

A Service of Lessons & Carols

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.

The altar flowers today are given to the Glory of God.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Year C December 29, 2024, 10AM

Grace Episcopal Church Madison, New Jersey

ENTRANCE RITE

PRELUDE "Noël Huron" Denis Bédard

The people stand.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Angels from the Realms of Glory" Hymnal 93
(Regent Square)

THE BIDDING PRAYER

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON read by Sebastian Towle Genesis 3:8-15

God announces in the Garden that the seed of woman shall bruise the serpent's head.

CHOIR CAROL "Adam Lay Ybounden" Boris Ord

THE SECOND LESSON read by Marilyn Musielski Genesis 22:15-18
God promises to faithful Abraham that in his seed shall the nations of the earth be blessed.

The people stand.

CAROL "Of the Father's Love Begotten" Hymnal 82 (Divinum mysterium)

The people sit.

THE THIRD LESSON read by Matt Palmer Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 Christ's birth and kingdom are foretold by Isaiah.

CHOIR CAROL "Past Three O'Clock" Traditional English

THE FOURTH LESSON read by Geoff Brooks Isaiah 11:1-19

The peace that Christ will bring is foreshown.

The people stand.

CAROL "O Day of Peace" Hymnal 597
(Jerusalem)

The people sit.

THE FIFTH LESSON read by Annabelle Palmer Luke 1:26-35, 38
The angel Gabriel salutes the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The people stand.

CAROL "Lo, How a Rose" Hymnal 81

(Es ist ein Ros) Verses 1 & 2

The people sit.

THE SIXTH LESSON read by Mayor Robert Conley Luke 2:1-17

St. Luke tells of the birth of Jesus.

The people stand.

CAROL "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Hymnal 79

(St. Louis) Verses 1–3

The people sit.

THE SEVENTH LESSON read by Andy Bolt Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go to the manger.

CHOIR CAROL "As I Went Down to David's Town" Leo Sowerby

THE EIGHTH LESSON read by The Rev. Robert T. Griner Matthew 2:1-11
The wise men are led by the star to Jesus.

The people stand.

CAROL "Twas in the Moon" Hymnal 114

(Une jeune pucelle)

THE NINTH LESSON read by The Rev. Susan R. Ironside John 1:1-14 St. John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

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.

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY CAROL

"Masters in this Hall" Choirs arr. David Willcocks



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

The people stand.

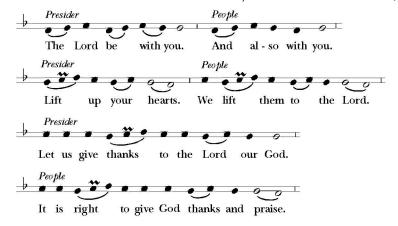
PRESENTATION HYMN

"What Child is This" (Greensleeves)

Hymnal 115

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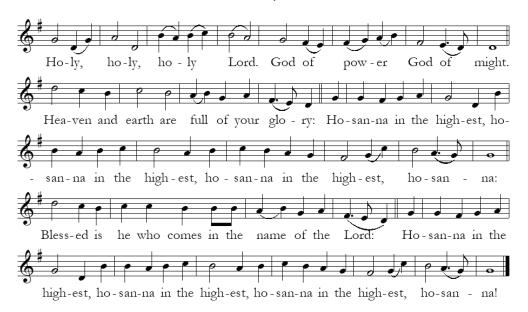


Presider

It is right and a good and joyful thing...

... who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (Adeste fideles)



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.



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,

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

for ever and ever. Amen.

A period of silence is kept.



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 "This is the Truth" arr. Berteaux

COMMUNION MUSIC "In the Bleak Midwinter" Malcolm Archer

organ

COMMUNION HYMN "In the Bleak Midwinter" Hymnal 112

(Cranham)

The people stand.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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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 CHRISTMAS BLESSING

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

CLOSING HYMN "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen" Hymnal 105
(God Rest You Merry)

DISMISSAL

The people are dismissed in the name of Christ.

Response Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE "Noel: Une jeune Pucelle" Nicolas Le Bègue organ

Grace Calendar Highlights

See www.gracemadison.org for more details.

The office will be closed Wednesday, January 1.

Friday, Jan 3, 11AM, Bible Study with Father Robert, Library

Saturday, Jan 5, 5-7PM, Evelyn Underhill Epiphany Party St. Paul's 200 Main St., Chatham, Casual party all are invited with light refreshments and King's Cake, crafts for kids. No rsvp, just come!

Sunday, Jan 12, 10AM Baptism of Our Lord, Holy Baptism

Tuesday, Jan 14, 7PM Men's Gathering, Library

Monday, Jan 27 7PM, Women's Book Group, "Master Slave Husband Wife", Library

Tuesday, Jan 21
7PM Circle of Women, Library
7:30PM Men's Book Group, Offsite



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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
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