



CHRIST AND GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Our mission: Offering Hope, Healing and Hospitality

It is our custom to observe a prayerful silence before the service begins.

LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY February 11, 2018

We welcome families with children. If anytime during the service your child needs a place for active play, a small unstaffed nursery room, restrooms, and respite area, with a speaker to hear the service, are located downstairs under the front entrance to the church. A Sunday school for children ages 2-10 meets downstairs during the 10:30 service. Children will return to church at the offering.

8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION RITE II – without music

10:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION RITE II – with music

The Word of God

Prelude Variations on *Jesus priceless treasure*

Johann Gottfried Walter

Hymn 460 *Alleluia Sing to Jesus*

Hyfrydol

Opening Acclamation *standing*

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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.

8:00 a.m. only

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Hymn S280 *Gloria in excelsis*

Robert Powell

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: 2 Kings 2:1-12

sitting

See scripture insert

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 50:1-6

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 137 *O wondrous type* (vs 1-3)

Wareham

Gospel: *standing*

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Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Mark 9:2-9

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Hymn 137 *O wondrous type* (vs 4-5)

Wareham

The Sermon *following, a moment of silence is observed* The Rev. Ruth Partlow

The Nicene Creed *standing*

(p. 358)

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.

Prayers of the People Form III *standing or kneeling*

(p. 387)

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we remember: Christ & Diane Milton, Bill, Betsy, John, Will & Liza Moore, and Barbara Morgan. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We remember those who desire healing in body or spirit: our church members Polly Davies, Horace Higgins, Barbara Ragsdale, Fox Ramsey, Daphne Spurlock and Emily Wirt as well as our relatives and friends Carola Barnett, Elise Bethell, John Elder, Shannon Farthing, Selena McColley, Tommy Parson, Mark Richards, Edward Roberts, Dana Watkins Spiers, and Renee Williamson. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Dorrie Schwartz, by Melanie Smith. We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. I invite you to offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud. (*pause*)

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*pause*) *kneeling* (p. 360)

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 *standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Greeting and Announcements, Birthdays and Anniversaries

Offertory Sentence

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: *Lead me Lord*

S. S. Wesley

At The Presentation Doxology Old Hundredth (Hymn 380 vs. 3) *standing*
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B *standing* (p. 367)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Hymn S-129 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Powell

**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 the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

standing or kneeling

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, (p. 364)

**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

Fraction Hymn S-154 *Alleluia*

New Plainsong

**Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All baptized persons, regardless of denomination or church membership, are welcome to come forward and receive the Holy Bread and Wine. A larger chalice for drinking or a small chalice for intincting (dipping) are available at the altar rail. If you wish to intinct, please hold your wafer up so chalice bearers can see it. If you would like Communion brought to you in the pew, please tell an usher.

Communion Hymn 123 *Alleluia, song of gladness*
(The congregation is invited to sing)

Tibi, Christe, splendor Patris

Kneeling Hymn 121 *Christ, when for us you were baptized*

Caithness

Prayer of Thanksgiving *standing or kneeling*

(p. 365)

Let us pray.

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.

Blessing

Hymn 618 *Ye watchers and ye holy ones*

Lasst uns erfreuen

Dismissal

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Supply Priest: The Rev. Ruth Partlow

Lay Readers: 8:00 Bee Betts, Claire Brill

10:30 Samantha Ellis, Jim Hunter, Liz Richardson, Claire Brill

Ushers: Kathy Talmage, Jim Hunter Audio: Kevin Whitley

Acolytes: Lexie Ellis, Ray Ellis and Samuel Gates Greeters: Everyone

WELCOME VISITORS. We extend a warm welcome to our visitors today. If you would like to know more about our church, kindly fill out one of the cards in the pew racks and place it in the collection plate. Join us in Lackey Hall after both services for refreshments and conversation. Exit the church through the door beside the baptism font – Lackey Hall is at the far end of the hallway.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT 9:30 AM will be a Pre Council presentation by Tom Little and Bill Miller.

BIG BREAKFAST will begin today at 8:45 a.m. Thanks to the Gates family for preparing and serving this meal. Please join us.

COME JOIN OUR BIBLE STUDY! The group meets Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. led by Claire Brill. We welcome you to attend.

FLOWER ARRANGING CLASS POSTPONED and will be rescheduled at another date. Contact Lee Adams with any questions. shakubuku42@gmail.com or 243-3302.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2018 are in Lackey Hall.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER is this Tuesday, February 13, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in Lackey Hall. Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE is this Wednesday, February 14, at 5:30 p.m. This service includes Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes.

FRAMEABLE CHURCH PRINTS AND NOTECARDS are available for your purchase. The 10x12 prints are \$5.00 and note cards are \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00. This print is one that was made in 1988 from a painting by Boots Holden. Copies for purchase are available in Lackey Hall. Proceeds will benefit the ECW.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER! Our youth are making plans for the **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** which will be held on **Tuesday, February 13 from 6-7 p.m.** Mark your calendars for this date!!!

