



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Year C
December 22, 2024, 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.

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

ENTRANCE RITE

PRELUDE

“Lo, How a Rose”
(Es ist ein Ros)

Johannes Brahms

The people stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Tell Out My Soul”
(Woodlands)

Hymnal 438

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP, p. 355

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

People **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Presider prays the Collect, after which all respond Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

“New Year Carol”
School Choirs

Benjamin Britten

*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

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Presider prays the Collect, after which all respond Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The people are seated for the readings.

THE FIRST LESSON

Micah 5:2-5a

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 80:1-7

Sung by the choir.

Plainsong

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 10:5-10

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand.

GRADUAL HYMN “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”
(Stuttgart)

Hymnal 66
Verses 1–3

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:39-45

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

People



Glo - ry to you Lord Christ

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People



Praise to you Lord Christ

GRADUAL HYMN “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”
(Stuttgart)

Hymnal 66
Verse 4

The people sit.

SERMON

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 In hope and expectation we pray,
People respond **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader "...with you and the Spirit be honor and glory
forever and ever." **Amen.**

CONFESSON AND ABSOLUTION *The people sit or kneel.* BCP, p. 360

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider 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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.
Sunday School Children join their families in church at this time.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

“Magnificat in B minor”

T. Tertius Noble

Choirs



Please feel free to make your offering in thanksgiving to God using the electronic giving options at www.gracemadison.org/giving.

The people stand.

PRESENTATION HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”
(*Veni Emmanuel*)

Hymnal 56
Verses 7 & 8

7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
in one the hearts of all mankind;
bid thou our sad divisions cease,
and be thyself our King of Peace.

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

8 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

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

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer B

Hymnal S-120

Presider *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Presider *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider 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.

The people remain standing.

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

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

Presider
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

Presider

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.

Presider

Christ our Passover

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

2 **People** **All**

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

Presider 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 practiced.***

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

Traditional

COMMUNION MUSIC “The Angel Gabriel” Paul Bryan
 organ

COMMUNION HYMN “Lo, How a Rose” Hymnal 81
 (Es ist ein Ros)

The people stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER BCP, p. 365

Presider Let us pray.

Presider 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 Presider invokes God's blessing upon all, to which the people respond **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN “The Angel Gabriel” Hymnal 265
 (Basque Carol)

DISMISSAL

The people are dismissed in the name of Christ.

Response **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE “The Angel Gabriel” Paul Manz
 organ

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

Read about the music in our service.
www.annematlack.wordpress.com

Grace Calendar Highlights

Today!

11:30PM **Greening of the Church**, *Library*. All welcome to help decorate the church for Christmas. *Questions? Speak to Judy Honohan.*

4PM **Advent Evensong**, *Church*

Immediately after Advent Evensong, **Tree of Light**, *front of Church*

Tues, Dec 24, **Christmas Eve**

4:30PM Carols

5PM Holy Eucharist & Nativity Pageant

8:30PM Carol Prelude

9PM Festival Holy Eucharist

Wed, Dec 25, **Christmas Day**

10AM Festival Holy Eucharist with Carols

*Please note that the office will be closed on
Friday, December 27 and Wednesday, January 1.*



One of the ways I've experienced Grace in deed:

- The friendliness and welcome of people as I have begun to know this Church community. Susan's warm welcome.
- Music!

My friends at Grace can pray with me for:

- My sister Mei Mei Tuan who is suffering a condition called Multiple Systems Atrophy.



Thank you for those who have pledged for 2025 to Grace Church. If you have not yet, you can online: www.gracemadison.org/giving or drop a pledge card off to the office. Our Vestry needs to know who is pledging to plan the budget for next year.

Lauren Ackland
Nancy Adamczyk
Scott & Randi Albiston
Joe & Cynthia Barilla
Daniel & Madeline Baulig
Curt & Mayan Beaudouin
Michel Belt
Ruth Bennett
Diane Bensley
David & Wendy Berg
Andy & Leigh Bolt
Mariam Bora
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Linda Bowden
Suzanne Bowles
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Robert & Mary Frances Leamer
Paul & Laura Lemaire
Maureen Link
David Lloyd & Mary Royer
Ginger Maione
Donald & Alberta Marcy
Robert & Karen Martin
Jonathan & Susan Massey
Anne Matlack
& Jabez Van Cleef
Mary & John McBride
Kevin & Joanne McCarthy
Judith McClellan
Beth & Tucker McKeever
Michael & Marthe McLinden
Mary & John McManus
John & Dot Mitchell
Barb & Monty Montague
Marilyn Musielski

Kirk & Sue Nixon
Joan Nolan
Nancy Nubel
Kirk & Peggy Oakes
Pat & Sarah O'Keefe
Michael & Karen O'Keefe
Ken & Jolanta Peacock
Michael & Elizabeth Petite
Ruth Portela
Don Post & Jackie Lauria
Peggy Potter
Eleanor & Michael Rawitz
Franklin Ritt
Nancy Roddy
Mary & Al Rooney
Janet Ross
Bruce Rudin
Patty Ruggles
Mark Sacher
Suzanne & Jonathan Shelby
Julie & Rick Sheppard
Jeffrey & Christa Stewart
Susan Strong
Sarah & Christopher Sullivan
Hugh Symonds & Jane Jermyn
Douglas & Hilary Tabish
Ashley & James Thomas
Elizabeth Towle
James & Ruth Tranberg
Scott & Evangeline Tross
Han-Hsien Tuan
John & Beverly Wand
Elliot J. Weidenaar
Raia & Stephan Wielandy
Chris & Stacy Wilde
Elizabeth Williams
Miller Wood
Andy & Cali Yost
Marco & Susan Zarbin

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve

Festival Holy Eucharist & Nativity Pageant, 5PM

4:30PM Carol Prelude & Bells

Festival Holy Eucharist by Candlelight, 9PM

8:30PM Carol Prelude & Bells

Christmas Day

Festival Holy Eucharist & Carols, 10AM

Attend in-person or worship online at
www.youtube.com/GraceChurchMadisonNJ

Full schedule available at
www.gracemadison.org

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Clergy

The Rev. Susan R. Ironside, *Rector*

The Rev. Canon Robert T. Griner, *Associate*

Worship Services

Holy Eucharist Services

Sunday 8AM & 10AM

Morning Prayer

Wednesday 8:30AM Zoom

Saturday 8:30AM Zoom

Staff

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

Camille Bourland, *Children's Choirs*

Linda Bowden, *Chapel Choir*

Matthew North, *The Gargoyles Director*

Meredith McKeever, *Head Chorister*

Kathryn McManus, *Children's Ministries*

Mary McManus, *Youth Ministries*

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*

Sam Dixon, *Sexton*