

The Second Sunday in Lent A Celebration of St. Patrick



16 March 2025

**Choral Holy Eucharist: Rite II
10:00 AM**

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Greetings!

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 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.

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 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 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 indicting) or may ask for a blessing. Please let the priest know if you need **gluten free**.

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

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 in our journey.

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The Opening Rite

Prelude Music from the Celtic Tradition

Larry Young

Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, #428

O all ye works of God

Irish

Opening Sentence

The Book of Common Prayer, page 351

The Confession and Absolution

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Kyrie

Folk Mass, Malcolm Archer

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Lord have mer - cy, Lord_ have_ mer - cy,
Lord have mer - cy up - on_____ us. Christ have_
mer - cy, Christ have_ mer - cy, Christ have_ mer - cy up -
on_____ us. Lord have_ mer - cy, Lord have_
mer - cy, Lord_ have_ mer - cy up - on_____ us.

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

The Lessons *The people sit.*

Jewish Scripture

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, "I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, #488

Be thou my vision

Slane

The Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Deborah Phillips

The Nicene Creed

The Book of Common Prayer, page 358

The Lorica of St. Patrick

Leader: I bind to myself today
People The strong virtue of the Invocation of the Trinity
I believe the Trinity in the Unity
The Creator of the Universe.

Leader I bind to myself today
People The virtue of the Incarnation of Christ with His Baptism,
The virtue of His crucifixion with His burial,
The virtue of His Resurrection with His Ascension,
The virtue of His coming on the Judgment Day.

Leader I bind to myself today
People The virtue of the love of seraphim, the obedience of Angels,
In the hope of resurrection unto reward,
In prayers of Patriarchs and Matriarchs,
In predictions of Prophets,
In preaching of Apostles, in faith of Confessors,
In purity of holy Virgins, in deeds of righteous men.

Leader I bind to myself today
People The power of Heaven, The light of the sun,

The brightness of the moon, The splendour of fire,
The flashing of lightning, The swiftness of wind,
The depth of sea, The stability of earth,
The compactness of rocks.

Leader I bind to myself today
People God's Power to guide me, God's Might to uphold me,
God's Wisdom to teach me, God's Eye to watch over me,
God's Ear to hear me, God's Word to give me speech,
God's Hand to guide me, God's Way to lie before me,
God's Shield to shelter me, God's Host to secure me,
Against the snares of demons,
Against the seductions of vices,
Against the lusts of nature,
Against everyone who meditates injury to me,
Whether far or near, Whether few or with many.

Leader I invoke today all these virtues
People Against every hostile merciless power
Which may assail my body and my soul,
Against the incantations of false prophets,
Against the false laws of heresy,
Against the deceits of idolatry,
Against every knowledge that binds the soul of man.

Leader Christ, protect me today.
People Against every poison, against burning,
Against drowning, against death-wound,
That I may receive abundant reward.

Leader Christ with me, *People* Christ before me,
Leader Christ behind me, *People* Christ within me,
Leader Christ beneath me, *People* Christ above me,

Leader Christ at my right, *People* Christ at my left,
Leader Christ in the fort, *People* Christ in the chariot seat,
Leader Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
People Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks to me,
Leader Christ in every eye that sees me,
People Christ in every ear that hears me.

Leader I bind to myself today
People The strong virtue of an invocation of the Trinity,
 I believe the Trinity in the Unity
 The Creator of the Universe.

Intercessory Prayers and Thanksgivings

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Anthem at the Offering

Dan Forrest

The text is found in The Hymnal 1982 #474

Hymn at the Presentation

Wonder, Love, and Praise #761

All who hunger

Holy Manna

The Great Thanksgiving : Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus

Folk Mass, Malcolm Archer

Ho - ly Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord
 God of pow'r and might. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

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The Fraction

Folk Mass, Malcolm Archer

O Lamb of God, our Lord most ho-ly, who re-deems us from our
sin. Have mer-cy on us, meek and low-ly, make us clean and pure with-
in, grant us your peace we hum-bly pray, as we who wor-ship you to-day re-ceive your
bo-dy and your blood, re-newed in faith by heav'n-ly food.

