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The First Sunday of Advent November 28, 2021

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**Grace Church is a diverse congregation committed to a common life sustained by worship.
We bear witness to God's love in Christ through our life together and our service to the wider
community.**

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Our liturgy is found in the Book of Common Prayer, beginning on page 355.

Prelude Song Without Words

Mendelssohn

Please stand.

Hymn #73 The King shall come when morning dawns

Ross Keiser

**1 The King shall come when morning dawns
and light triumphant breaks,
when beauty gilds the eastern hills,
and life to joy awakes.**

**2 Not as of old a little child
to bear, and fight, and die,
but crowned with glory like the sun
that lights the morning sky.**

**3 The King shall come when morning dawns,
and earth's dark night is past;
O haste the rising of that morn,
the day that aye shall last.**

**4 And let the endless bliss begin,
by weary saints foretold,
when right shall triumph over wrong,
and truth shall be extolled.**

**5 The King shall come when morning dawns,
and light and beauty brings;
"Hail, Christ the Lord!" Thy people pray,
come quickly, King of kings!**

The Opening Acclamation

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

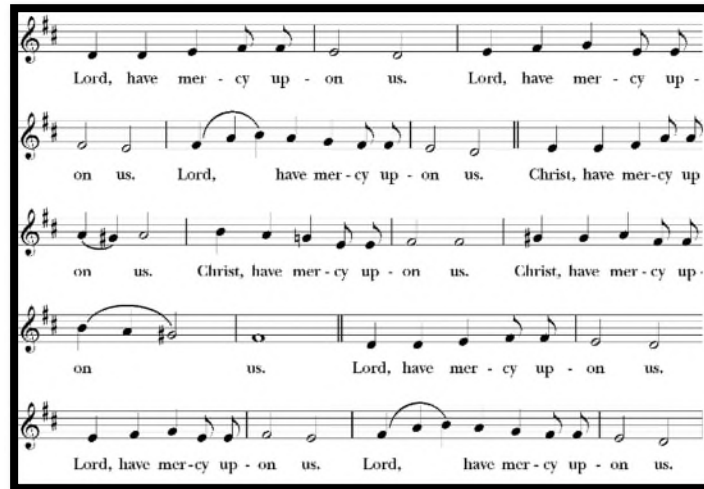
People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*

Healey Willan



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
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Collect of the Day

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

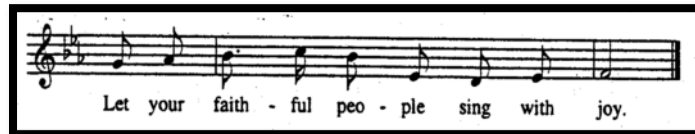
THE WORD OF GOD

The First Reading **Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Psalm 25:1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

- 1 To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; ***let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; ***let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**
- 3 Show me your ways, O LORD, ***and teach me your paths.**
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, ***for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**
- 5 Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, ***for they are from everlasting.**
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; ***remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.**
- 7 Gracious and upright is the LORD; ***therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right ***and teaches his way to the lowly.**
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness ***to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

The Epistle 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Sequence Hymn LEV&S 11 Prepare ye the way of the Lord

The Gospel: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to St. Luke 21:25-36

Response: Glory to You Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon

The Rev Dr. Chip Graves

Please stand.

The Baptismal Covenant

Because we begin a new liturgical year today, we renew our Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People 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.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People 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.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and
fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the
prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever
you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good
News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving
your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all
people, and respect the dignity of every human
being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers of the People

We give thanks for gathering us together in this community; grant your church a discerning spirit and a watchful eye that we may make good use of this holy time and bear witness to your presence hidden among us. *[Pause]*

O Come, Emmanuel, **Your people await your coming**

We give thanks for the resources you have given our nation; grant us wisdom to share them generously and to be the light in darkness for all who are hungry in body, mind, and soul. *[Pause]*

O Come, Emmanuel, **Your people await your coming**

Grant that our leaders and the leaders of all nations use their powers wisely and compassionately. Strengthen those who are struggling for justice and stability throughout the world. Guide us toward the unity, peace, and freedom that we find only in you. *[Pause]*

O Come, Emmanuel, **Your people await your coming.**

Comfort those who are separated from their loved ones during this holiday season. Watch over those who are travelling, and those who have nowhere to go. Shelter the homeless and guide those who are lost. *[Pause]*

O Come, Emmanuel, **Your people await your coming**

Give your healing grace to those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially those for whom the holiday season is a time of loss, and those we now name, silently or aloud. *[Pause]*

