



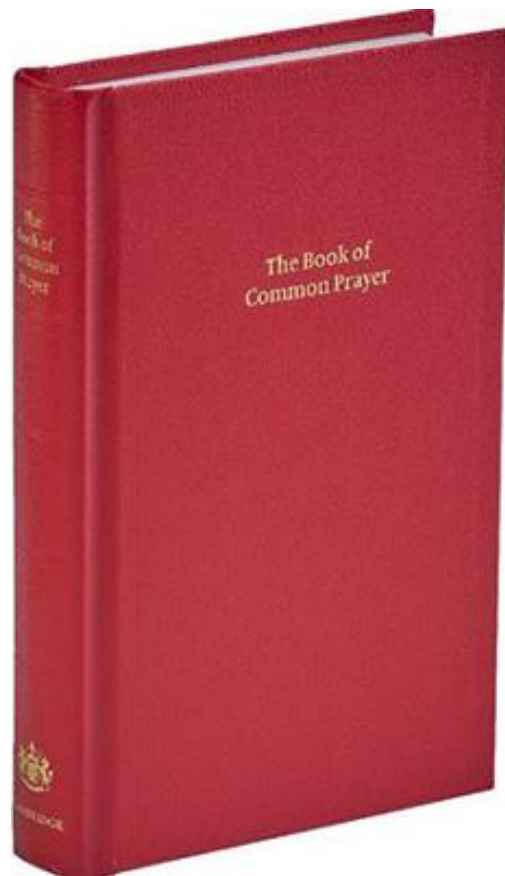
Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

January 17, 2020

Spotlight on Grace The Language We Use in Worship

The General Convention of the Episcopal Church has given its blessing for parishes to update some of the traditionally male language of our Eucharistic service. Here at Grace, we will make a few such changes beginning this Sunday. The changes are largely to make clear that the Holy Trinity - the God we worship each Sunday - does not have a gender and, therefore, is not logically referred to as "he" or "him." Those pronouns will be replaced with words such as "God" and "who" and "the one." In authorizing these changes, General Convention said, "Expansive language seeks to tell as much truth about God as we can." (full text [here](#))

The four places in the liturgy that we are making such changes may even go unnoticed to many, and indeed, many parishioners already use the new language, as in "blessed be God's (rather than "his") kingdom, now and forever. Amen." Those of you who have been at Grace for some time know that I have not made changes to our worship services very often and never without the blessing and permission of the bishop or General Convention itself (which gave permission for such changes beginning last month). My intention is that these changes maintain what we love about the Episcopal liturgy while making clear that our triune God is beyond gender. I invite you to contact me with any questions, concerns, complaints, or compliments you have about these changes. I hope and pray they will be received as welcome changes to the worship language of our ancient faith!



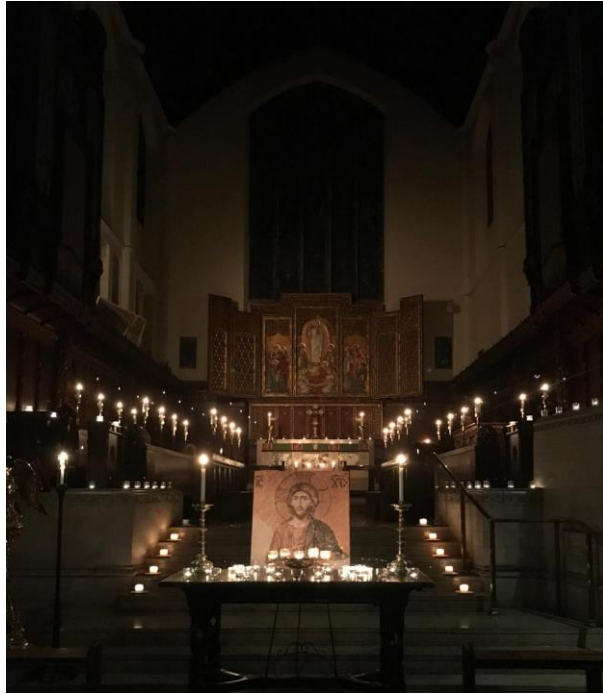
Blessings,
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Upcoming Music at Grace

Choral Compline The next service of Choral Compline will take place this coming Sunday, January 19th at 8:00PM. The women of the Grace Church Schola will sing Gregorian chant and Renaissance polyphony in a darkened, candlelit church with fragrant incense. Doors open at 7:30PM and the service lasts 30 minutes.

Thursdays at Noon Concerts

There are no recitals during the month of January. The series resumes on February 6, 2020.



Epiphany Celebration of the Holy Eucharist in French

In conjunction with the [*Alliance Française*](#) of Providence, Grace Church will host a celebration of the Holy Eucharist in French at 3:00 PM on Sunday, January 19th. The service will feature a bilingual bulletin, so even if your French is rusty, you'll be able to follow the service. Immediately following in the Pavilion there will be an Epiphany party featuring the traditional French Epiphany cake, *les galettes des rois*. All are invited, no matter how much French you know!



This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Spoken Holy Eucharist
Sunday 10:00am Sung Holy Eucharist with Music
Wednesday 12:00 Spoken Holy Eucharist

Open Doors: Your friendly docents are here to greet you every weekday from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Please encourage your friends or guests to come and visit Grace Church and see the new Pavilion at Grace.

Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking:

Please find convenient accessible in the Grace Church parking lot with access from Snow Street. The new wheelchair ramp connects directly from the lot, and you will enter through the new reception entrance of The Pavilion and into the church at ground level.



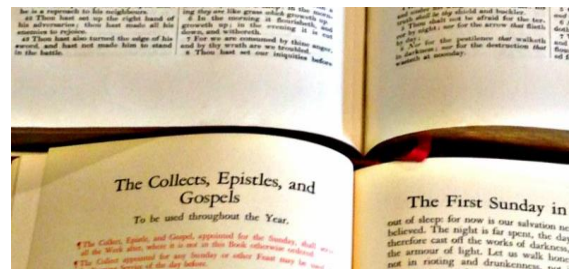
Parking for Worship: Free parking for Sunday worship is provided:

- 1.) in the lot directly across Snow Street from our lot, at the SW corner of Westminster and Snow; and
- 2.) In the Grace Church parking lot accessed via Snow Street. We ask your kind cooperation in reserving this lot, to the extent possible, for seniors and those with limited mobility.

January 19, 2020

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*



For the text of this Sunday's readings, [please click here.](#)

This week from the Episcopal Church: [Task Force Seeks Participation in Liturgical Revision.](#)

[Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here.](#)

Would you like to add someone to the prayer list? [Please click here](#) to submit a name, or call the church office at (401) 331-3225. Names are kept on the list for a month, and can be renewed at any time. Those received by Wednesday will appear in the same week's bulletin.