All are invited to reverently receive the Holy Sacrament.

Communion Music from the Celtic Tradition Larry Young

Postcommunion Prayer *page 365*

Postcommunion Hymn *The Hymnal 1982, #292*
O Jesus crowned with all renown *Kingfold*

Blessing and Dismissal

Voluntary Music from the Celtic Tradition Larry Young

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— Worship Leaders —

The Reverend Deborah Phillips	<i>Presider and Preacher</i>
Mark Peterson	<i>Organist and Choir Director</i>
Larry Young	<i>Violinist</i>
Joanne Moar	<i>Vergier</i>
Gavin Watson-Bertrand	<i>Acolyte</i>
Gavin Watson-Bertrand	<i>Lector</i>
Holly Willis	<i>Chalicer</i>
Jason Barnes, Megan Salamida	<i>Ushers</i>

Our Prayers are Offered for

Reny Sparapani, Gary Young, Amy, Paul, Chuck Brown, Heather and Prescott, Ariana, Sheridan, Javy, Faith Aroko and Family, Jesse Hurst and Family, Neal and Maureen Joyce, Arthur, Deb Young, Cindy Rhodes, Ron, Gerald Tucker, Allison Mascolo, Melissa Glassman, Max Joyce, Marc Britt, those battling cancer, especially Faith's friend and the Princess of Wales, for Mel, Corey MacNeil, Dianne, Michael Towey, Jenny, Loretta and Kris, Priscilla Lemons, Deb Papps, Derek Fuller and Family, 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 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.

Céad Míle Fáilte

Please welcome our guest musician, Larry Young. Larry graduated from Dartmouth College where he majored in music and studied violin with Andrew Jennings and music history with Charles Hamm. He studied violin pedagogy at Longy School of Music with Wolfgang Schocken and improvisation at the Berklee School of Music. Performing on violin, viola, cittern and voice, Mr. Young takes great delight in bringing the past alive with his costumed performances of music from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. He is also an accomplished lecturer who uses intriguing and humorous facts and anecdotes to provide what he calls historical "edutainment." We are so fortunate to have Larry with us this morning as we celebrate St. Patrick!

Ongoing Weekly Events for All

Each week, there are three different groups that meet regularly where everyone is invited to be a participant.

Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm, the **Knitting Group** gathers in the Common Room at Grace Church. The items made are then donated to various organizations that support children in Salem and beyond. Whether you knit or not, you are welcome to spend some time with others who care about the needs of our neighbors.

Each Wednesday at 5:00 pm, **Bible Study** takes place on Zoom. Come whenever you can. This is a chance to encounter the upcoming Gospel and relate it to your current circumstance, making it come alive for you and building community with the others present.

At 7:30 on Wednesday evenings, the **Choir** has rehearsal. Not only is this a chance to sing wonderful music, you will be part of a community dedicated to their faith and one another.

Morning Prayer

In many times and places, daybreak has been a time of prayer. Jews prayed in their synagogues at sunrise as well as at other times each day. This Jewish pattern of prayer formed the basis of the Christian monastic Daily Office, with its prayers or “hours” at seven times in each day. Thomas Cranmer’s revision of the Daily Office for the first English Prayer Book (1549) reduced the number of services to two—one for morning (Matins) and one for evening (Evensong or vespers). In the Second English Prayer Book (1552), the morning service was given its present name, Morning Prayer.

Many elements of Morning Prayer come from the monastic hours of matins, lauds and Prime. Psalms were recited at every one of the offices, with the whole Psalter recited once a week.

The reading of Morning Prayer will resume each Monday and Wednesday at 8:30 am throughout Lent. Please know that everyone is welcome to come and start your day with Morning Prayer.

Welcome spring

Hi to all our green thumbs out there.

The annual Grace Church Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 10 this year. Please think of us as you start your seedlings and set a few aside for the sale. Breaking up houseplants? Dividing annuals? We would be happy to take the extras for the sale. More information will be forthcoming as the date approaches.

Also we would love help with set up, sales and breakdown on the day of. If you don't have anything on your calendar for that day pencil in Grace Church plant sale "help."



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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.