



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Year B  
December 17, 2023, 10AM

## Welcome!

We are happy to worship with you, and honored to have you with us!  
Our liturgy comes from the Book of Common Prayer.  
Everything you will need for this service can be found in this bulletin  
and also the blue *Hymnal* in the pew rack.

*We are honored to welcome the  
The Rev. John Mitchell as our presider,  
as he celebrates his  
20th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood.*

*The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of John Charles Coulson  
by The Rev. Asa David Coulson.*

*Children begin in service with their families,  
and will be invited to Sunday School  
by Miss Kathryn in Nieman Hall.*

## ENTRANCE RITE

PRELUDE "Aberystwyth" Paul Lindsey Thomas  
*The people stand.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Watchman Tell Us" Hymnal 640  
(Aberystwyth)

OPENING ACCLAMATION BCP, p. 355

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Celebrant prays the Collect, after which all respond Amen.*

*Please remain standing as the Song of Praise is offered  
by the choir on behalf of the entire congregation.*

SONG OF PRAISE "Rejoice" Richard Gieseke  
School Choirs

*Children, age 4 through grade 5, are invited to join Miss Kathryn for Sunday School  
in Nieman Hall. They will return to the sanctuary at Communion.  
Nursery care is available for children through age 4.*

*The people remain standing.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY BCP, p. 212

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*The Celebrant prays the Collect, after which all respond Amen.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The people are seated for the readings.*

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

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

CANTICLE 3 "Magnificat" Orlando Gibbons  
Adult Choir

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

*The people stand.*

GRADUAL HYMN

“People, Look East”

WLP, Verses 1-4



1. Peo - ple, look East. The time is near of the crown - ing of the  
 2. Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is plant - ed  
 3. Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be  
 4. Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall  
 5. An - gels, an - nounce with shouts of mirth Christ who brings new life to



1. year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble, trim the hearth and set the  
 2. there: give up your strength the seed to nour - ish, that in course the flow'r may  
 3. filled. E - ven the hour when wings are fro - zen God for fledg - ling time has  
 4. brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er, bright as sun and moon to -  
 5. earth. Set ev - ery peak and val - ley hum - ming with the word, the Lord is



1. ta - ble. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the guest is on the way.  
 2. flour - ish. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the rose is on the way.  
 3. cho - sen. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the bird is on the way.  
 4. geth - er. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the star is on the way.  
 5. com - ing. Peo - ple, look East and sing to - day: Love the Lord is on the way.



THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:6-8, 19-28

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*People*



Glo - ry to you Lord Christ

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*



Praise to you Lord Christ

*The people sit.*

GRADUAL HYMN

“People, Look East”

Verses 5 (page 3)

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

*Said by all, standing.*

BCP, p. 358

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

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

#### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Leader offers intercessions on behalf of the congregation; during the silences the people may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.*

*Each petition concludes* Hear our petition Lord,

*People respond* **And accept the earnest prayers of your people.**

*Leader* "...to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord."

**Amen.**

CONFESION AND ABSOLUTION *The people sit or kneel.*

BCP, p. 360

*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.

*After the Absolution is said, the people respond* **Amen.**

*The people stand.*

#### THE PEACE

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

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

*The Peace will be exchanged with your neighbor verbally.*

*The Sunday School children return to the sanctuary.*

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY

“This is the Record of John”

Orlando Gibbons

Jackie Lauria, alto; Adult Choir



Please feel free to make your offering in thanksgiving to God using the electronic giving options at [www.gracemadison.org/giving](http://www.gracemadison.org/giving).

The people stand.

## PRESENTATION HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Hymnal 56

(Veni Emmanuel)

Verses 5 & 6

- 5 O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;  
make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!**

- 6 O come, thou Dayspring from on high,  
and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death’s dark shadow put to flight.

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel!**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer B Hymnal S-120, BCP, p. 367

Musical notation for the Eucharistic Prayer B, consisting of four lines of music. Each line begins with a treble clef and a flat sign (B-flat). The lyrics are: 

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al- so 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* It is right and a good and joyful thing...  
... who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

St. James Advent Service

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r, of  
pow'r\_ and might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in\_ the high - est. Blessed is he, is he who comes  
in the name\_ of\_ the Lord. Ho - san - na  
in the high - est, Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

*Celebrant*  
We give thanks to you, O God...  
Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

*Celebrant and People*  
**We remember his death,**  
**We proclaim his resurrection,**  
**We await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant*  
And we offer our sacrifice of praise...  
... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

A men A men A men

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP, p. 364

*Celebrant*

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

*All* 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

*A period of silence is kept.*

**Celebrant**  
Christ our Passover  
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

**2 People**  
There fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion. Our custom is to receive the bread on extended hands and to help guide the chalice to the mouth by touching its base. Intinction—dipping the wafer in the wine—is not permitted at this time. To receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, cross your arms over your chest. If you need to have Communion brought to you at your seat, please inform an usher. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.*

