



**GRACE CHURCH**  
**IN NEWARK**

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**Introit**—Dignus est Agnus

Mode 3

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever. *Ps* Give the King your justice, O God: and your righteousness to the King's son.

*(Revelation 5; Psalm 72)*

**Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading**—Ezekiel 34:11-17

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord God: I shall judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and goats:

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*A brief period of silence is observed.*

**Gradual**—Psalm 95:1-7

Arranged by James McGregor

We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hands are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also. The sea is his for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down and bend the knee and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand, Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice.

**Second Reading**—1 Corinthians 15:20-28

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For ‘God has put all things in subjection under his feet.’ But when it says, ‘All things are put in subjection’, it is plain that this does not include the one who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to the one who put all things in subjection under him, so that God may be all in all.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*A brief period of silence is observed.*

**Alleluia**

℣. Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming; blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord.

**Holy Gospel**—Matthew 25:31-46

℣. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

℟. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,

and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

℣. The Gospel of the Lord.

℟. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## Homily

Father Bates

## Nicene Creed

*The Celebrant begins*

We believe in one God,

*The Celebrant and people continue*

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.

### **Prayers of the People—Form IV**

*The Celebrant makes special prayer biddings.*

For the unity of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, I ask your prayers especially for Justin, Michael, Carlye, Bartholomew, and Francis. For the wellbeing of our nation and the world, I ask your prayers especially for the President, Donald, Members of Congress, Justices of the Supreme Court, Governor Phil, and Mayor Ras, and President and Vice President Elect, Joseph and Kamala. I ask your prayers of thanksgiving for those who have birthdays this week, especially **Madison Pigott** (11/23) and **Rashanda Cummings** (11/24), and for those last week, especially **Winifred Langevine** (11/19) and **Joseph Elisée** (11/20). I ask your prayers for all those on our parish prayer list and for those among us in urgent need of prayer, especially **Monique Elisée, Winifred Langevine, Marie & Fred Gaspard, Bruce Ford, Evelyn Kearney, and Betty Scanlon.**

*The cantor begins*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Here and after each petition is sung the celebrant will respond*

℣. Lord, in your mercy, ℟. Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Celebrant says*

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

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### **Offertory Antiphon—** Postula a me

Mode 4

Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance, and all the ends of the earth for your possession. (*Psalm 2*)

### **Eucharistic Prayer D**

℣ The Lord be with you.

℟ And also with you.

℣ Lift up your hearts.

℟ We lift them to the Lord.

℣ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℟ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain

of life and source of all goodness, you made all, things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing say,

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all. When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you. We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God. Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember Justin, Michael, Carlye, and all who minister in your Church. Remember all those who are greatly affected by our current pandemic and especially those who have died in the peace of Christ, and

those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. AMEN.

### **Lord's Prayer**

*The Celebrant begins*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*All continue*

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.

### **Breaking of the Bread**

℣. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

℟. Therefore let us keep the feast.

### **Communion**

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

*The usher will indicate when it is time to go forward to receive the Blessed Sacrament. Please remain six feet behind the person in front of you. Once receiving the bread, please walk six feet away before removing your mask and consuming the bread. Make your way back to your pew by way of the side aisles. For those worshiping remotely, you are invited to make a spiritual communion according to the Catholic tradition.*

In union, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where your blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to you. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, and embrace you with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from you. Let me live and die in your love. Amen. —*The Anglican Church of the Province of Melanesia*

### **Communion Antiphon— Amen, dico vobis quod uni**

Amen, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to Me; come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the

foundation of the world. *Ps* I will Exalt you, O God my King and bless your Name forever and ever (*Matthew 25; Psalm 145*)

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

Hear, O Lord, the prayers of those whom you have nourished with the food of immortality: and grant that as we rejoice to obey the commandment of Christ the King, so we may be made worthy to dwell with him in heaven, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Blessing**

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

### **Dismissal**

☩ Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

℟. Thanks be to God.

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## **GRACE NOTES**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2020**

We welcome our visitors to Mass today.

Please, if you will, complete a visitor's card at <http://bit.ly/GraceChurchVisitorCard>.

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### **COVID RESTRICTIONS TIGHTENED FURTHER**

Due to the Mayor of Newark's recently announced 10-day lockdown, the two Sundays following Thanksgiving, November 29 and December 6, will be restricted to the few volunteers needed to stream the mass online. Further plans will adjust according to City, State, and Diocesan restrictions. We hope to reopen in-person worship, even if at limited capacity utilizing signups, after December 6. More information to come.

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### **WE ALL ARE QUEENS AND KINGS BY J. DAVEY GERHARD**

The Church designates the final Sunday of the Church year as the Feast of Christ the King, a day in which the united rule of Christ over all of the universe is celebrated. In many communities, it is a high feast, with altar guilds preparing white vestments, flower guilds celebrating God's glory in elaborate displays, and hymns filled with alleluias. What a way to end the year, to celebrate stewardship, and to prepare for Advent!

But before we get too carried away with the grandeur of it all, today's Gospel tells a different story about kingship and leadership: It tells of service. Typical of Jesus, he begins with what we expect — in this case power and triumph — and turns it upside down and in doing so, reminds us that it is through our ministry that we increase the role of the Church in our

community. True power doesn't come through force or wealth or conquest, it is derived from generosity, charity, and love. We change the hearts and minds of our neighbors by loving them and serving them.

