



Celtic Evensong and Communion

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

22 January 2023 4:00 pm

We are so happy you are here.

*We come from many places to be together for a little while.
Each of us brings our own experience and traditions to this gathering.
So here in this place, let us take time together to encounter the holy.*

Please remember to silence all devices

The Opening Rite

Musical Meditation

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Meditation

He calls us all to step aboard his ship,
Take the adventure on this morning's wing,
Raise sail with him, launch out into the deep,
Whatever storms or floods are threatening.

If faith gives way to doubt, or love to fear,
Then, as on Galilee, we'll rouse the Lord,
For he is always with us and will hear
And make our peace with his creative Word,
Who made us, loved us, formed us and has set
All his beloved lovers in an ark;

Borne upwards by his Spirit, we will float
Above the rising waves, the falling dark,
As fellow pilgrims, driven towards that haven,
Where all will be redeemed, fulfilled, forgiven.

-Malcolm Guite

Confession (said by all)

**Holy One, we encounter you in our lives and try to follow faithfully, but so often we get lost or turn away.
We try to love our neighbors and ourselves, and even, by your grace, to love our enemies, but we fail.
We take the wrong path and stray from the way of your love.
Forgive us, Lord, and guide us back to you.**

Assurance of Pardon

We turn to you, God of Love, and we accept your grace. We accept your pardon. We accept the gift of new path, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalm

Arise, shine, for your light has come.

And the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.

Your word is a lamp to our feet

And a light for our path.

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 5 One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great
gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the Lord.
- 10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Holy Trinity, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Lessons

Listen now to the Word of God

The First Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness--on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Musical Response

The Second Reading

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Lector For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,
and for the Word of God within us,
People Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Christine Reichert

Music after the Reflection

Evening Prayer

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Jesus, you are the light of the world:
May your light open our eyes to see those in need.
Jesus, you are the light of the world:
May the works of our lives demonstrate your love.
Jesus, you are the light of the world:
May your wisdom enlighten our decisions.
Jesus, you are the light of the world,
hear the prayers of our hearts:
Here, the people may add particular intercessions or thanksgivings.
As you enlighten our lives,
May we be light for others.

Leader Jesus says, “Come to me you who are troubled and I will give you rest.” So come, you who are broken in body or in spirit, you who are torn by relationships and doubt, you who feel deeply within yourselves the divisions of the world. Come, for Jesus invites us to bring our brokenness. From now until the end of the service, you are invited to come to the Lady Altar and light a candle and kneel at the rail for prayers. The laying on of hands is also offered at the healing station near the door at the back of the Chapel. Please move about as the Spirit leads you.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world's light.
Look unto me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

The Grace God, you sent your Son into the world that we might live through him: Grant us grace to love one another as he first loved us, and know the fullness of joy. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Holy Communion

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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is our joy and delight to give you thanks and praise Emmanuel, God with us. We give you thanks and praise for your hallowing of human flesh. We rejoice at your light which shines out of darkness and enlightens all who seek you. We praise you that you brought forth new life in the family of Mary and Joseph as you do today from all who faithfully await the fulfillment of your word. We praise you that you were known first by poor shepherds and wise seekers as you are known today by the poor and outcast. We rejoice with the angels at your promise of peace for those who trust in you. We rejoice that the extraordinary is given birth in the ordinary places of life.

So with the angels who sing “Glory” and with all the saints and ancestors who have known you to be with us, we sing together:

Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant We bless you for Jesus, born of the Spirit's love and a woman's body. We bless you for Jesus who shows us how to live the fullness of our humanity and thus become one with you. We remember Jesus who laughed and wept and felt tiredness and fear; who praised Mary when she anointed him for death and blessed a woman of the city who washed his feet with tears. We remember Jesus who touched lepers and the sick and feasted with tax collectors and sinners. We remember Christ who lives on in all who courageously and faithfully bring forth the light of your love in earth's darkest places.

