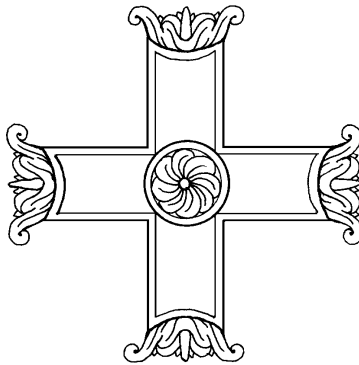


Grace Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
January 28, 2024, 10:30 AM



Welcome

Welcome to Grace Church. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. The order of worship is found in this service leaflet. The hymns are found in the blue hymnal in front of you. We pray with our words and our bodies; kneeling, sitting and standing. You may join in as you are able.

Prayer requests to be included in today's Prayers of the People can be written into the Book of Intercessions, located by the doors leading into the Nave (worship space).

Prayer requests to be published for the community should be given to the parish office.

Offerings may be made on-line at www.gracekirkwood.org/give-to-grace.

Hearing assistance is available; please ask an usher.

*We enter into silence in preparation for worship
and request that you silence cell phones and similar devices.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Voluntary

Andante maestoso

John Worgan
(1724-1790)

All stand to sing:

Hymn 390

Lobe den Herren

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant

Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People

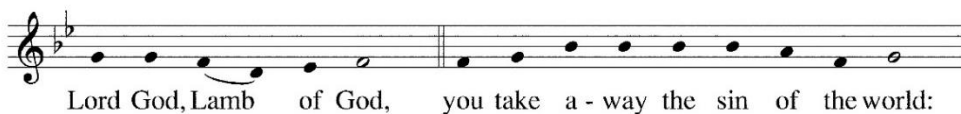
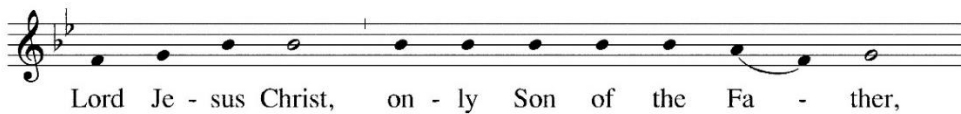
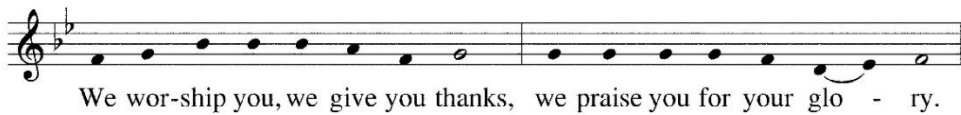
And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.

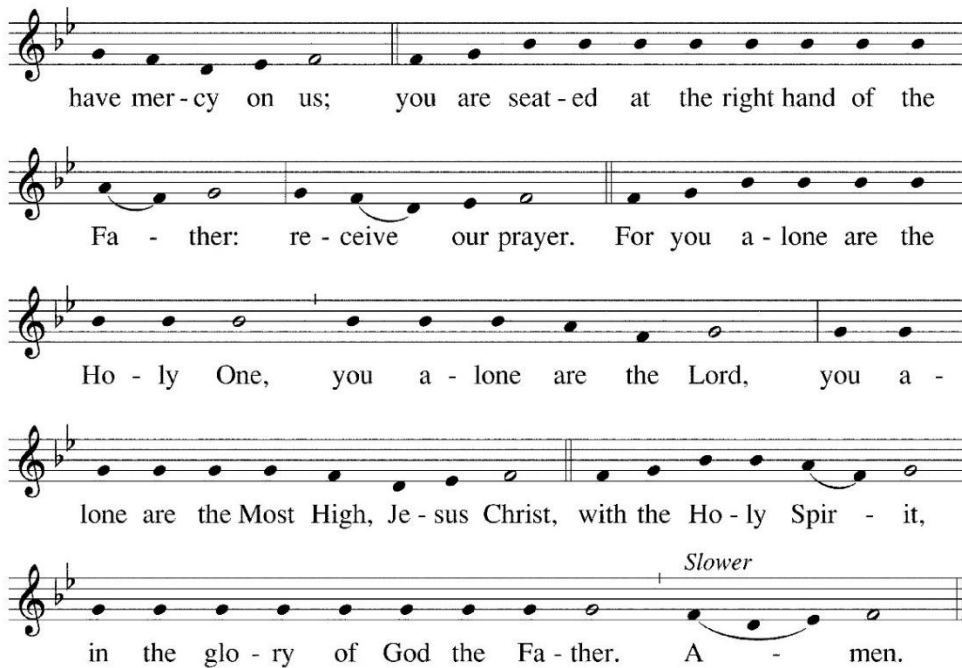
The Collect for Purity

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.**

Gloria in excelsis

John Lee





The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray

A moment of silence is kept.

