

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany



18 January 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

Sonata I: Ruhig bewegt

Paul Hindemith

Hymn at the Procession

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

The Hymnal 1982, #7

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Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

The Collect for Purity

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Song of Praise

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers

The Hymnal 1982, S236

John Rutter

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Collect for Martin Luther King, Jr., Pastor and Martyr

Almighty God, by the hand of Moses your servant you led your people out of slavery, and made them free at last: Grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of your love, and may strive to secure for all your children the blessed liberty of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Word of the Lord

The Lessons (*The people sit*)

The First Lesson

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my

mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength--he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 40:1-12

Charles Villiers Stanford



- 1 I waited patiently up¹on the¹LORD; *
he stooped to¹me and¹heard my¹cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the¹mire and¹cl
he set my feet upon a high cliff and¹made my¹footing¹sur
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of¹praise to our¹God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and¹put their¹trust in the¹LORD.
- 4 Happy are they who¹trust in the¹LORD! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or¹turn to¹false¹gods.

- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!
how great your ¹wonders and your ¹plans for us! *
there is none who can ¹be compared with ¹you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them ¹known and ¹tell them! *
but they are ¹more than ¹I can ¹count.
- 7 In a sacrifice and offering you ¹take no ¹pleasure *
(you have ¹given me ¹ears to ¹hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have ¹not re¹quired, *
and so I ¹said, “Be¹hold, I ¹come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is ¹written con¹cerning me: *
‘I love to do your will, O my God;
your ¹law is ¹deep in my ¹heart.’”
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the ¹great congre¹gation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and ¹that, O ¹LORD, you ¹know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and ¹your de¹liverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from
the ¹gr¹eat congre¹gation.
- 12 You are the LORD;
do not withhold your com¹passion from ¹me; *
let your love and your faithfulness ¹keep me ¹safe for ¹ever,

The Second Lesson Excerpt from “Letter from a Birmingham Jail” The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

But though I was initially disappointed at being categorized as an extremist, as I continued to think about the matter I gradually gained a measure of satisfaction from the label. Was not Jesus an extremist for love: “Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.” Was not Amos an extremist for justice: “Let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever flowing stream.” Was not Paul an extremist for the Christian gospel: “I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.” Was not Martin Luther an extremist: “Here I stand; I cannot do otherwise, so help me God.” And John Bunyan: “I will stay in jail to the end of my days before I make a butchery of my conscience.” And Abraham

Lincoln: "This nation cannot survive half slave and half free." And Thomas Jefferson: "We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created equal...."

So the question is not whether we will be extremists, but what kind of extremists we will be. Will we be extremists for hate or for love? Will we be extremists for the preservation of injustice or for the extension of justice? In that dramatic scene on Calvary's hill three men were crucified. We must never forget that all three were crucified for the same crime--the crime of extremism. Two were extremists for immorality, and thus fell below their environment. The other, Jesus Christ, was an extremist for love, truth and goodness, and thereby rose above his environment. Perhaps...the nation and the world are in dire need of creative extremists.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, #653

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Repton

The Gospel

John 1:29-42

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God." The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was

staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

Dirck Janszoon Sweelinck

How brightly beams the morning star

*How brightly beams the Morning Star!
What sudden radiance from afar
Doth glad us with its shining,
Brightness of God that breaks our night
And fills the darken'd souls with light
Who long for truth were pining!
Thy Word, Jesu, only feeds us,
Rightly leads us, Life bestowing;
Praise, oh praise such love o'erflowing.*

The Hymn at the Presentation

The Hymnal 1982, #488

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Slane

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B *BCP, page 367*

Sanctus *The Hymnal 1982, S114*
Holy, holy, holy *Healey Willan*

The Lord's Prayer *BCP, page 364*

The Fraction Anthem *The Hymnal 1982, S158*
O Lamb of God *Healey Willan*

Communion
All present are invited to reverently receive the Holy Sacrament

Hymn at Communion *The Hymnal 1982, #383*
Fairest Lord Jesus *St. Elizabeth*

Postcommunion Prayer *BCP, page 365*

Postcommunion Hymn *The Hymnal 1982, #599*
Lift every voice and sing *Lift Every Voice*

Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude
Voluntary in B-Flat *John Stanley*

— Worship Leaders —

The Reverend Sarah A. Conner	<i>Presider and Preacher</i>
Joanne Moar	<i>Verger</i>
Gavin Watson-Bertrand	<i>Acolyte</i>
Steve Allen	<i>Lector</i>
Holly Willis	<i>Chalicer</i>
Peggy Carter & Megan Salamida	<i>Ushers</i>

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Our Prayers are offered for

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.

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

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| • 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 | | |

WARRANT FOR PARISH MEETING

The **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF GRACE CHURCH IN SALEM** will be called to order on **Sunday, February 1, 2026 at 5:00 pm** for the following purposes:

- To receive the annual reports of the Parish.
- To present a budget for 2026.
- To elect the following officers of the Parish:

Two Wardens (1 year)

Two Vestry persons (3 years)

Treasurer (1 year)

Clerk (1 year)

2 Delegates of Convention (1 year)

1 Alternate Delegate to Convention (1 year)

Up to 5 Delegates to North Shore Deanery (1 year)

- To consider ways to live into our mission.

Everyone is invited to the meeting. Only members will be allowed to vote. A member is anyone who regularly attends Sunday worship, financially supports the parish through a pledge and participates in the life of the community. Everyone present, however, is welcome to participate in the discussion.

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.

Please join us in our mission.



Thank You to Mark and the Choir!

Big shout out to Mark, our music director, and our choir for making our Sunday mornings so special with their beautiful music and voices, leaving us mesmerized in our pews.

~ Tom and Karen Tucker &
the Grace Church Congregation

UPCOMING — — Events



Antiracism Team Forum TODAY

A regular monthly antiracism forum will be held this year, with the theme of building a beloved community. Our first forum is today in the Common Room after the fellowship time following the 10:00 a.m. service. Our second forum will be offered on Sunday, February 15th following the Celtic service.

Annual Meeting on February 1st at 5:00 p.m. with Chili Cookoff

On Sunday, February 1st, Grace will hold its Annual Meeting at 5:00 p.m. in Abbot Hall. Our chili cookoff will provide a delicious meal for those in attendance!

Annual reports are due in the church office no later than Wednesday, January 21st, so that the Annual Report may be prepared in time for the meeting. Please be sure to submit your report to office@gracechurchsaalem.org as a Word file.

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A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

The Most Reverend Sean Rowe

The Right Reverend Julia Whitworth

The Reverend Sarah A. Conner

The Reverend E. Clifford Cutler

The Reverend Manny Faria

Mark N. Peterson

Tom and Karen Tucker

Presiding Bishop

Bishop Diocesan

Interim Priest

Assisting Clergy

Assisting Clergy

Music Director

Property Stewards

— Vestry —

Ryan Patten

Lisa Duffy

Joanna Troy

Katie Scott

Javy Awan, Marianne Cannon, Kai Freyleue,

Joanne Moar, Susan Tweed, Holly Willis

Senior Warden

Junior Warden

Clerk

Treasurer

Members of Vestry