

We Gather

Processional Hymn: #100 Joy to the world Please stand as you are able.

Christmas Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God who comes to us in human form.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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Gloria: #S-280

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate

Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one

God. now and for ever. Amen.

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Please be seated.

Reader: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

Reader: The word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 147

Reader: Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! *

People: how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

Reader: The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *
People: he gathers the exiles of Israel.

Reader: He heals the brokenhearted *
People: and binds up their wounds.

Reader: He counts the number of the stars * and calls them all by their names.

Reader: Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *

People: there is no limit to his wisdom.

Reader: The LORD lifts up the lowly, *

People: but casts the wicked to the ground.

Reader: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
People: make music to our God upon the harp.

Reader: He covers the heavens with clouds * People: and prepares rain for the earth;

Reader: He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *

People: and green plants to serve mankind.

Reader: He provides food for flocks and herds *
and for the young ravens when they cry.

Reader: He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

Reader: But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *

People: in those who await his gracious favor.

Reader: Worship the LORD, O Jerusalem; *

People: praise your God, O Zion;

Reader: For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; *

People: he has blessed your children within you.

Reader: He has established peace on your borders; *
People: he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

Reader: He sends out his command to the earth, *

People: and his word runs very swiftly.

Reader: He gives snow like wool; *

People: he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

Reader: He scatters his hail like breadcrumbs; * People: who can stand against his cold?

Reader: He sends forth his word and melts them; * People: he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

Reader: He declares his word to Jacob, *

People: his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

Reader: He has not done so to any other nation; *

People: to them he has not revealed his judgments. Hallelujah!

Second Lesson: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Reader: A reading from book of Galatians.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that

we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God

Reader: The word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: #115 What child is this Please stand as you are able.

Gospel: John 1:1-18

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon Silence for reflection after the sermon.

Nicene Creed BCP Page 358 All in unison; Please stand.

Prayers of the People

Please kneel, sit or stand.

Reader: As we have offered gratitude for God's grace upon this community, let us now offer our

gifts to the Lord, trusting that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we will be led to ever

more faithful fellowship and service.

Reader: For peace from things that separate us from one another and for our salvation.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God,

especially...

People: St. Andrew's, Stillwater; OSU Campus Ministry; St. Paul's Church, Progreso, Uruguay; The Episcopal Church of Cyprus and the Gulf.

Reader: For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For...

People: Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Tom, our clergy; Tim &

Pat, our wardens; vestry, delegates, all who minister in Christ, and for all the

holy people of God. Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. We pray for our leaders,

especially...

People: Joe, our President; Kamala, our Vice-president; Markwayne, our Congressman;

James & Jim, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Marlon, our Mayor. Lord,

have mercy.

Reader: For prisoners, the oppressed, all those in need or suffering, especially...

People: Barbara & Family, Blackwell Family, Brad, Brewer Family, James & Shirley,

Mike & Betty, Rogers Family, Kenneth, Pat & Joe, Quinn & Nancy, Prisca, PJ, John & Sharon, Emma, Ronnie, John, Troy, Sarah, Bill, Ark of Faith, all emergency responders, United States Military, and those whose suffering is

known only to God.

Reader: We pray for those who have died (especially...)

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We pray for those in our parish,

especially ...

People: John, Rita, Joan, Marlene, Van.

Reader: Also those who are traveling, (especially...)

People: Lord, have mercy.

Reader: Bless all those everywhere who give themselves to the service of others; that with

wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister to the suffering, the friendless, and

the needy for love of him who laid down his life for us.

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Remembering our most blessed Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one

another to the living God through Christ.

People: To you, O Lord.

Reader: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son:

accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our

Lord.

People: Amen.

Confession and AbsolutionBCP Page 360

Please kneel, sit or stand.

PeaceBCP Page 360
Please stand as you are able.

Greet one another in the name of Christ. Please return to your seats when you hear the bell.

Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings

Please be seated.

Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here once or twice before, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the plate. We promise not to harass you, but we would like to include you on our weekly email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.

Celebrant: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts with thanksgiving.

Offertory: Coventry Carol Ken Yadon

Doxology: #380Please stand and sing as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Distribution of Communion

At Grace Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the usher if you need communion brought to you at your seat. IF you wish to receive the bread only, hold your palms upward, consume the bread, and cross your arms over your chest when the chalice bearer approaches. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come to the altar rail to receive a Blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest when the priest approaches.

Sursum Corda BCP Page 361

Sanctus: #S-130 Please stand, sit, or kneel.

Lord's Prayer: BCP Page 362

Fraction Anthem: #S-164 Lamb of God Please remain seated.

Breaking of the Bread BCP Page 364 A period of silence is kept

Communion Anthem: Still, Still, Still Choir

We Go Out To Do Our Work

Christmas Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: Almighty and everliving God, you have given us a new revelation of

your loving providence in the Coming of your Son Jesus Christ to be born of the Virgin Mary: Grant that as he shared our mortality, so we may share his eternity in the glory of your kingdom; where he

lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Christmas Blessing:

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon him, bless you in this

holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of his holiness. **Amen.**

May God, who sent his angels to proclaim the glad news of the Savior's birth, fill you

with joy, and make you heralds of the Gospel. Amen.

May God, who in the Word made flesh joined heaven to earth and earth to heaven,

give you his peace and favor. **Amen.**And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon

you and remain with you forever. Amen.

Recessional Hymn: #83 O come, all ye faithful Please stand and sing.

Sending

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Lovely Poinsettias on the Christmas Altar are Given to the Glory of God.