We remember Jesus who, on the night before he died, shared a meal with his friends.
He took bread, blessed it and broke it and gave it to them saying:
“Take and eat. This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me.”

After supper he took a cup of wine, gave thanks and gave it to them saying:
“This is my life-blood given for you. Do this to remember me.”

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant Holy and gracious God, present with us now, send in kindness your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus., As we eat and drink these bodily things, make us one body, food for the world, one blood to be poured out for the life of all. Touch us with your gentle creativity and fire us with longing for the new age of justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus who gave his body that we might be one and his blood that we might find new life. With him, and through him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be to you, O God, all honor and glory forever. **Amen.**

The Lord’s Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

The Invitation

Celebrant This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.
It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
You who have been here often, and you who have not been here long,
you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.
Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.
It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

Communion

Concluding Prayer

All **Lord, in a world of many division keep beckoning us out of safe havens into your richer fellowship of challenge and reconciliation, sacrifice and service. Amen.**

Blessing Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor everyone, love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Amen.

Dismissal

Officiant The Lord almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Concluding Musical Meditation

*Please leave immediately and quietly at the end of the service
as we wish to continue to contemplate the sacred mysteries we have received.*

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Manny Faria
Ryan Patten,
Paul Massari
Christine Reichert
Joanna Troy
Jane Stewart

Officiant
Musician
Assisting
Reflection
Intercessor
Usher

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Parish Prayer List

Jeremy Parker, Cindy Rhodes, Ron, James Phillips, David Stonehouse, Linda Layne, Daniel Brundige, Whitney Goodhue, Evan Wagner, Garrett Graves, Gerald Tucker, Allison Mascolo, Melissa Glassman, The Bishop-Tanquay Family, Max Joyce, Inga and Todd and Family, Mel, Melissa Glassman, Corey MacNeil, Helen Phillips, Zan Duffy, Dianne, Sarah Colvin Duffy, Michael Towey, Jenny, Loretta and Kris, Deb Papps, Derek Fuller and Family, the people of Palestine, Afghanistan, and Ukraine; the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem, the Salem Public Schools and for an end to racism, war, anti-Semitism, gun violence and oppression. If you have prayer requests, please email regathering@gracechurchsalem.org by Tuesday at noon for publication in that week's e-news. If you would like to add someone to our prayer list, please email gcs1@verizon.net.

Upcoming Events

Debbie will be away from January 19 - 26. During this time, you may contact our Senior Warden, Ryan Patten at 419-217-0163 for any issues that might arise.

Each Tuesday evening, anyone interested in joining others in knitting are invited to come to Grace Church from 7:00—8:30pm. Our first project is knitting more hats for the youth of Salem. We will continue to consider ways we can meet the needs of our neighbors with our knitting needles!

On Friday, January 27th, beginning at 6:00 pm, we will have a “Craft Night” for anyone interested. Bring an appetizer to share if you like, and come learn how to make a variety of winter crafts from master craftsperson Kourtnei Patten. This fellowship event may be just the break you need to deal with cabin fever!

On Sunday, January 29th, The Reverend Cliff Cutler will be our guest preacher while Debbie celebrates.



HATS O.F.F. To Warm Heads!

Outreach.

A program meant to provide handmade knitted/crocheted hats to Salem students.

Fellowship.

Beginning January 17, 2023, parishioners and interested others will gather on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 PM at Grace Church to teach, learn how to make hats, and knit/crochet together. This time slot may be adjusted depending upon group preferences and, of course, you can also knit or crochet at home.

Fundraising.

Lastly, folks will be sought to sponsor hats (\$10/hat) that will go out to kids in Salem. Donations will support Grace Church and its missions.

If you are interested in knitting/crocheting or sponsoring or have any other questions, email fundraising@gracechurchsalem.org or contact fundraising committee members Melissa Barnes, Joanne Moar or Peggy Carter directly. Some supplies/patterns will be available but please bring your own supplies if you can. Extra are needed.

Information about sponsoring hats will follow at a later date.

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