O Come, Emmanuel, **Your people await your coming**

Watch over our children, that they may know the peace, as well as the excitement, of your presence. *[Pause]*

O Come, Emmanuel, **Your people await your coming**

Gather into your joyful presence those who have died especially those whom we now name, silently or aloud . . . *[Pause]*

O Come, Emmanuel, **Your people await your coming.**

Priest: O Rising Sun, brightness of light eternal, sun of justice, come and shine on those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death. Glory to you forever. **Amen.**

The Confession

Priest: **Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.**

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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.**

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

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Bring Us Hope

Elaine Schram

Offertory Hymn

God the sculptor of the mountains

**1 God the sculptor of the mountains,
God the miller of the sand,
God the jeweler of the heavens,
God the potter of the land:
you are womb of all creation,
we are formless; shape us now.**

**3 God the unexpected infant,
God the calm, determined youth,
God the table turning prophet,
God the resurrected Truth:
you are present every moment,
we are searching; meet us now.**

**2 God the nuisance to the Pharaoh,
God the cleaver of the sea,
God the pillar of the darkness,
God the beacon of the free:
you are gate of all deliv'rance,
we are sightless; lead us now.**

**4 God the dresser of the vineyard,
God the planter of the wheat,
God the reaper of the harvest,
God the source of all we eat:
you are host at every table,
we are hungry; feed us now.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Celebrant The Lord be with you

Response **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts

Response **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

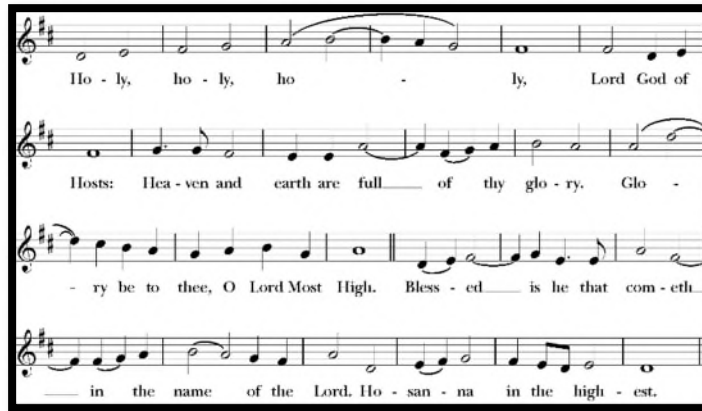
Response **It is right to give God our thanks and praise**

We praise you and we thank you, O holy and living God, Creator of heaven and earth, for the gift of a world full of wonder and for our life, which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe; through Jesus Christ you gather us into one great family. Therefore with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name as we sing:

Sanctus

Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena

Healey Willan



***Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of our Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

O God, from before time you made ready the creation. Through your Wisdom, your Spirit moved over the deep and brought to birth the heavens: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; growing things, both plants and animals; and finally humankind. You made us in your image, male and female, to love and care for the earth and its creatures as you love and care for us, your children. You graced us with freedom of heart and mind, but we were heedless and willful. You took us by the hand, and taught us to walk in your ways. And although you led us with cords of compassion and bands of love, we wandered far away. Yet as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

Then you acted anew in Creation. In order that we might see and know the riches of your grace, your Spirit entered into Mary, the maiden of Nazareth, that she might conceive and bear a Son, the holy child of God. The world had waited long in pain and hope, and at last our Savior came to birth, fulfilling the promise of the reign of God in love.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we would not. We were heedless of his call to walk in love.

At last the time came for him to make the sacrifice of himself, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, and gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

As we gather to share the bread and the cup, we remember his loving gift to us:

**We remember his death on the cross,
We proclaim the resurrection to new life,
We await the return of Christ in glory.**

And we join together in the love of Christ to give thanks and praise to you, our God. Here at this table, we offer to you all that you have made: this bread and this cup, our time and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your love and your blessing on all we offer here. Breathe your Spirit onto these gifts of bread and wine, to make of them the Body and Blood of Christ. Let your Spirit who broods over the whole creation dwell within us. Gather us to be your holy people, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. Draw us, O God, to your heart at the heart of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer

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

**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.**

At the Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated Bread. After a brief silence, all say together:

We are one bread, one body. We love one another as Christ loves us.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

***O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
 O Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.***

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Celebrant: Let us pray

We have heard your word, O God, and we have broken bread together. May this be a sign for us that you are very near, that we are your people, nourished and loved by you. Never forsake us, but be the light around us and our firm ground; and even more be our future, our father, today and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Hymn # 57 Lo! He comes with clouds descending

Charles Wesley

**1 Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
 once for favoured sinners slain;**

**thousand thousand saints attending
 swell the triumph of his train:**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
God appears on earth to reign.

