

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



“The Mission of Grace Episcopal Church is to promote an atmosphere for the expression of God’s love through Jesus Christ, which calls each of us to know God by reaching out to others and inwardly to ourselves.”

**January 29, 2023, 8:00a and 10:30a**

**Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Morning Prayer Rite II**

## **GRACE CHURCH STAFF**

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Announcements		Tim Walker
Prelude	<i>Cradle Song</i>	Mason Gottschalk
Processional	<i>On a Hill Far Away</i>	LEVAS 38

*Presider* The service of Morning Prayer Rite II begins on Page 79.

Grace to you and Peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Confession of Sin

*Presider* Dearly Beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. *pg 79*

*All* **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.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.** *Pg 80*

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*The people stand.*

*Presider* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen.**

*Presider* Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

# The Invitatory

## Venite

Mason Gottschalk

Come, let us sing un-to the Lord: Let us now re-joice in the strength of our sal-  
va-tion. Come let us be-fore him with thanks-giv-ing: Shout a-loud  
sing-ing praise with glad-ness. For the Lord is a great God: and a great  
King a-bove all gods. In his hands are all the cor-ners of the earth: and the height of the  
hills are his al-so. The sea is his, for he made it: and his hands pre-pared the  
dry land. Come, and let us wor-ship and fall down: and kneel be-fore the  
Lord our Mak-er. For he is our God and we his peo-ple: He is our shep-herd and  
we his flock. Oh, if to-day you would list-en to his call. A-men.

*The People sit.*

## **Psalm 15**

*Domine, quis habitabit?*

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things \*  
shall never be overthrown.

*All*    **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was  
in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **The Old Testament**

*Lector*            A Reading from The Book of Isaiah

### **Micah 6:1-8**

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?  
     In what have I wearied you? Answer me!  
 For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
     and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
 and I sent before you Moses,  
     Aaron, and Miriam.  
 O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
     what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
 and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
     that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
     and bow myself before God on high?  
 Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
     with calves a year old?  
 Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
     with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?  
 Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
     the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”  
 He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
     and what does the LORD require of you  
 but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
     and to walk humbly with your God?

<i>Lector</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

*The People stand.*

**Canticle 17    The Song of Simeon**

*Nunc Dimittis*

Pew Music

*The People sit.*

## The Epistle

*Lector*                      A Reading from First Corinthians

### 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

*The People stand.*

**Canticle 20**

**Glory to God**

*Gloria in Excelcis*

Hymnal S-280

*The People sit.*

## The Third Lesson

*Presider*

A Reading from the Gospel of Matthew

*Pg 84*

### **Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

*Presider*

The Word of the Lord. *Pg 84*

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Sermon**

### **The Apostles’ Creed**

*The People stand.*

*Presider*

Standing as you are able, let us affirm our faith in the words of the Apostles Creed on Page 96 in the prayer book.

*All*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**



He descended to the dead.  
 On the third day he rose again.  
 He ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
     the holy catholic Church,  
     the communion of saints,  
     the forgiveness of sins  
     the resurrection of the body,  
     and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*The People stand or kneel*

*Presider*    The Lord be with you. Pg 97

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Presider*    Let us pray.

### The Lord's Prayer

*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.

## Suffrages A

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
 R. **And grant us your salvation.**  
 V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
 R. **Let your people sing with joy.**  
 V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
 R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**  
 V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
 R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
 V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
 R. **Your saving health among all nations.**  
 V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
 R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
 V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
 R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth:  
 Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
 God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection  
 of your Son our Lord; Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that  
 the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new  
 day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be  
 overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A Prayer for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed  
 Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that  
 people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold;

pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Presider* **WE ALSO PRAY FOR THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST**— Suzanne Bowers, George Bethea, Mimi Booker, Kyleigh Croy, Sarah Donnely, Frann Felch, Gary, William Gregory, The Hall Family, Conall Harvey, Elizabeth Harvey, Caroline Hellmer, Kathleen Horton, Nolen Hutchinson, Bill Jeffrey, Shirley Jones, Bill and Valerie Johnston, Barbara Journell, Karen Junghans, Forest Kanode, Noel Lawson, Joanne Linenburg, Jim Mooney, Matthew Phillips, Gloria Piro, Sarah Pollach, Anthea Pugh, Jim Radford, Bob Relyea, Cara Rollins, Helen Roop, Connie Sedberry, Noah Sedberry, Bill Seyford, Mike Seyford, Thelma Shelor, Elijah Shomaker, Wilma Simpkins, Jim Slusher, Letitia Smith, Sam Smith, The Spruhan Family, Greg Stadlin, Marlene Webb, Robert Van Noy, Chris Watros, Jennifer Wroblewski, Bill Zuti, and Greg.

*Presider* We pray for all suffering from this pandemic.

*Presider* During this time of separation for their education we pray for Mason and Thor Sproule, India Black, Will Yagel, Abby Caldwell, Emma Brockway, and Owen and Shea Himmel.

*Presider* We pray for those who have died especially Charles Semple and Victor Wroblewski.

*Presider* Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Offertory**

*Presider* Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his name, bring offerings and come into his courts. *pg 343*

Offertory

*Paa Vei Til Skolen*

Anna Lindeman

## **Give Online**

*Go to Grace Radford > New Send Pledge Online*

*You may also mail in your offering; the address is at the end of the bulletin.*

## **The Doxology**

Hymnal 380 v. 3

## **The General Thanksgiving**

*Presider* Let say together the General Thanksgiving on page 101.

*All*      **Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable 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 pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

*Presider*      Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen. pg 102

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Recessional                      *Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord*                      Hymnl 437

*Presider*                      The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and  
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
Amen.

Postlude                      *Sonata in C Major*                      Joseph Haydn

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## JANUARY MISSION: RADFORD CLOTHING BANK

Radford Clothing Bank. January is Grace's month to assist at the Radford City Clothing Bank. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall. We need 2 volunteers for each shift, Thursday 10:00 to 12:00 and 4:00 to 6:00, Friday and Saturday 10:00 to 12:00 only.

**JOIN THE CHOIR**—New members of all ages and skill levels are welcome to join anytime! Every Sunday the Choir will rehearse starting at 9:45 in the Sanctuary! Reach out to our Music Director, Mason Gottschalk, with questions.  
[masingottschalk.music@gmail.com](mailto:masingottschalk.music@gmail.com) .

**NOONDAY PRAYER**—Please join us on Wednesdays at Noon for a time of prayer and community. Bring your own lunch for a meal following.

**LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, ACOLYTES, READERS, AND USHERS NEEDED**—Please consider offering your time and talents to one or more of these roles. These roles are vital and fulfilling ways to live out your faith. We will have training in the near future, so if you are anxious about trying one of these roles out you can join us to practice and see if you are interested. Thank you for considering joining us!

**RED DOOR**—Last month we bid farewell to Roger who faithfully led Red Door, our campus ministry at Radford University, for almost five years. We are about to begin a search to find a new leader for this ministry and could use your help. If you would like to join the Red Door team, please contact Cathy Caldwell.

**GRACE NOTES**—Please sign up for our weekly e-newsletter to hear the latest about what is happening with Grace. Email Samantha to be **added** to the list at: [office@graceradford.org](mailto:office@graceradford.org) or just write your name and email on the “friendship form” and give it to an usher or drop it in the plate.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN BY THE YAGELS IN CELEBRATION OF  
EVE'S BIRTHDAY**

**February Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>LEM</b>	<b>Lector/Usher</b>	<b>Counter</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>
1/29/2023*	Tim Walker	Lee Slusher	Penny Sweet Lee Slusher	Sherri Carper Jennifer Hand Cathy Caldwell
2/5/2023	Jack Brockway	Jennifer Hand	Kristi McCraw Sherri Carper	Penny Sweet Joy Hottenstein
2/12/2023	Mark Carper	Cathy Caldwell	Terry Nester Terry McCraw	Penny Sweet Joy Hottenstein
2/19/2023	Tim Walker	Ann Walker	Ann Walker Diana Jordan	Penny Sweet Joy Hottenstein

\*Morning Prayer Service

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