Celebrant Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are

right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 111 *Confitebor tibi*

Phillip Brunswick

Cantor, then All



I will praise the LORD with all my heart,
in the meeting of the just and the assembly.

Great are the works of the LORD,
to be pondered by all who delight in them.

He has sent redemption to his people,
And established his covenant forever.

Holy his name, to be feared.

His praise endures forever!

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him. Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth-- as in fact there are many gods and many lords-- yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For

if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation

Jacques Berthier

Cantor, then All



The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light;
on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has risen. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching-- with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Thomas B. Skillings

The 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.

The Prayers of the People

Priest For the church and for all creation, we pray to you O God.

The people kneel.

During the moment of silence that follows each bidding the people are invited to offer their own prayers.

Intervessor For the church of God, that all who call upon on the name of our Savior Jesus Christ may be filled with all spiritual gifts and preserved in faith and peace. God in your mercy...

People **hear our prayer.**

Intervessor For the peoples of the world, and all who govern them, and for peace and mutual respect among nations. God in your mercy...

People **hear our prayer.**

Intervessor For those impoverished, oppressed, or humiliated by our way of life, that justice, equality, and reconciliation may unite all of God's creation. God in your mercy...

People **hear our prayer.**

Intervessor For those who are sick, for those who mourn, and for those in any kind of trouble, especially..., that our actions may show God's care for them. God in your mercy...

People **hear our prayer.**

Intervessor For all who have died in the peace of Christ, and for all the departed. God in your mercy...

People **hear our prayer.**

Priest Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

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

Silence may be kept.

**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 Absolution

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Anthem at the Offertory

Maurice Bevan
(1921-2006)

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of our mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
But we make His love too narrow
By false limits of our own;
And we magnify His strictness
With a zeal He will not own.

There is plentiful redemption
In the blood that has been shed;
There is joy for all the members
In the sorrows of the Head.
There is grace enough for thousands
Of new worlds as great as this;
There is room for fresh creations
In that upper home of bliss.
If our love were but more simple,
We should take Him at His word;
And our lives would be all gladness
In the joy of Christ our Lord.

All stand as the gifts are presented.

Presentation of Gifts

Puer nobis

**To God the Father, heavenly Light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night,
to God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

Expansive Language

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

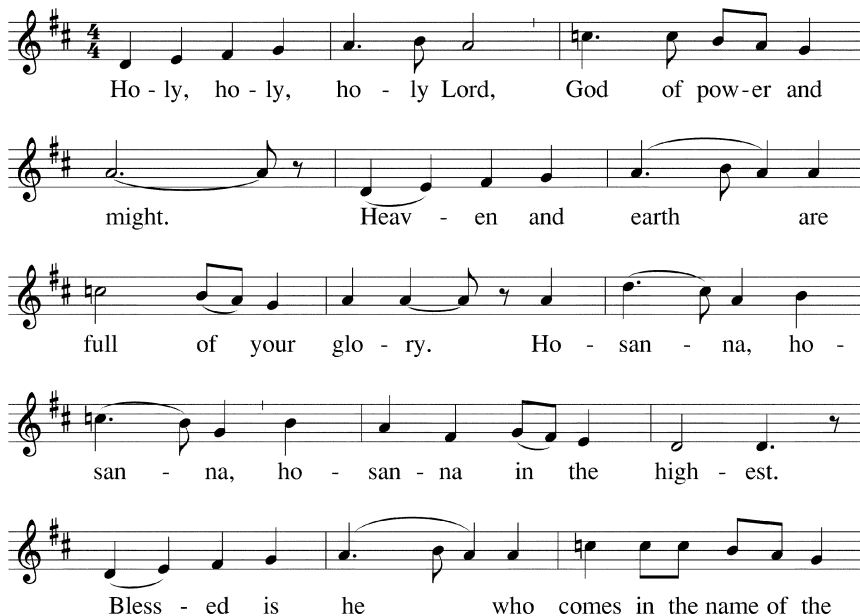
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth ...

