

The Fifth Sunday after The Epiphany



10 February 2019

Choral Holy Eucharist 10:30 am

Grace Episcopal Church

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Visitor Information

Welcome to those of you here for the first time. Most Sundays, we have Church School at 10:30 am with our trained teachers. The classroom is located through the door at the front right of the chapel and down the hall; please ask if you need help finding it. The children will join us in church after the Sermon for the Peace and Communion. All baptized children of any age are welcome to receive communion.

Please join in the singing! Hymnals are located in the pew and the numbers are listed in the leaflet. **“S”** numbered hymns are found in the front of the *Hymnal 1982*. The *Book of Common Prayer* may also be found in the rack in front of you.

We are a self-supporting congregation, so when we pass the plate in the middle of the service, please be generous. Today’s collection will support our ministries to the community.

At the communion, God welcomes all to the heavenly banquet. The Episcopal Church offers the sacraments to anyone baptized in any denomination who, through prayer and thoughtful consideration, desires them. Please come to the communion rail to receive the bread and wine, whether you are an Episcopalian or not, or to receive a blessing.

When coming to the rail for communion, please kneel or stand at the rail from right to left until the rail is full. You may receive both the wafer and wine, the wafer only, or may ask for a blessing. Please let the priest know if you need **gluten free**.

Our priest, Debbie, is available after the service to answer any questions you might have. Please let her know your thoughts about today’s service.

We ask that you sign the guestbook at the entrance of the church. If you want more information, our website is www.gracechurchsalem.org. Our weekly newsletter, called Grace Notes, can be found there. If you wish to receive the newsletter, simply go to the website, open Grace Notes and subscribe.

We hope you find the service meaningful and the embrace of our community inviting.

Thank you for praying with us today.

Choral Holy Eucharist: Rite II

10:30 AM

As you enter the church, please take a moment to prepare for worship.

Look through this leaflet and see which books you might need.

Check to see if your electronic devices are turned off.

Center yourself so that you may be open to however God is revealed to you this morning.

*Consider who or what you might want to name, bring, and lift up during
the Prayers of the People.*

The Opening Rite

Opening Voluntary Hymn Prelude on "Dunlap's Creek"

Charles Callahan

Hymn at the Procession

Lift Every Voice and Sing, #194

Lead me, guide me

Doris Akers

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

A Song of Praise

Lift Every Voice and Sing II, #243

Glory, glory Hallelujah

David Hurd

The Collect of the Day

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

The Lessons *The people sit.*

The First Lesson

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew

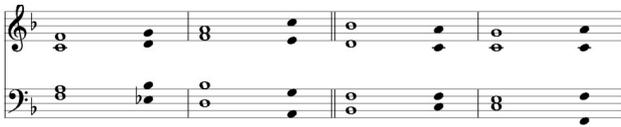
to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19:1-6

Robert Knox Kennedy



- 1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole | heart; *
before the gods I will sing your | praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your | Name, *
because of your love and | faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your | Name *
and your word above all | things.
- 4 When I called, you | answered me; *
you increased my strength with- | in me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O | Lord, *
when they have heard the words of your | mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the | Lord, *
that great is the glory of the | Lord.
- 7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the | lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from a- | far.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me | safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall | save me.
- +9 The Lord will make good his purpose for | me; *
O Lord, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your | hands.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had

received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

They cast their nets in Galilee

The Hymnal 1982, #661

Georgetown

The Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you

Dismissal

Voluntary Postlude in A Minor

Valentin Engel

Please join us for Coffee Hour hosted by the Bailly's

— Worship Leaders —

The Reverend Deborah Phillips	<i>Presider and Preacher</i>
Larry Kamp	<i>Organist and Choir Director</i>
Joanne Moar	<i>Verger</i>
Gavin Watson-Bertrand, Campbell Boisvert	<i>Acolytes</i>
Tony Boisvert	<i>Lector</i>
Caroline Ogah, Deb Papps	<i>Chalicers</i>
Jonathan Bailly, Peggy Carter	<i>Usbers</i>
Helen Watson-Felt	<i>Altar Guild</i>
Jane Thompson	<i>Flowers</i>

