



# GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH

where GOD'S FREE GRACE roots us,  
renews us, and reaches through us.

## THE 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY



## A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

January 21, 2024

# GRACE NOTES – January 21, 2024

**SERVICE TIMES.** We are back to our morning and evening service schedule. Morning worship is at 8:30am, and evening worship is at 5pm. Thanks for being flexible with time-changes during holidays!

**EPIPHANY SEASON.** During the season of Epiphany we remember scenes from the early life of Jesus Christ.

**FREEDOM IN CHRIST.** Thank you to all those who led and attended the retreat, and all who gave support to this effort. We are really grateful.

**GIVING STATEMENTS** for 2023 will be sent to you by the end of the month!

**PLEDGING.** We encourage you to Pledge to Grace Anglican in 2024! Please pledge by Feb 4, our In-Gathering!

**ANNUAL MEETING.** Please join us for our parish's annual meeting on Sunday, January 28 at 3:30pm. During the annual meeting we'll elect vestry members, hear reports from staff, and be encouraged by what the Lord is doing at Grace. A light dinner will be served, and childcare for kids under 3yrs old will be provided. Those eligible to vote at the annual meeting are found on the list on the bulletin board in the main entrance of the parish!

**JANUARY'S MISSION PARTNER: Redeemer Anglican Church.** Each month we are going to focus our parish prayers on one of the ministries that we fund from our mission budget. This month we pray for Redeemer Anglican, our church plant. Redeemer has slowly grown over the months and the congregation there now is mostly locals. Eric Phillips leads this consecrated effort with great skill. The average attendance is about 35 per Sunday. Please pray for Redeemer, and join them for worship some time.

**CELL GROUPS.** Please check out your bulletin insert re. Grace's many cell groups. Consider joining one today!

**-CHRISTIAN ED resumes Feb 4**

**-KIDS LITURGY resumes Feb 4.**

**VESTRY.** Part of what we do at our annual meeting is elect the vestry. Learn more about what a vestry is, what a vestry does, and how members of Grace can be nominated for vestry election by checking out the bulletin insert.

**STEWARDSHIP & FINANCES** You can get your financial house in order for 2024! Residents are invited to join Brian and Jodi Brown for a budgeting class that will help your family make a plan for your money, thereby reducing stress, worry, and guilt. Singles are welcome, but if you're part of a couple it's best that both parties attend. Please note: this class will require several hours of "homework" each week as you take action, manage your money more intentionally, and experience increased financial freedom. Classes will meet at Brian and Jodi's house on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 starting Feb 7. **Please contact Brian if you are interested: [bkbrown21@gmail.com](mailto:bkbrown21@gmail.com)**

**CHRISTMAS TREE PICK UP!** Jake and Steve's Amco Christmas Tree Removal Services will come to your house and pick up your tree. