



*Rejoice and Be Glad, Jan Richardson*

# Grace Episcopal Church

## Wednesday Morning Prayer

### November 23, 2022

## **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 | 122

I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

**Now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.**

Jerusalem is built as a city  
that is at unity with itself;

**To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord,  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the Lord.**

For there are the thrones of judgment,  
the thrones of the house of David.

**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:  
“May they prosper who love you.**

Peace be within your walls  
and quietness within your towers.

**For my brethren and companions' sake,  
I pray for your prosperity.**

Because of the house of the Lord our God,  
I will seek to do you good.”

## First Reading | Isaiah 2:1-5

A reading from Isaiah.

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.’

For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

*After the reading, the Reader will say*  
Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading | Romans 13:11-14

A reading from Romans.

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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## Gospel | Matthew 24:36-44

Officiant A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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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## 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.**