



# *Advent Evensong*

*Music by Noble, Ayleward,  
& Congregational Advent Carols*

December 22, 2024, 4PM

Grace Episcopal Church  
4 Madison Avenue, Madison, NJ 07940  
[www.gracemadison.org](http://www.gracemadison.org)





APOSTLES' CREED

*Chanted by all, standing.*

BCP, p. 66

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The people may remain standing or kneel.*

RESPONSES

*Sung by the choir.*

Ayleward

THE COLLECTS

BCP, p. 69

*The people sit.*

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANTHEM

“Cantata 142”  
(*Uns is ein Kind geboren*)  
*Sung by the choir.*

attr. J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)  
possible Johann Kuhnau  
(1660-1722)

*Chorus* To us a child is born, to us a child is given. (*Is. 9:6*)

*Aria* And the government of nations,  
on his shoulder now will be,  
And his name shall be called  
Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God,  
Everlasting Prince of Peace.  
And the increase of his reign;  
Peace and joy will have no ending.  
From upon the throne of David,  
justice rules his kingdom o'er  
*from this time forever more. (Is. 9:6-7)*

*Ted Roper, bass*

*Chorus* With joyful songs,  
I'll praise the name of the Lord forever.  
And I will exalt him,  
forever adored. (*Ps. 145*)

*Aria* Those who walk in deepest darkness,  
Have seen a glorious light.  
Those who in the shadows dwelling,  
In the land of death's fortelling,  
Upon them the light hath shined. (*Is. 9:2*)

*Matthew North, tenor*

*Recitative* Behold, the Lord himself gives you a sign,  
and a promise now is truly given.  
A virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and call his name Emmanuel;  
"God with us." (*Is. 7:14*)

*Camille Bourland, alto*

*Aria* The voice that cries in the wilderness,  
Prepare the way of the Lord.  
Every valley be exalted,  
every mountain be made low.  
And the glory of the Lord  
in this time shall be revealed. (*Is. 40:3*)

*Chorale* Alleluia!  
For unto us a child is born, Emmanuel.

*The people stand.*

GENERAL THANKSGIVING

BCP, p. 71

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

“Wake Awake”  
(*Wachet auf*)  
*Sung by all.*

Hymnal 61

POSTLUDE

“Chorale from Cantata 140”  
(*Wachet auf*)

J. S. Bach  
1685-1750)

*Please remain standing while the choir recesses, then all are invited to sit.*

*Following the Postlude, please go out the front doors  
to the lighting of the Tree of Light.*

## **WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS**

### **Clergy**

The Rev. Susan R. Ironside  
The Rev. Robert T. Griner

### **Organist & Choir Director**

Dr. Anne Matlack

### **Reader**

Christine Cullen

### **Verger & Lector**

Geoff Brooks

### **Orchestra**

Rebecca Harris, Julian Cartwright, violins

Danielle Sinclair, viola

Terrence Thornhill, cello

Teddy Love, Elizabeth Engelberth, oboes

Members of the Grace Church Choirs

# 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](http://www.youtube.com/GraceChurchMadisonNJ)

Full schedule available at  
[www.gracemadison.org](http://www.gracemadison.org)



## Grace Episcopal Church

4 Madison Avenue, Madison, NJ 07940

Phone: (973) 377-0106

Website: [www.gracemadison.org](http://www.gracemadison.org)

Email: [parish@gracemadison.org](mailto:parish@gracemadison.org)

### Worship Services

Sunday— Holy Eucharist, 8AM - 10AM

Wednesday & Saturday—Morning Prayer, 8:30AM, Zoom