin.

Giving to Grace

You can give online to Grace during worship (or anytime) using your phone; simply scan the QR code and the church's online donation provider VANCO will appear in your browser. Thank you for supporting Grace's ministries! On the first Sunday of each month, the cash offering is designated for Grace Church's Discretionary Fund.



Offertory Hymn *sing verses 1, 3, 4 and 5*



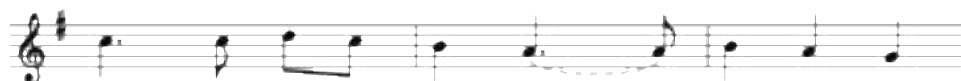
1. Man - y are the light - beams from the one
 2. Man - y are the branch - es of the one
 3. Man - y are the gifts giv'n; love is all
 4. Man - y ways to serve God; the Spir - it is
 5. Man - y are the mem - bers; the bod - y is

1. Mu - chos res - plan - do - res, só - lo_μ - na
2. Mu - chas son las ra - mas, hay u - na
3. Mu - chos son los do - nes, u - no_el a -
4. Mu - chas las ta - re - as, u - no_el sen -
5. Mu - chos son los miem - bros, un cuer - po



light. Our one light is Je - sus.
 vine. Our one vine is Je - sus.
 one. Love's the gift of Je - sus.
 one. Ser - vant Spir - it of Je - sus.
 one. Mem - bers all of Je - sus.

luz: Es la luz de Cris - to.
vid: E - sa vid es Cris - to.
mor: El a - mor de Cris - to.
tir: El sen - tir de Cris - to.
hay: E - se cuer - po es Cris - to.



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light. We are one in Christ.
 vine. We are one in Christ.
 one. We are one in Christ.
 one. We are one in Christ.
 one. We are one in Christ.

luz. So - mos u - no_en Cris - to.
vid. So - mos u - no_en Cris - to.
mor. So - mos u - no_en Cris - to.
tir. So - mos u - no_en Cris - to.
hay. So - mos u - no_en Cris - to.

The Table of God

The Great Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. 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. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
+Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Creator of all. Christ stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Holy One, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his life, death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. + Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. 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..**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial**

and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

*Cantor sings,
all echo each phrase.*

1 & 2. O Light of the world, you take a - way
3. Em - ma - nu - el

the sin of the world: Have mer - cy on us.

Grant us your_ peace. Grant us your_ peace.

My Heart Sings Out #44

The invitation to Communion comes from Jesus himself; everyone, without exception, is welcome to receive. Those at home may unwrap their host and consume it. If you do not have communion at home, you are invited to pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion below.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, dear Jesus, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, I offer you my praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament and that you are able, even when received by faith alone, to heal, enrich, and sanctify me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you and you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymn

sing multiple times as people receive communion

Verse 1 / Estrofa 1



1. The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the
 1. El Se - ñor es mi luz y mi sal - va - ción, el Se -



Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion, the Lord is my
 ñor es mi luz y mi sal - va - ción, el Se - ñor es mi



light and my sal - va - tion; whom shall I fear?
 luz y mi sal - va - ción, ¿a quién te - me - ré?

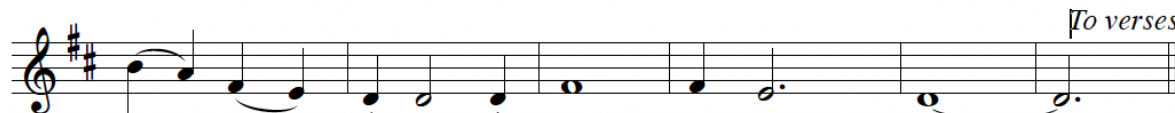
Refrain / Estribillo



Whom shall I fear, whom shall I
 ¿A quién te - me - ré? ¿A quién te - me -



fear? The Lord is the strength
 ré? El Se - ñor es la fuer - za



of my life; whom shall I fear?
 de mi vi - da, ¿a quién te - me - ré?

Oramos Cantando #579

Sending Forth

Let us pray.

**God of glory,
you nourish us with bread from heaven.
Fill us with your Holy Spirit,
that through us your light may shine in all the world.
We ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

At the + below, you are invited to cross yourself.

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of God has risen upon you. Receive and reveal +God's love, through the grace of Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn



1. We are one in the Spir-it, We are one in the Lord,
 2. We will walk with each oth-er, We will walk hand in hand,
 3. We will work with each oth-er, We will work side by side,
 4. All ___ praise to the Fa-ther, From ___ whom all things come,



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 2. We will walk with each oth-er, We will walk hand in hand,
 3. We will work with each oth-er, We will work side by side,
 4. And all praise to Christ Je-sus, His ___ on-ly ___ Son,



1. And we pray that all u-ni-ty may one day be re-stored.
 2. And to-geth-er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
 3. And we'll guard each one's dig-ni-ty and save ___ each one's pride.
 4. And all praise to the Spir-it, who ___ makes ___ us ___ one.