ANNE RUSMISELL BOOK SALE will begin on Sunday, February 18 and continue throughout the season of Lent. Please begin bringing in your used books, CD's, games, historical, biographical and children's books and place in the back room of Lackey Hall. (Please do not bring Reader's Digest or text books.) The ECW contributes all proceeds to the Church Periodical Club.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT POTLUCKS followed by movie feature, THE LION KING, or KARUNA: A Way of Life. Beginning Wednesday Feb. 21 and each Wednesday evening for the following 4 weeks, you are invited to bring your favorite dish to share at our potluck suppers. This is a great time to ask a friend to join in the fellowship of our church. At 6:45 you are invited to stay for our movie segment of **The Lion King** which will be shown in Lackey Hall **or** join the study group upstairs in the Hale Library for "**Karuna: A Way of Life.**" Curious?? Join Sonyia Elder for reflection and journey through the Lenten season. All materials provided. Sonyia is asking you to sign up on the sheet provided in Lackey Hall in order to prepare for this group. She may be reached to answer any question at 691-1735 or tselder@comcast.net

TUESDAY LENTEN PREACHERS AND LUNCHEONS

Join us on five Tuesdays during Lent at 12:15 p.m. for a short worship service and guest preacher followed by lunch in Lackey Hall. (\$5.00 per plate)

- Tuesday, February 20** **Scott Fisher**, St Joseph's Catholic Church
Luncheon - **The 10 O'clock Circle**
Menu: Hot Chicken Salad
- Tuesday, February 27** **The Rev. Willis Foster**, Rector, St. Stephen's Episcopal
Luncheon Hostesses- **Dixie Lackey & Gerry Higgins**
Menu: Shepherds Pie
- Tuesday, March 6** **The Rev. Eve Butler-Gee**, Rector, Martin Burrowsville
Luncheon Hostesses—**Valerie Jeter, Kitty Gwaltney & Night Circle**
Menu: Soup and Sandwich
- Tuesday, March 13** **The Rev. Joe Lewis**, Pastor, Second Baptist Church
Luncheon Hostess - **Maureen McClure**
Menu: Chicken Spectacular
- Tuesday, March 20** **The Rev. Rick Greenwood**, Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal
Luncheon - **Elizabeth Johnson**
Menu: Cheese Souffle

Considerable effort goes into the lunches each Tuesday by church members, and this is a major fundraiser for the Episcopal Church Women. Please plan to attend one or more.

Calendar for the Week

Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Tri-Cities Band Rehearsal
Tues.	6:00 p.m.	Pancake Supper – Lackey Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Wed.	3:00 p.m.	Garden Club Meeting – Lackey Hall
	5:30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Service
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Lackey Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal/AA Meeting

About The Great Litany

The First Sunday of Lent, February 18, we will mark by singing the Great Litany in procession.

The Great Litany is an intercessory prayer including various petitions followed by fixed repetitious responses by the congregation. The Litany (literally ‘Supplication’ from the Greek through Latin) is one of the most ancient forms of prayer, used as early as the fifth century in Rome. Martin Luther hailed it as one of the “greatest Christian prayers.” It is, in fact, considered to be the first prayer composed in the English language for use in public worship. It was first published in 1544, and was included in the 1549 Book of Common Prayer. King Henry VIII commissioned Archbishop Thomas Cramner to write, arrange, and prepare the Great Litany because he was disappointed the people were not participating and joining in the prayers in its earlier version. Today, it is used in our Anglican worship at various times and seasons, but especially during Lent because of its penitential nature.

In the Great Litany, nearly every area of prayer is addressed, including petitions for the church, government, the world and the poor. These prayers are prefaced by a series of requests asking God to deliver us from all manner of afflictions, including evil, sin, heresy, schism, natural disaster, political disaster, violence, death and more.

The use of the Great Litany in procession was first ordered by King Henry VIII. It has become common practice in the Episcopal Church to continue this tradition, processing around the entire perimeter of the worship space, enveloping the congregation. This enveloping or encircling of the entire congregation is meant to remind us that God’s mercy surrounds us on every side. It dramatizes (in the words of Peter Hallock) "our passage through this world toward that which is to come". Of especial importance in our offering, the acolytes will retire our usual beautiful processional Cross for the wooden Cross until Easter.

The version of the Great Litany we are using was prepared by my dear friend, the late Peter Hallock, who served as the Organist-Choirmaster at the Cathedral in Seattle from 1951-1991. The congregational responses in the Hymnal 1982 are amplified and enlarged by the choir, and are punctuated by bell peals. However, the congregational parts remain as printed in the Hymnal. I encourage you to join us in offering these responses and fall into the spell of this great petition for God’s mercy.

Singing the Great Litany in procession in this wonderful form is an essential part of my personal Lenten journey. I am extremely grateful to the Choir, our Lay Readers, Missy Gates and her team of acolytes, Jill Donnelly, Claire Brill, our bell ringers organized and prepared by Tim Richardson, Matthew Little for serving as our cantor, and to you, the people of Christ and Grace for being willing to experience and participate in a new and I hope meaningful worship experience as we enter this Holy Season of Lent.

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