
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 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.

The Opening Rite

Opening Voluntary Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele J. S. Bach

The Hymn at the Procession *The Hymnal 1982, #210*
The day of resurrection *Ellacombe*

Opening Acclamation *The Book of Common Prayer, page 299*

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of the Lord

The Lessons *The people sit.*

The First Lesson

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent

me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:24-30

Charles Villiers Stanford



24 My praise is of him in the ¹great as¹sembly; *

I will perform my vows in the ¹presence of ¹those who ¹worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the ¹LORD shall ¹praise him: *

"May your ¹heart ¹live for ¹ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and ¹turn to the ¹LORD, *

and all the families of the ¹nations shall ¹bow be¹fore him.

27 For kingship be ¹longs to the ¹LORD; *

he ¹rules ¹over the ¹nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow ¹down in ¹worship; *

all who go down to the ¹dust ¹fall be¹fore him.

29 My soul shall live for him;

my des¹cendants shall ¹serve him; *

they shall be ¹known as the ¹LORD's for ¹ever.

†30 They shall come and make known to a ¹people yet un¹born *

the saving ¹deeds that ¹he has ¹done.

The Second Lesson

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love

does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

Thou hallowed chosen morn of praise

The Hymnal 1982, #198

Mach's mit mir, Gott

The Gospel

John 15:1-8

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever

Postcommunion Prayer

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Post Communion Hymn

Wonder, Love and Praise, #738

Day of delight and beauty unbounded

In dir ist Freude

Blessing

Dismissal

Voluntary In dir ist Freude

J. S. Bach

— Worship Leaders —

The Reverend Deborah Phillips

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Mark N. Peterson

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Joanne Moar

Verger

Gavin Watson-Betrand

Acolyte

Laura Beasley-Topliffe

Lector

Joanne Moar

Chalicer

Tom and Karen Tucker

Ushers

Our Prayers are offered for

For the Diocese of Massachusetts as we search for our next Bishop Diocesan, for those battling cancer, especially Faith's friend and the Princess of Wales, Heather and Prescott, Ariana, Sheridan, Faith Aroko and Family, Jesse Hurst and Family, Angela Williams, Neal and Maureen Joyce, Arthur, Jane Thompson, Deb Young, Cindy Rhodes, Ron, Gerald Tucker, Allison Mascolo, Melissa Glassman, Max Joyce, Inga, Henry, and Lucas, Mel, Corey MacNeil, Dianne, Michael Towey, Jenny, Loretta and Kris, Deb Papps, Derek Fuller and Family, the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and their ministries, Palestinian Families, for Ukraine and Haiti; 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. In thanksgiving for the baptism of Jack Thomas Duffy and the Social Committee at Grace Church. If you have prayer requests, please email prayer-list@gracechurchsalem.org by Tuesday at noon for publication in that week's e-news.

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Social Committee Meeting

Today at 3:00 pm in the Common Room, there will be a meeting of our Social Committee. This group was formed to offer monthly opportunities for anyone who wishes to join with others in a purely social endeavor. We are aware of the need for connection and belonging and this is but one way we offer this opportunity to the community at large.

At the meeting, we will discuss who might offer to take a leadership role in one of the community events between now and the end of summer.

These include:

Karaoke- rescheduled time still to be determined

Red food potlucks - after each service Pentecost (mostly sign up sheets and table set up and break down)

Anti-racism craft on June 16th at 3 pm

Church picnic - all day July 21

Ice Cream Social - Aug

If you would like to lead, or help coordinate any of these events and cannot make this meeting please reach out to Laura Beasley-Topliffe at either Arakani@gmail.com or 717-712-7447.

Thanks everyone for your support for these events in any capacity.

Peace,

Laura

This Week at Grace Church

- Today:** Choir Rehearsal at 9:15 am
Holy Eucharist and Baptism at 10:00 am
Coffee at 11:00 am
Social Committee Meeting at 3:00 pm
Celtic Evensong and Communion at 4:00 pm
Kitchen Fellowship at 5:00 pm
- Monday:** **Rector at Clergy Conference**
Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem 2:00 pm—6:00 pm
- Tuesday:** **Rector at Clergy Conference**
Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem 2:00 pm—6:00 pm
Knitting Group 7:00 pm—8:00 pm
- Wednesday:** Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem 2:00 pm—6:00 pm
Bible Study 5:00 pm— 6:00 pm (on Zoom)
Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
- Thursday:** Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem 2:00 pm—6:00 pm
- Friday:** Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem 2:00 pm—6:00 pm
- Saturday:** Music Together 10:00 am—12:00 pm
Drop off for plants for plant sale
- Sunday:** Choir Rehearsal at 9:15 am
Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am
Coffee at 11:00 am
Sacred space for Gaza at 11:00 pm
Celtic Evensong and Communion at 4:00 pm
Sacred space for Gaza at 4:45 pm
Kitchen Fellowship at 5:00 pm

Welcome spring

Our Annual Plant Sale will be on Saturday May 11th this year. This is always a fun event and the fundraising committee is counting on you all to help make it happen. Please let us know how you plan to participate by returning a form or emailing us at fundraising@gracechurchsaalem.org. We would like to have all donations by Saturday May 4th to allow us time to sort, repot and buy supplemental plants as needed for the sale. We would also like to have volunteers to help with set up, break down and sales on May 11th. Please contact one of us or send an email and we will sign you up. Thank you for your support. - Peggy, Melissa, Joanne, and Kourtnei



4th Annual Plant Sale

*Take a stroll in plant heaven...
hundreds of plants to choose from
herbs, vegetables and flowers*

**SATURDAY MAY 11th
9 - 12
GRACE CHURCH SALEM
385 ESSEX STREET**

Bishop Candidates' Meet and Greets

The Transition Committee, of which our own Kourtnei Patten is a member, has announced the scheduling of a series of open meetings around the diocese May 7-11, giving the people of the diocese an opportunity to meet and learn more about the nominees for election as the diocese's 17th bishop diocesan. All in the diocesan community are invited to attend, particularly those who are voting members of the Special Electing Convention to be held on Saturday, May 18 at Trinity Church in Boston.

The meet-and-greet gatherings will be held on:

Tuesday, May 7 at All Saints' Parish, Ashmont in Dorchester, 7-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8 at St. Mary's Church in Barnstable, 10-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 8 at St. Thomas's Church in Taunton, 7-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 9 at Christ Church in Needham, 2-3:30 p.m.

Friday, May 10 at Christ Church in Andover, 7-8:30 p.m. (with childcare)

Saturday, May 11 on Zoom, 10:30 a.m.-noon (with special Zoom rooms for youth and young adults, as well as for all others).

Additionally, there will be a "Coffee & Conversations with Clergy, Postulants and Candidates" session on Thursday, May 9, 10:30 a.m. to noon, at St. Paul's Church in Dedham.

Information about Zoom access and other details will be posted at www.diomass.org/bishop-search/meet-greets as they become available.

A Prayer for the Bishop Election

Loving and Living God, as we seek a bishop for the Diocese of Massachusetts, we also seek you. Help us to listen deeply as you speak through the people of our diocese; through our parishes, missions, ministries and institutions; through our neighborhoods, towns and cities; through our past and our present; through word and sacrament.

When we are distracted by other voices, other tasks, other pressures, call us back to you. Give us courage, vision and an ability to see past the surface of things. May we be patient and compassionate, trusting always in your mercy and goodness to us and to all that you have made.

We pray this in the name of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, one God.
Amen.

— Grace Episcopal Church —

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Lisa Duffy
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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.