Our Prayers are Offered for

Sam Fizer, Grandbaby Webb, Peggy Raredon, Melissa Tucker, the Mac-Neil Family, The Gaither Family, Jeff and Jon C. Papps, Elizabeth Ladejobi, Vernon Steadman, G. Oliver Papps, Stephen Duff, James Skeadas, Natalie Ann Holland, Elisabeth Thomas, Andrew Rossi, Kim Shaw, Leo and Judy Murphy, Ross Dolloff, The Tache Family, Cindy Carr, The Duda-Laramie-Davis Families, Helen Watson-Felt, Stanley Smith, Hugh MacKay, Gene Lockard, Diane Rowand Burns, Cliff Lewis, Maddie Montgomery, Gary Young, Parks Family, Dona Forrest, Joseph James, Barbara and Gerry Porter, Peggy Hopkins, Sarah Bailly, Richard and Madeline Bailly, the Schwab Family, Elaine and Peter Velonkas, the Joyce Family, Linda P., the Salem Public Schools, the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, the victims of natural disasters,, all refugees, and for the victims of sexual abuse, harassment, exploitation, and human trafficking.

If you would like to add someone to our prayer list, please put their name on the prayer poster in the lobby.

Bible Study in Epiphany

During this season, we will meet for Bible Study each Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30 pm as we consider the upcoming readings for Sunday. Come with lots of questions and an open heart as we explore Scripture together. This week, The Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Plain.

A Pastoral Letter from the Bishops to the People of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

To be published in every congregation of the diocese not later than the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 17, 2019

January 17, 2019

Dear People of the Diocese of Massachusetts,

Since October 2017, when #MeToo began to spread virally in conversations on social media about sexual abuse and harassment, primarily in the workplace, shocking stories of misconduct have come to light involving business leaders, celebrities, politicians and many others. Sadly, the church has not been immune from instances of sexual abuse and harassment. As a result of this heightened awareness and flood of painful stories, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry and President of the House of Deputies Gay Clark Jennings issued a call in January 2018 to The Episcopal Church to “examine its history and come to a fuller understanding of how it has handled or mishandled cases of sexual harassment, exploitation and abuse through the years.” They invited voices from across the church to help determine how to proceed in both “atoning for the church’s past and shaping a more just future.”

Thankfully, many of those voices have been heard over the past year. Stories were collected and anonymously related in a “Liturgy of Listening” at the 79th General Convention last July in Austin, Texas. They also inspired a number of resolutions which came before General Convention, among them resolution D034 which called for a three-year suspension of the statute of limitations on clergy disciplinary cases involving sexual misconduct against adults. There is no time limit on reporting clergy sexual misconduct against children and youth under age 21. The adoption of this resolution, which lifts the statute of limitations from January 1, 2019, through

December 31, 2021, provides an opportunity for those injured or affected by sexual misconduct by Episcopal clergy to relate their stories, as well as a vehicle for the church to respond with disciplinary processes for the clergy responsible for these acts and with concrete actions toward the healing of individuals, congregations and, in some cases, entire dioceses affected by abusive actions.

In our own diocese, we recognize that clergy are not the only ones who have committed acts of abuse or harassment in the church. Some who are lay staff, volunteers or other parishioners have acted inappropriately. For several months, a new #MeToo Task Force of our diocese has been in conversation and has been considering how to respond in situations where a lay person has engaged in sexual misconduct within the church. While there is no canonical disciplinary process for lay persons as there is for clergy, our desire is that our churches be safe places for everyone, environments where all can thrive in faith in God and service to their neighbors. The #MeToo Task Force is considering ways to encourage the sharing of stories, protocols for response, and events to atone for these harmful actions and to engender in our congregations a deeper awareness of our baptismal call to “respect the dignity of every human being.”

As your bishops, we invite you to take several actions as you may be moved to do so:

First, we hope every member of our diocese will remember all who are victims of sexual abuse, harassment, exploitation, or human trafficking in your prayers both publicly and privately. For too long, these stories have existed in the shadows. As painful as it may be, it is time to bring them to light, to examine the failings of the church, to pursue appropriate discipline and repentance for those who have committed acts of misconduct, and to seek healing for victims and others affected by these actions.

