

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



8 February 2026
Holy Eucharist: Rite II
10:00 am

Grace Episcopal Church

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Welcome!

Welcome to those of you here. Here's some information:

Most Sundays, we have Church School at 10:00 am with 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 at the Peace and for Communion. All baptized children of any age are welcome to receive Communion.

Please join in the singing! Hymnals are 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.

This is a self-supporting congregation, so when the plate is passed in the middle of the service, please be generous. Today's collection will support our ministries to the community.

At the Eucharist, 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 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 the wafer, receive the wine after consuming the wafer (no intinction) or may ask for a blessing. Please let the priest know if you need a gluten free wafer.

If this is your first time here, please sign the book 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.

May we all find the service meaningful and the embrace of the community inviting. It is a joy to worship together, wherever we are on our journey.

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The Opening Rite

Prelude

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

Johann Sebastian Bach

Hymn at the Procession

Blessed Jesus, at thy word

The Hymnal 1982, #440

Liebster Jesu

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

The Collect for Purity

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Song of Praise

Glory, Glory, hallelujah

LEVAS, #243

Carl Haywood

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 58:1-9a

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. “Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your

voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112:1-9

Charles Villiers Stanford

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who 'fear the 'LORD *
and have great de'light in 'his com'mandments!

2 Their descendants will be 'mighty in the 'land; *
the generation of the 'upright 'will be 'blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will 'be in their 'house, *
and their 'righteousness will 'last for 'ever.

4 Light shines in the 'darkness for the 'upright; *
the righteous are 'merciful and 'full of com'passion.

5 It is good for them to be 'generous in 'lending *
and to 'manage their af'airs with 'justice.

6 For they will 'never be 'shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in 'ever'lasting re'membrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any¹ evil¹ rumors; *
 their heart is right;
 they¹ put their¹ trust in the¹ Lord.

8 Their heart is established and¹ will not¹ shrink, *
 until they see their de¹sire up¹on their¹ enemies.

9 They have given¹ freely to the¹ poor, *
 and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
 they will¹ hold up their¹ head with¹ honor.

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 2:1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God. Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him"— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

This little light of mine

LEVAS, #160
This Little Light of Mine

The Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Sarah A. Conner

The Nicene Creed

The Book of Common Prayer, page 358

The Prayers of the People: Form III

BCP, page 387

The Confession and Absolution

BCP, page 360

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

Christopher Tye

O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace

*O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace,
eternal source of love,
Inflame, we pray, our inmost hearts
with fire from heaven above.
As thou dost join with holiest bonds
the Father and the Son,
So fill us all with mutual love
and knit our hearts in one.*

The Hymn at the Presentation

The Hymnal 1982, #542

Christ is the world's true Light

St. Joan

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, page 367

Sanctus

LEVAS, #255

Holy, holy, holy

Grayson Warren Brown

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, page 364

The Fraction Anthem

LEVAS, #270

O Lamb of God

Marjorie Landmark-DeLewis

Communion

All present are invited to reverently receive the Holy Sacrament

Hymn at Communion

The Hymnal 1982, #490

I want to walk as a child of the light

Houston

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP, page 365

Postcommunion Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, #551

Rise up, ye saints of God!

Festal Song

Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

Johann Gottfried Walther

— Worship Leaders —

The Reverend Sarah A. Conner
Joanne Moar
Gavin Watson-Bertrand
Laura Beasley-Topliffe
Lisa Duffy
Jim Duffy and Megan Salamida

*Presider and Preacher
Verger
Acolyte
Lector
Chalice
Ushers*

Our Prayers are offered for

Linda Abbene, Mickey, Deven Manthorne, Margarette Connor, Chuck Manck, Barbara Dwyer, Lilyann, John Gilbo, Vance Gilbert, Reny Sparapani, Laurel, Gary Young, Amy, Paul, Heather and Prescott, Ariana, Sheridan, Javy, Faith Aroko and Family, Jesse Hurst and Family, Maureen Joyce, Arthur, Deb Young, Cindy Rhodes, Ron, Allison Mascolo, Melissa Glassman, Max Joyce, Marc Britt, those battling cancer, Mel, Corey MacNeil, Dianne, Jenny, Loretta and Kris, Priscilla Lemons, Deb Papps, Derek Fuller and Family, for the peaceful repose of the soul of Smadar and all victims of war the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and their ministries; the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem, the Salem Public Schools and for an end to racism, war, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, gun violence and oppression. In thanksgiving, we pray for the ministry of The Reverend Debbie Phillips and her husband, Eric Wagner, this community of faith, for God's grace and forgiveness, for those with the courage to stand up to tyranny, for creation, for the diversity of people, and for all the blessings of this life.

If you have additions or deletions to the prayer list, please email prayerlist@gracechurchsalem.org by Tuesday at noon for publication in that week's e-news. The Parish Prayer List is read aloud each Wednesday at Morning Prayer.

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Epiphany Gifts for Our Neighbors

Our church school children recognize that gifts appear in many different ways. Please help us collect any of the following items during the Epiphany season, to be given in love to our neighbors who are in great need, with the intention of giving the gift of comfort and joy.



Please bring any of these suggested gifts to church during Epiphany; they will then be donated to Lifebridge. The collection will conclude on Sunday, February 15th.

~ Melissa Barnes

• Bar Soap	• Gloves	• Packets of Tuna
• Personal Wipes	• Hats	• Packets of Chicken
• Toothpaste	• Rain Ponchos	• Protein bars
• Toothbrushes	• New socks	• Fruit cups in juice
• Toothbrush covers	• New underwear	• Individual PB servings
• Dental floss		
• Hand cream		
• Chapstick		

UPCOMING Events

“Shrove Sunday”
Pancake Breakfast



February 15th at 11am

Help is always welcome!

If you're interested, add your name
to the signup sheet in the lobby.



Antiracism Team Forum

February 15th

A regular monthly antiracism forum will be held this year, with the theme of building a beloved community. **Our second forum will be offered on Sunday, February 15th** following the Celtic service.

Ash Wednesday

February 18th



Children's Service

5:30 pm

This brief 20-30 minute service is for children and their families. We'll learn about where the ashes come from, what the season of Lent is all about, and receive the imposition of ashes. Enter by the parish house door.

Choral Holy Eucharist

7:00 pm

We will observe the Liturgy for Ash Wednesday with imposition of ashes, homily, and music sung by our choir.

SAVE THE DATES FOR

Lenten Learning



JOURNEYING WITH THE MYSTICS



Five Thursdays starting February 26th
In-person at Grace from 7:00p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Cliff Cutler will lead an exploration of the mystics to enhance each participants capacity for their own spirituality, and to awaken wonder in daily life.

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EPISCOPAL 101



Four Tuesdays starting February 24th

On Zoom from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
(with one in-person session after each service on
Sunday, March 22nd)

Sarah Conner will lead an introduction to the Episcopal Church for those who are new to it or want to learn more. The class will also prepare adults for baptism, confirmation, or reception into the Episcopal Church.

Please let Sarah know in advance if you'd like to participate.

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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.

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The Most Reverend Sean Rowe
The Right Reverend Julia Whitworth
The Reverend Sarah A. Conner
The Reverend E. Clifford Cutler
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