2 Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply
wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

3 Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,




cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture, with what rapture, with
what rapture,
gaze we on those glorious scars!

4 Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory,
claim the kingdom for thine own:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou shalt reign and thou alone.

Final Dismissal

Postlude: Waltz

Brahms

Celebrant & Preacher – Rev. Dr. Chip Graves, Rector 
Organist & Choir Director - Peter Roberts 
Cantor – Ross Keiser 

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we welcome you to Grace Church!

Our liturgy is found in the Book of Common Prayer.

Our communion is open to all baptized Christians.

Please take the time to fill out one of our visitor cards which the ushers have available.

Your presence is a blessing to us; may our worship together be a blessing to you.

Grace Church Prayer List: We hold the following people in prayer: Annie Cleary, Lee Aldrich, Bernice Burton, Oscar Bunche, The Family of Charles & Barbara Wiggins, Martha Catel, Carole Carter, Cynthia Cole, Christina Lewis, Caroline Bordes, The Family of William J. Davis, Kimberly Corelli, Ken Mizumoto, The Family of Darlene & Johnny Peoples, Inez Dale, Bill Dunphy, Cathy Dunphy, Cecile Fray, The Corselli Family, Delaney Family, Sandra Esannason, Cindy Etheridge, Laura Fields, Laurie Noone, Sid Fromm, Leigh Burton, Lydia Green, Michael Nissman, Sylvia Howard, Jackie Jansky, Evgeniy Kaufman, Nellie King, Manoris Long, Donna Louis, Barbara Santos, Paxton Louis, Janice Moore, Kimmie Noone, Waymon Roberson, Ermina, Edith Helen Roundtree, Marty Simmons (Fr. Chip's Brother-In-Law) Michael Zimmerman, Mitzi Pelle, Uriel Reid, Natasha Vodyanitskaya, Tatyana Popova, Mathew Broomfield, The Broomfield Family, and the Countries of India and Haiti

Cedar Manor, Ossining: Robert Auld

Serving in the Armed Forces: Kenny Duffy, Denny J. Edmondson, Christopher P. Halstead, David Packer, Sgt. Christopher Vigliotti, Gunnery Sgt. Les Yearwood

Birthdays – November

1st Ivana Richards
2nd Marie Barrow
5th Terersa Mangum
7th Wade & Thelia Mauro
12th William Heffner
12th Alex Carden
12th Eve Bradford
12th Teri Surgent
13th Maya Daughtry
14th Carole Carter
16th Dr. Jean Chamber
18th Scott Louis
20th Trisha McGuinn
20th Sheldon Salmon
21st Claudette Holdipp
21st Lipton Scarborough
22nd Janine Daughtry
23rd Inez Dale
29th Matthew Gallo

Weddings – November

11/2
William (Bill) & Barbara S. Biles

11/10
John & Elizabeth Carden

Readers

10:00 A.M.- Priya Kuma r– 1st Reading, Rohan Kumar - The Psalm, Aadi Rohan – 2nd Reading and Prayers of the People.

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The church is flexible in receiving your generosity. Blessings.

Option 1: The standard way of staying current with your pledge still applies.

Feel free to put a check in the mail and send it to the address below (Attention: Office

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Option 2: There is a secure drop box on the red door at the front of Grace. The box will be checked regularly for financial contributions, including cash (which will be recorded). Kindly put our pledge in an envelope with your contact info written clearly.

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Look for the “**Pledging**” tab across the top and click on it. Then, you’ll see a yellow

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Please click on the link below to access information regarding ArtsWestchester.

<https://artswestchester.org/programs/jazz-fest-2/>

Counters Needed

We are looking for Counters. Counters work in teams of two and usually only count one Sunday a month.

It is 1 to 1 1/2 hours of your time after the 10 o'clock service. Excel experience is helpful, but not required as long as one person on the

team knows Excel. If interested, please
contact Jim Brown
at brown12west@yahoo.com.

CHURCH RENOVATION **SCHEDULE**

November 1 st -6 th November 7 th Gracia service November 14, 21, 28	Organ wrapped for protection Construction begins after La
RSVP to attend November 8 th -December 4 th floor sacristy November 10, 17	All masses held in Parish Hall, Renovation of church interior including refinishing, painting of church interior, DTM Noonday concerts in Parish Hall
December 1 December 5 th December 12, 19 church	Reopening of the church DTM Noonday concerts resume in
December 12-13	Organ unwrapped for December 19 service



First Sunday *of* Advent

*Today's Music was offered in
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