FRACTION ANTHEM

“Cherry Tree Carol ”  
The Gargoyles

R. Vaughan Williams

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Magnificat”  
organ

J. P. Dandrieu



COMMUNION HYMN “What is the Crying at Jordan?”  
(St. Mark’s Berkely)

Hymnal 69

*The people stand.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 365

*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

*The Celebrant invokes God’s blessing upon all, to which the people respond Amen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN “Hark! a Thrilling Voice”  
(Merton)

Hymnal 59

DISMISSAL

*The people are dismissed in the name of Christ.*

*Response* **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Hark! a Thrilling Voice”  
*organ*

Malcolm Archer

*Children (and others) are always welcome to watch at  
the organ console during the Postlude.*

*Today’s Prayers of The People were authored by Geoff Brooks.*

# *Thank you to those who have pledged to Grace in 2024.*

*received as of 12/13/23*

Lauren Ackland	Patrick & Heidi Griffee	Kathleen Hower & Peter Munter
Nancy Adamczyk	Scot & Nancy Guempel	Marilyn Musielski
Cynthia & Joe Barilla	Doug & Katie Harter	Kirk & Sue Nixon
Dan & Madeline Baulig	Christopher Hauck	Joan Nolan
Curt & Mayan Beaudouin	Steve Hauge	Ed & Wendy Nunn
Ruth Bennet	Melissa Honohan	Kirk & Peggy Oakes
Bruce & Diane Bensley	Tom & Judy Honohan	Peter & Kelly Ostberg
David & Wendy Berg	Marie Hopkins	Sam & Heather Partridge
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Anne Bolt	Han Huang & Patricia Northrop	Paul & Sandra Petrell
Nancy Boucher	Timothy Hussey	Ruth Portela
Linda Bowden	Susan Ironside & Andrew Moore	Don Post & Jackie Lauria
Suzanne Bowles	Ted & Karen Jamer	Peggy Potter
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Bruce & Wendy Davies	David & Mary Royer Lloyd	Suzanne & Jonathan Shelby
Nicole & Ellen Dean	Larry & Teddy Love	Rich & Cindy Steffens
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Erik & Cindy Donough	Jonathan & Susan Massey	Doug & Hilary Tabish
Mary Doody	Anne Matlack & Jabez Van Cleef	John & Christina Tonzola
Diane Du Brule	Kevin & Joanne McCarthy	James & Ruth Tranberg
John & Angela Finlay	Judith McClellan	Evangeline & Scott Tross
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Megan Gates & Bill Whelan	Mike & Anne Marie Muldoon	Marco & Susan Zarbin
		Brian & Megan Zietsman

# Grace Calendar Highlights

See [www.gracemadison.org](http://www.gracemadison.org) for more details.

## Tuesday, December 19

Pageant Rehearsal  
5PM Dinner, 6PM Rehearsal

## Wednesday, December 20

10:30-11:30AM, Adult Bible Study  
11:30AM Spoken Eucharist, *Chapel*  
7PM Blue Christmas, *Church*

## Thursday, December 21

7:15PM Chori Rehearsal

## Friday, December 22

3:30PM Combined Choir Rehearsal

## Sunday, December 24

10AM Advent 4, Choral Mass (*one morning service*)  
4:30PM Christmas Eve Music, 5PM Nativity Pageant  
8:30PM Christmas Eve Music, 9PM Choral Mass

## Monday, December 25, Christmas Day

10AM Choral Mass (*one service*)

## OUTREACH

**Angel Tree Wrapped** gifts need to be delivered to the church by Friday, Dec. 22. Recipients of gifts are clients of the Center for Evaluation and Counseling. Thank you for your generosity!



**Undies for Advent**— we are collecting undergarments for both men and women: underwear, tee shirts and sports bras, size L-2XL. Donations need to be delivered to Nieman Annex by Christmas Eve. Thank you!



Read about the music in our service today on Dr. Anne's blog  
[www.annematlack.wordpress.com](http://www.annematlack.wordpress.com)

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## Grace Episcopal Church

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### WORSHIP SERVICES

*Holy Eucharist Services*

Sunday 8AM & 10AM

Wednesday 11:30AM

*Morning Prayer*

Wednesday & Saturday

8:30AM Zoom

### Clergy

The Rev. Susan R. Ironside, *Rector*

The Rev. Asa David Coulson, *Associate*

### Staff

Dr. Anne Matlack, *Organist & Director of Choirs*

Camille Bourland, *Children's Choirs*

Linda Bowden, *Chapel Choir*

Matthew North, *The Gargoyles Director*

William Marinovic, Meredith McKeever,

Henri Wielandy, *Head Choristers*

Kathryn McManus, *Children's Ministries*

Jessica Kayembe, *Seminarian*

Geoff Brooks, *Senior Verger*

Kit Cone, *Senior Verger Emeritus*

Peter Munter & Lucy Waterstredt, *Head Acolytes*

Michael Kostial, *Parish Administrator*

Susie Harris, *Communications*

Osh Khublall, *Bookkeeper*