And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our



love, Yes they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love. _____

Oramos Cantando #669

Dismissal

We have seen God's glory, the glory revealed to all nations.

Let us go in peace to love and serve God.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Please stay online for conversation.

TODAY'S MINISTERS

Guest Presider & Preacher
 Judith Doran

Deacon

Andrea Billhardt

Minister of Music

Marilyn Haverly

Servers

Wendy Manning (lead), Gail Purkey, Marilyn Rochon J Burger

Bread Baker

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Announcements

Welcome to the Rev. Judith Ann Doran

Grace welcomes the Rev. Judith Ann Doran as our guest presider and preacher today as Pastor Amity recovers from surgery. She is a retired Episcopal priest who graduated from Bexley Hall Seminary in Columbus, Ohio, and was ordained to the priesthood in 2006. Certified as both a professional transition minister and pastoral care specialist, Judith embraces an integrated, incarnational spirituality, and has worked with individuals, groups, and congregations as they dealt with the emotional and spiritual components of loss, grief, forgiveness, and the practices of mindfulness and self-compassion. She currently researches and facilitates conversations around a good death and the medical, ethical, and theological implications of Medical Aid in Dying (MAID). Prior to ordination, Judith served in the United States Air Force for 30 years as both a professional military educator and leader in the health care setting. She enjoys discovering new things about herself, others, and the world, and practicing her best vocation ever: being a loving and fun grandparent for her grandchildren Elinor and Ansel.

Seminarian Arlicia is out today and will be back next Sunday.**Adult Forum in February Following Worship**

Sunday, February 2 – Meet Your Neighbor with Yocelin translating

Sunday, February 9 – led by Seminarian Arlicia Corley; more information to come

Pastor Amity Recovering from Surgery

On Thursday, January 16 Pastor Amity had surgery. She will be out recovering through at least Thursday, February 27. She hopes to return to Grace in-person on Sunday, March 2. Guest Priests are scheduled for all the Sundays through February to ensure that Grace will have full clergy coverage. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

**Support Southern California Wildfire Response Efforts**

Episcopal Relief & Development is working closely with partners to support people affected by the Southern California wildfires. The Wildfire Response Fund is an important tool for responding to immediate needs and supporting long-term recovery. You can donate and get more information via the QR code or at episcopalrelief.org.

Grace Kiva Micro Loans

One of Grace's Service & Advocacy initiatives is lending through Kiva, a non-profit microlending organization. Kiva is named after the Swahili word for "unity," and since 2005 the organization has helped more than 4 million borrowers in 77 countries with loans as small

as \$25! We are praying for Grace’s recent loan recipients throughout the season of Epiphany.

Abdirahman, from Eastleigh, Kenya, is an entrepreneur with a long history of involvement in health and sanitation. He applied and was selected to be a Jibu franchisee. This loan helped launch Abdirahman’s safe drinking water business, serving his community and providing employment in Nairobi. Grace Church contributed \$100 to this loan.

Vestry Thank You & Welcome

Thank you to the Vestry concluding their 2024 year of service: Wendy Manning, Nolan Cooper, Emma Koch, Melissa Moore Gillespie, Ted O’Bo, Kevin Malone, and Tim Paprocki. A special thank you to Wendy as she concludes her term. A special welcome to Kim Callis and Mary Beth Weigel as they begin their Vestry service.

Epiphany with Grace

Adapted from Epiphany and Epiphanytide: A Rookie Anglican Guide, J.Steele of Anglican Compass

Welcome to the Season of Epiphany or Epiphanytide with Grace. In the context of the Church year, Epiphany refers to the appearance of Jesus Christ as the savior of the world—of Israel *and* the Gentiles. For this reason, Epiphany is commonly associated with the visitation of the Magi (or “wise men”), who were almost certainly Gentiles, in Matthew 2:1–12. In addition to the coming of the Magi, Jesus’s baptism and his changing water into wine at the wedding in Cana are also commonly associated with Epiphany, especially in eastern churches. These are two other “manifestations” of Christ’s glory, and you will frequently find Scripture readings about the baptism of Jesus and his miracle at Cana assigned for Epiphany worship services.

Though the Season after the Epiphany is one of two periods in the Church calendar known as “ordinary time,” there’s nothing unimportant or boring about it. During Epiphany, we focus on the mission of the Church to reach all the peoples of the earth, and the great gift of God’s grace in revealing healing truth and light to the world. Grace’s Epiphany liturgy this year highlights both light and the inclusion of people from all nations.