In Loving Memory of:

- Mallory Paige Coburn by Katherine Coburn.
- Paul Archer, Ada Wood Kenneth Sellers and Keith Sellers by Lora Sellers.
- Kayden Stepp, Freddie Ramirez, John Chelssi, Larry Woods and, Debra House by Terra Tomlinson.
- Cooper Cox Betty & George Knapp, C.V. & Loretta Wilkinson by D. I. Wilkinson.
- Audrey Hansen by Jean Lewis.
- Cliff Franklin & Mallory Coburn by Diamond Franklin
- Madeline & Bob Minton, Don Jiles, Burk & Bonnie Gilbreath, Ray & Ruth Odom, Sandy Odom by Van & Marlene Odom.
- Emily Green, Linda Edwards, Debby Schrader by David Edwards
- Alvin & Mabel Freie, David Gaillard, Donna Maxwell by Melody & John Freie.

In Honor of:

- Freeman & June Little by Terry Tomlinson.
- Molly & Casey, Jacob, Kenize & Lainey by Doug & Lisa Duffy
- Our children & grandchildren by Van & Marlene Odom.
- Dorothy Fite by David Edwards.
- Pat & Dave Wilcox by Chris & Rick Ewing.

2022 FLOWERS

Below is the list for 2022 Altar Flower sponsors, listed by date. If the date listed by your name is okay, there is nothing to do. If you would like to make a change to the dedication as listed during 2021, or if you have any questions, please contact the office at 918-687-5416. Suggested donation is \$50.00



JANUARY:

- 2: CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS
- 9: OPEN
- 16: Marion & John Della Magiora
- 23: Amanda Milligan
- 30: Connie & Richard Haugland

FEBRUARY:

- 6: Janie & Don Cole
- 13: Nancy Hurley
- 20: Stuart Woods Family
- 27: Edith Lubin

MARCH:

- 6: LENT
- 13: LENT
- 20: LENT
- 27: LENT

APRIL:

- 3: LENT
- 10: PALM SUNDAY
- 17: EASTER SUNDAY
- 24: Dorothy Fite

MAY:

- 1: Melody & John Freie
- 8: Edith Lubin
- 15: Jennifer Sparks
- 22: David Edwards
- 29: Connie Haughland

JUNE:

- 5: OPEN
- 12: Shirley & James Slate
- 19: Kaia & Tim Holder
- 26: Kathy & Jerry Coburn

JULY:

- 3: Charles G. Bradley Family
- 10: Bret Smith
- 17: David Edwards
- 24: Jennifer Sparks
- 31: OPEN

AUGUST:

- 7: Chuck/Dotty Oelkers;Eddie Boen
- 14: Connie & Richard Haugland
- 21: Edith Lubin
- 28: OPEN

SEPTEMBER:

- 4: Barbara Tobin
- 11: Dotty Oelkers
- 18: David Edwards
- 25: Marlene & Van Odom

OCTOBER:

- 2: OPEN
- 9: Kathy & Jerry Coburn
- 16: Edith Lubin
- 23: OPEN
- 30: Marriott & Sam Fowler

NOVEMBER:

- 6: Brenda Groves
- 13: Ron Woods
- 20: Shirley & James Slate
- 27: THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

DECEMBER:

- 4: David Edwards
- 11: Jane & John W. Haworth
- 18: CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS
- 25: CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

2022 Bread & Wine Offering

Below is the list for 2022 Communion Bread offerings, listed by date. If the date listed by your name is okay, there is nothing to do. If you would like to make a change to the dedication as listed during 2021, or if you have any questions, please contact the office. <u>Suggested</u> donation is \$15.00.

JANUARY:

- 2: Virginia Lipotich
- 9: Stuart Woods
- 16: Kaia & Tim Holder
- 23: OPEN
- 30: B.J. & John Charbonneau

FEBRUARY:

- 6: Melody & John Freie
- 13: Edith Lubin
- 20: Jennifer Sparks
- 27: Nancy Green

MARCH:

- 6: Jennifer Sparks
- 13: Edith Lubin
- 20: Stuart Woods
- 27: Barbara Haworth

APRIL:

- 3: Barbara Tobin
- 10: Jennifer Sparks
- 17: Edith Lubin
- 24: B.J. & John Charbonneau

MAY:

- 1: OPEN
- 8: Betty & Tom Honea
- 15: OPÉN
- 22: OPEN
- 29: OPEN

JUNE:

- 5: Melody & John Freie
- 12: Jennifer Sparks
- 19: Virginia Lipotich
- 26: Tom Honea

<u>JULY:</u>

- 3: Jennifer Sparks
- 10: B.J. & John Charbonneau
- 17: Edith Lubin
- 24: B.J. & John Charbonneau
- 31: Kaia & Tim Holder

AUGUST:

- 7: Stuart Woods
- 14: Betty Honea
- 21: OPEN
- 28: Shirley & James Slate

SEPTEMBER:

- 4: Jennifer Sparks
- 11: Kathy Cobum
- 18: Nancy Green
- 25: David Edwards

OCTOBER:

- 2: David Edwards
- 9: OPEN
- 16: Melody & John Freie
- 23: OPEN
- 30: OPEN

NOVEMBER:

- 6: Audrey & Jeremy Stone
- 13: Kaia & Tim Holder
- 20: David Edwards
- 27: Nancy Green

DECEMBER:

- 4: Shirley & James Slate
- 11: Barbara Haworth
- 18: Tom Honea
- 25: John & Melody Freie



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