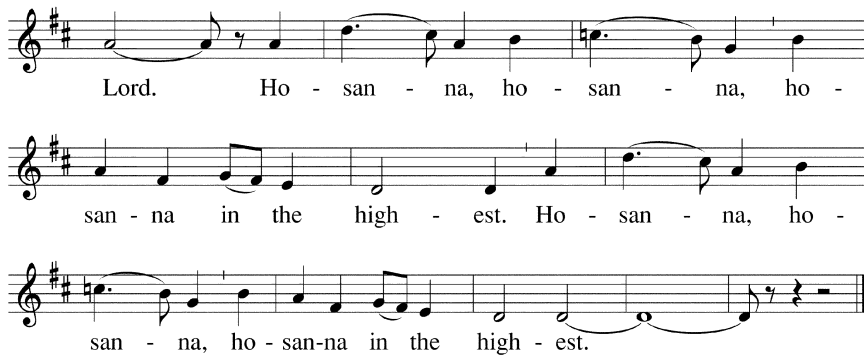
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Richard Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might. Heav - en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the



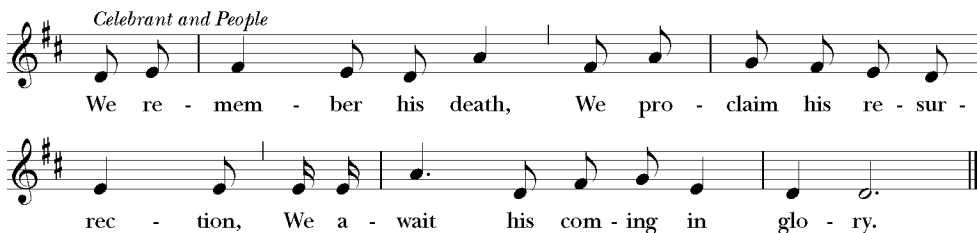
The people kneel.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ 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 Jesus 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,



And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



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

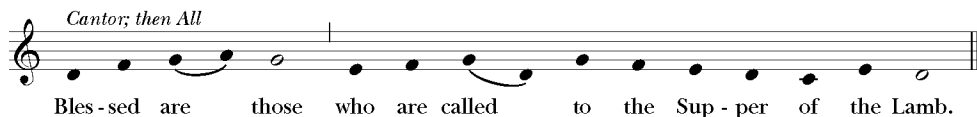
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is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

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Ambrosian Chant

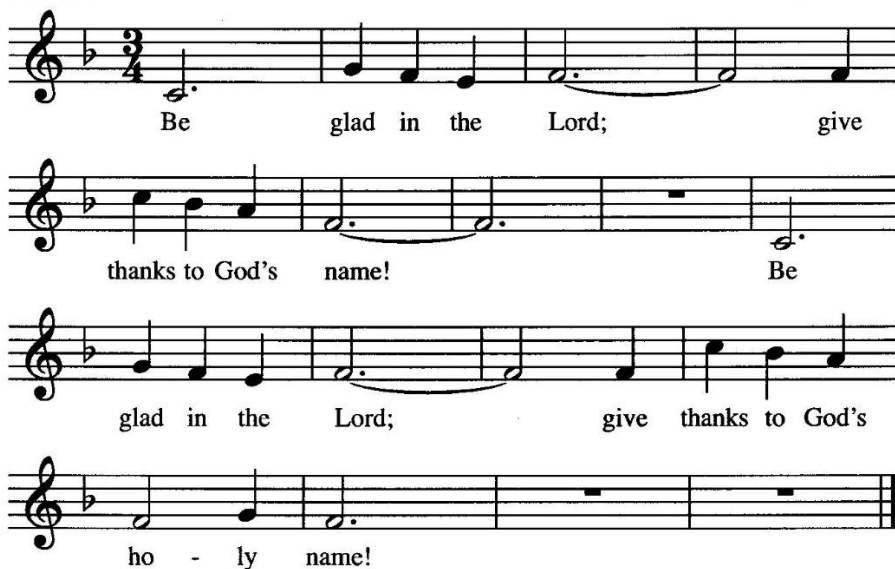


The Communion of the People

*All are welcome to receive communion. Gluten-free Bread is available upon request.
Please inform an usher if communion in the pew is needed.*

Communion Procession

Ricky Manalo



1. I will believe in the goodness of God.
I will proclaim the mercy of the Lord, with all heaven above.
2. The Lord is King, let the whole world rejoice.
Let all the nations worship and adore, and sing palms to the Lord!
3. Light dawns for the just and the upright of heart.
The just ones shall see the glory of the Lord. Exult, O people of God!