Throughout this stewardship season we have heard about the mission of our own churches. You have learned about the ways that your gifts impact the life of your church and your neighbors. Perhaps this year you met the challenges of a global pandemic by adapting your worship. Maybe you responded to the needs of your community by increasing your outreach or your ministry to serve your neighbors. What is certain is that you had the opportunity to express your love and your hope for the world through your annual gift to your church.

We seek and serve Christ in all people by serving our neighbors. This is the great commandment of Jesus to his followers and it is one of the promises we make at our Baptism. When we are asked by those we meet on the street or those to whom we minister in our communities if we will offer them drink when they thirst, or visit them when they are lonely, or give them food when they hunger, our answer will be yes! Through our generosity and our faith, we are called to that same royal line as Jesus, leaders in our communities. Now that is a feast worth celebrating!

*For reflection: How is humility a sign of leadership? How did your stewardship campaign inspire you to learn more about your neighbors and their needs?*

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### FAITH-FILLED GENEROSITY: STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN FOR 2021

Please consider prayerfully how you will share with God and his Church from what you have received. We encourage everyone to make a pledge electronically by easily going to <http://bit.ly/GraceChurchPledge2021> or you may also mail them to Grace Church in Newark, 950 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102. Please submit your pledges before Sunday, November 29, when they will be blessed during Mass.

We have received 24 pledge cards for a total of \$61,621. Our goal is at least \$135,000. Last year we received 65 pledge cards with an average pledge of \$2,078 and median pledge of \$1,300. Thank you to those who have submitted their pledges.

James & Ellen Annan  
Shevon Armstrong  
Pat Arthur  
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Judy Beck  
Rose Bowman  
Dolores Brown  
Jim Cramer &  
George Gavin

Tracy Cummings  
Sandra Durrell  
Anita Elisée  
Monique Elisée  
Bruce Ford  
Renvy Haggins-Briggs  
Deleena Kayjay  
The Kearney Family  
Winifred Langevine

Mike & Marge Lindstrom  
Jewel Lowe  
Grant Mandigora &  
Nezile Mthembu  
Susy & Scott Norris  
Lloyd Prator  
Jason Scully  
Daphine Turner

## FOOD DRIVE

The food outreach ministry at Grace Church is receiving non-perishables during the upcoming weeks as the weather gets colder and there is a greater need. You can drop them off at the church on Sunday or a member of the parish can pick them up from your home. Please email Monique Elisée at [monique.elisee@yahoo.com](mailto:monique.elisee@yahoo.com) or leave a voicemail message at (973) 623-1733. We will accept items for the homeless who need easy-to-open and no-preparation foods like canned fruit or meat, crackers, soft bars, individually packaged healthy snacks, noodles in a cup, etc. We will also accept other non-perishable canned and boxed goods for those who are at risk but able to cook.

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## GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

Do you buy gift cards during the holidays or throughout the year? Did you know you can raise money for Grace Church simply by buying your gift cards through Scrip? Simply buy the cards online through the link below by using your bank account, debit, or credit card. We encourage use of the electronic gift cards available, but plastic cards may be purchased. You may also use cash or check by contacting Jim Cramer. You'll get electronic cards right away and physical cards will be mailed to the church where you can pick them up. Try it out by going to <http://bit.ly/GraceScripFundraiser>.

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## CHRISTMAS GREENS AND POINSETTIAS

We are now receiving donations towards Christmas greens and poinsettias. Wreaths will be limited this year to the entrance door and the Advent Wreath and poinsettias to the High Altar. Donors names as well as any memorials will be listed in the leaflet.

### PLEASE USE ONLINE GIVING OR MAIL PLEDGE DONATIONS

There are three ways to make donations toward your pledge:

**Mail** donations to the church: 950 Broad St., Newark, NJ 07102.

**Online** donations are easy to make with a debit card or bank account number by going to <http://bit.ly/GraceOnlineGiving> or scanning the provided QR code.

**Bill Pay** is provided free-of-charge by almost all banks where they write and mail a check for you.



## WEEKLY ONLINE GATHERINGS

### Sunday

Sung Mass – 10:30 AM

Compline Night Prayer – 9PM

**Tuesday** Compline: Night Prayer – 9PM

**Wednesday** Bible Study – 8PM

**Thursday** Compline: Night Prayer – 9PM  
**Friday** Virtual Kids Bible Study – 7PM  
*Join all gatherings just as you join mass on Sundays.  
Further directions are on our webpage.*

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### PRAYER LIST

Due to limitation of space in this week's leaflet, please refer to last week's bulletin for the prayer list and add Monique Elisée this week.

#### **The Departed of 2020**

June Rogers, Mahdiah Brown's, grandmother; Rick Gerstner, brother-in-law of Jerry Gould; Sharion Acker, close family friend of the Bates family; Richard Corney, friend of Lloyd Prator; Roberta Dawson, mother of Marge Lindstrom; Frank Pike, parishioner of Grace Church; Emmanuel Kofie, uncle of Sam and Fred Armah; James Brown, grandfather of Eli and family friend of Rosemary Kearney; Kate Lutterodt, former member of the parish; Elena Kruman, daughter-in-law of Susy & Scott Norris; Nestor Tingué, brother-in-law of Fred Gaspard; Rose Gibson, aunt of Rosemary Kearney; Joshua Thompson-Quartey, husband of Rose, father of Zy'kai, and brother of John; Norma Khurdan, member of the parish

*It is our custom in the Anglican Catholic tradition to remember our beloved departed who transitioned from their earthly to heavenly life during this week in years past. If you would like to add your birthday, anniversary, or the name of a departed immediate family member, please notify Father Bates.*

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