



**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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2017

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 *Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme*

J S Bach

Hymn 76 *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry*

Winchester New

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 S-96 *Lord, have mercy*

Schubert

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

sitting

See scripture insert

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13 (10:30 sung by choir)

Plainsong

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 67 *Comfort, comfort ye my people*

Psalm 42

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 1:1-8

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon *following, a moment of silence is observed*

Bill Queen

The Nicene Creed *standing*

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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.

The Prayers of the People Form V *standing or kneeling*

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Holly, our Bishop, Jay, our Bishop Assisting, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in positions of public trust, especially Donald, our president, Terry, our governor, the Congress, the General Assembly, the City Council, our courts, that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we remember: Valerie Jones, Pret Kaichen, and Kathleen Kirkpatrick. For this congregation, for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

We remember those who desire healing in body or spirit: our church members Polly Davies, Horace Higgins, Barbara Ragsdale, Daphne Spurlock and Elaine Yeatts, as well as our relatives and friends Elise Bethell, Kenneth Crowder, Selena McColley, Ellen Moyer, Tommy Parson, Mark Richards, Edward Roberts, Dana Watkins Spiers, and Renee Williamson. For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our own needs and those of others; I invite you to offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud; (*pause*),

We pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gus and Louise Wright, and Owen O. and Margaret Poole, by Cleve and Suzanne Wright. The flowers at the pulpit are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of Boots Holden. For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Let us pray together our prayer for Christ & Grace's Rector Search

Dear Lord, Surround us with your abundant love. Unite us as a parish during our journey together and encourage every voice to be heard at this time of transition. Grant us patience and wisdom to discern your will for our church. Strengthen our hearts and minds in our search for our new rector. All this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

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, Children's Message

Offertory Sentence

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem *Sleepers wake, the night is flying*

J S Bach

At The Presentation: Hymn 56 *O come, o come, Emmanuel* (v.1) *standing*

8 a.m. only **Doxology** *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 C

standing

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord (Hymnal S-130)

Schubert

**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.

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And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Miriam, Deborah, and Hannah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and of his mother Mary: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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 462 *The Lord will come and not be slow*
(The congregation is invited to sing)

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Kneeling Hymn 309 *O Food to pilgrims given*

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Prayer of Thanksgiving *standing*

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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 75 *There's a voice in the wilderness crying*

Ascension

Dismissal

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Variation I on a French Noel

Louis-Claude Daquin

Lay Readers: 8:00 Sean Little, Claire Brill

10:30 Andy Gates, Liz Richardson, Nancy Rawlings, Claire Brill

Ushers: Ann Riggs, Marwee Walsh Audio: Kemper Brinkley 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:

NO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TODAY as the Annual Meeting and Vestry elections will be held immediately following both services in the church. Next Sunday will be Web and Facebook Use by Jonathan Shockley.

THE ANGEL TREE IS SET UP IN LACKEY HALL. Make plans now to adopt a child or children this Christmas. The Angel Tree works by connecting parents in prison with their children through the delivery of Christmas gifts. Christ and Grace received 40 children in the Tri-City area this year. There are two categories of participation: 1) A donation of \$25 (or an actual \$25 Walmart gift card) used to buy clothing for one child. 2) A toy purchased (approx. \$25) and wrapped. The gift will need to be at Christ and Grace by Friday, Dec. 15. Share Christ's love this Christmas by helping meet the needs of the families of prisoners. If you prefer to donate money, there is a box beside the tree to deposit your check. You will be supporting a very special and important ministry. Contact Sonyia Elder with questions at tselder@comcast.net. Thank you!

THE 2018 FLOWER CHART is now posted in the hallway leading to Lackey Hall, with openings beginning on January 21st. Please fill out one of the forms next to the calendar so we know how you would like your dedication to read – you can leave the form in Jill’s mailbox or give it to Lee Adams. The cost is still \$51; make your check payable to Christ and Grace with ‘memorial flowers’ in the memo line. Questions? Contact Lee Adams at shakubuku42@gmail.com or 243-3302. Thank you for your support of the flower ministry!

MEN’S BREAKFAST GROUP meets this Saturday, December 16 at 8:00 a.m. in Lackey Hall. All men of the church are welcome to attend.

ECW CHRISTMAS WREATHS STILL AVAILABLE! Prices are: Small- \$13, Medium - \$23, Large - \$30. If interest, please contact Kitty Gwaltney at 733-6938 or kgwaltney@comcast.net.

PURCHASE MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS for the Christmas altar by completing the form on the table outside Lackey Hall or call the church office at 733-7202. Twenty-five poinsettias will be purchased at a cost of \$16.00 and the name of your loved one will be listed in the Christmas bulletin. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, December 17.

HOLIDAY FOOD BASKETS For families unable to afford or prepare their own Christmas dinner, a local supermarket has been contacted to put together holiday meals. We will be accepting monetary donations of any amount you choose to give instead of food donations. There is a poster on the wall as you enter Lackey Hall with a pocket to collect your checks. Please have your donation in by Friday, December 15.

MENS SHELTER CHRISTMAS DINNER. Please join us at the Men's Shelter for a Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 20, at 6:00 pm. Sign-Up Sheet for holiday dishes is on the bulletin board in Lackey Hall. In the past we had some great musicians participating - are any of you still around and willing so we can sing a few Christmas songs? Also, we will be giving each man a Walmart Gift Card and you can make a monetary contribution by placing it in the box located by Christmas tree in Lackey Hall.

OUR ADVENT TREE is up and decorated with Advent scripture chains made by our Children’s Sunday School. Each week we will add more symbolic décor that lead to the birth of Jesus. Advent calendars and readings are available in the basket by entrance of Lackey Hall.

PECANS STILL AVAILABLE! Halves and pieces, chocolate covered raisins, and honey roasted peanuts all make great gifts. \$10 each. Available in Lackey Hall.

THE NIGHT CIRCLE ANNUAL POINSETTIA SALE pick-up will be in Lackey Hall Friday, December 8, and Saturday, December 9, from 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m., and Sunday, December 10, following both services. **Payment to “Night Circle”.**

Calendar for the Week

Mon.	7:00 p.m.	Tri-Cities Band Rehearsal
Tues.	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Lackey Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal / AA Meeting
Sat.	8:00 a.m.	Men’s Breakfast

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