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn 484

Wachet auf

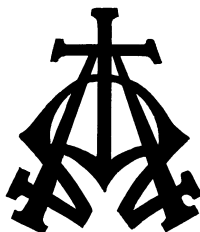
The Dismissal

The People respond: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

The Voluntary

Fugue in D minor

William Boyce
(1711-1779)



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Susan Vernon

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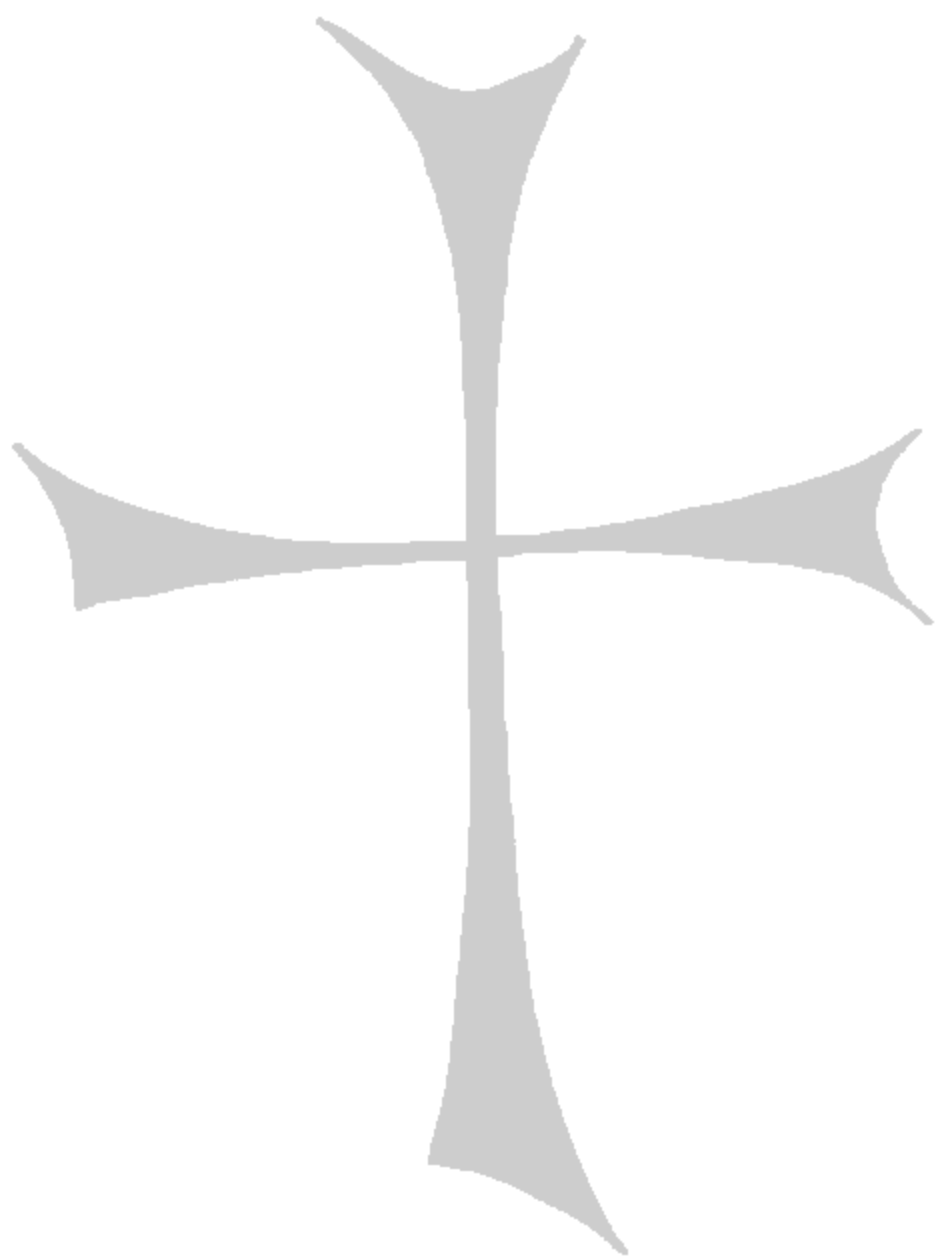
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