Second, we invite those who have been affected by acts of sexual abuse, harassment or misconduct by clergy, whether in this diocese or elsewhere, to relate their stories to one of our diocesan intake officers for clergy disciplinary matters, Starr Anderson (starrkanderson@gmail.com) and the Rev. Thea Keith-Lucas (revthea@gmail.com). Those coming forward with a complaint can be assured that their identity will be held in confidence until and unless they agree that it may be revealed to others. The Episcopal Church’s clergy disciplinary process can be found in detail at www.titleiv.org.

Finally, stay alert for reports from the #MeToo Task Force as it prepares a protocol for receiving stories of misconduct by lay persons and develops resources to assist our congregations in further developing a climate that nurtures and respects the dignity of each person.

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates

Bishop Diocesan

The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris

Bishop Suffragan

<p style="text-align: center;">Change of Date: Annual Meeting at 11:45 am on February 24</p>
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Due to illness, the Annual Meeting of Grace Church in Salem has been rescheduled to Sunday, February 24 at 11:45 am in Abbot Hall.

At the meeting, the following will take place:

Introduction of our new members since last Annual Meeting

Presentation of new Safe Church and Alcohol Use Policies

Stewardship “Epistle”

Election of New Vestry Members

Reports on Worship, Fundraising and the Financials

Appreciations

Celebration of the Retirement of the Assessment Debt

All are welcome to attend this meeting and all members have vote. A member is one who regularly attends and financially supports the parish.

Vestry Meeting Tomorrow at 7:15pm

The Vestry will meet tomorrow night in the Common Room for final deliberations before the Annual Meeting.

Wednesday the 20 February:
Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes

This is one of the largest annual gatherings in the Episcopal Church and this year they will be meeting in Boston. This year's theme is "Faith in Action." Our Rector has been invited to be a presenter at a pre-Convention "Smart" talk to share our story of the Bowditch Partnership. During this three hour workshop, she will be joining three other people who are involved in work that brings about change in the inequities in our public schools. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to tell others the benefits of partnering, of building relationships with students that they empower us to advocate for them. Please keep Debbie in your prayers on Wednesday.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry to Visit the Diocese

Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry has scheduled a visitation in the Diocese of Massachusetts, Friday-Monday, April 26-29. Plans for how the weekend will take shape are in the works, with an intention to have at least one public gathering with Bishop Curry in addition to gatherings with other groups in the diocese and time with the clergy at the start of the Clergy Conference in Brewster on Monday, April 29 beginning at 10 a.m. More information will be available soon; in the meantime, clergy, congregations and the wider diocesan community are invited to keep the visitation dates in mind as planning for this exciting opportunity continues.

Join "Encounters in the Holy Land" mission pilgrimage, Oct. 1-15

Join Bishop Gayle E. Harris and the Rev. Debbie Phillips for "Encounters in the Holy Land," a mission pilgrimage in Israel and Palestine, Oct. 1-15. The mission pilgrimage will combine visits to holy sites in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jordan Valley and the Dead Sea, Nazareth, Galilee, Nablus and Ramallah with opportunities to learn about active mission in the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem through its school, healthcare and peacemaking ministries. The registration deadline is May 15. The group will meet three times before the trip for orientation and community building. Estimated cost is \$4,100 per person (double occupancy), with all payments due by July 15. FOR INFORMATION: David Ames, Office of the Bishop Suffragan (617-482-4826, ext. 445 or dames@diomass.org).

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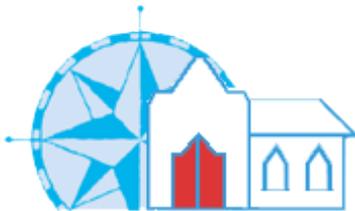
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The Mission of Grace Church is to unconditionally invite all people to join us in building a faithful Episcopal congregation that goes out into the community and through prayer, presence, and partnering improves the quality of life by bringing everyone closer to God.