

# Grace Episcopal Church

Wynne, Arkansas

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An Order for Sunday Worship  
with Communion

The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

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**Welcome to Grace Church.**

**We are glad you are here.**

Jesus invited his first followers to “come and see.” We come together expecting to see God in our worship and one another. Our worship is enriched because you have joined us. If you are looking for a spiritual home, we invite you to “come and see” again.

# An Order for Sunday Worship with Communion

This service is from the Book of Common Prayer, p. 355.

◆ Please stand for the opening hymn, acclamation, and collect.◆



1 Lo! he comes, with clouds de - scend - ing, once for  
2 Ev - ery eye shall now be - hold him, robed in  
3 Those dear tok - ens of his pas - sion still his  
4 Yea, a - men! let all a - dore thee, high on



our sal - va - tion slain; thou - sand thou - sand  
dread - ful ma - jes - ty; those who set at  
daz - zling bo - dy bears, cause of end - less  
thine e - ter - nal throne; Sa - vior, take the



saints at - tend - ing swell the tri - umph of his  
nought and sold him, pierced, and nailed him to the  
ex - ul - ta - tion to his ran - somed wor - ship -  
power and glo - ry; claim the king - dom for thine



train: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
tree, deep - ly wail - ing, deep - ly wail - ing,  
ers; with what rap - ture, with what rap - ture,  
own: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.  
deep - ly wail - ing, shall the true Mes - si - ah see.  
with what rap - ture gaze we on those glo - rious scars!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone.

# The Word of God

## Acclamation and Collect

*Officiant*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Officiant*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Officiant*

Lord, have mercy.

*People*

**Christ, have mercy.**

*Officiant*

Lord, have mercy.

## The Collect of the Day

*Officiant*

The Lord be with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

*Officiant*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

◆ Please be seated for the readings. ◆

# The First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

*Reader*            A Reading from the book of Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence— as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry,

and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18**, *said responsively*

- 1    Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
     shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2    **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \***  
     **stir up your strength and come to help us.**
- 3    Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
     show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 4    **O Lord God of hosts, \***  
     **how long will you be angered**  
     **despite the prayers of your people?**
- 5    You have fed them with the bread of tears; \*  
     you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

- 6 **You have made us the derision of our neighbors, \*  
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 16 **Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.**
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

## The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

*Reader* A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that

you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

# The Third Reading

Mark 13:24-37

*Reader*

A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

“But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken

place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

*Reader*

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

◆ Please stand for the recitation of the Nicene Creed. ◆

# Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

◆ Please remain standing, or kneel, for the Prayers and Confession. ◆

# Prayers of the People

*Leader* At the beginning of this Advent season, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, have mercy.

That our gracious Savior may rouse us from sleep and make us attentive to the nearness of his presence, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* That we may discover God's word in every sound of this world, God's touch in every human embrace, and God's love in every gesture of self-sacrifice among us, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* That divine energy and holy grace may bring our hearts to vigilance and make us see with uncovered eyes the Christ who suffers in his people's agonies, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* That we may come to recognize in our holy assembly gathered for prayer that Jesus the Christ is with us here to make our songs of praise and pleading his own, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* That God's coming into the days and years of our human history may be always new, always brimming with light to drive all darkness away, let us pray to the Lord.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

◆ Here other intercessions may be offered. ◆

*Leader* Make ready our hearts for your coming, O Lord, and receive our prayers in the name of the one who comes, our gracious Savior, Jesus, the Christ. **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

*The officiant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept. The officiant and people then say*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The officiant says*

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins  
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness,  
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

◆ Please stand for the passing of the peace. ◆

## The Peace

*The officiant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

**And also with you.**

◆ Please offer one another a greeting of peace and then sit for the  
announcements. ◆

# The Holy Communion

*The officiant says*

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

◆ Please stand. ◆

◆ The people's offerings of money or other gifts are received. The officiant reverently places the offerings and consecrated sacrament on the altar. ◆

*Officiant*

Let us pray in the words our Savior Christ has taught us.

*Officiant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The officiant says the following invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

◆ All are invited to come to the altar rail and share in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. To receive the bread, place one hand in the other, palms up and extend them to the minister distributing the bread. To receive the wine, please assist the minister with the cup, grasping the base and guiding the cup to your lips; or you may dip the bread in the cup. ◆

◆ Please stand or kneel for the postcommunion prayer. ◆

*After Communion, the officiant says*

Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

◆ Please stand for the closing hymn and the dismissal. ◆

1 Re - jice! re - jice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!  
 2 See that your lamps are burn - ing, re - ple-nish them with oil;  
 3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
 look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.  
 a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw night;  
 The mar - riage - feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;  
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.  
 rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!  
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion, and ev - er be with thee!

Words: Laurentius Laurenti (1660-1722); tr. Sarah B. Findlater (1823-1907), alt.  
 Music: Llangloffan, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eglwys yng Nghymru*, 1865

## The Dismissal

*The officiant dismisses the people with these words*

Let us bless the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**