

*Rejoice and Be Glad, Jan Richardson*

# Grace Episcopal Church

## Wednesday Morning Prayer

### November 24, 2021

## We Gather in God's Name

*We keep silence for a time.*

*The Officiant says*

Thanks be to you, O God, that we have risen this day.

**All We thank you for the daily resurrection of life, seen and unseen.**

*Officiant* Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and whoever loves is born of God and knows God.

**All Spirit of God, search our hearts today, and teach us your Way of forgiveness and love.**

*Officiant* O Lord, open our lips;

**All And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Praise to the One, Holy, and Undivided Trinity, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

# We Proclaim and Respond to God's Word

## Psalm | 25:1-9

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you;  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**Let none who look to you be put to shame;  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

Show me your ways, O Lord,  
and teach me your paths.

**Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**He guides the humble in doing right  
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

## **First Reading** | Jeremiah 33:14-16

A reading from Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

*After the reading, the Reader will say*

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading** | I Thessalonians 3:9-13

A reading from First Thessalonians.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*After the reading, the Reader will say*

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## **Gospel** | Luke 21:25-36

Officiant     A reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

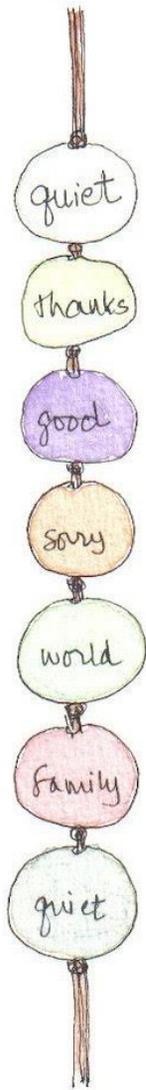
"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Officiant     Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**All            Thanks be to God.**

## **Homily or Reflection**

# We Pray for the World and All People



Seven Beads - Julie Snyder '10

Let us rest quietly in the presence of God.  
*We gather our hearts in silent prayer.*

Let us give thanks for God's blessings.  
*We offer prayers of thanksgiving.*

Let us rejoice with those who rejoice.  
*We offer prayers of praise.*

Let us confront ourselves with honesty.  
*We offer prayers of confession.*

Let us intercede for the whole world.  
*We offer prayers for all people.*

Let us pray for those closest to our hearts.  
*We pray for those in our parish family.*

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*We gather our hearts in silent prayer.*

## Healing Prayers

Officiant      Compassionate God: You so loved the world that you sent us Jesus to bear our infirmities and afflictions. Through acts of healing, he revealed you as the true source of health and salvation. For the sake of your Christ who suffered and died for us, conquered death, and now reigns with you in glory, hear the cry of your people. Have mercy on us, make us whole, and bring us at last into the fullness of your eternal life. **Amen.**

*All are invited to name those to be included in prayers for healing, aloud or in chat. Please share only the names of those for whom we should pray.*

*The Officiant offers a concluding prayer for healing*

Generous God, we give you thanks for your beloved Jesus Christ, in whom you have shared the beauty and pain of human life. Look with compassion upon all for whom we pray, especially [...]. Strengthen us to be your instruments of healing in the world, by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## We Are Sent into God's World

Officiant      Let us bless the Lord.

**All              Thanks be to God.**

Officiant      Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**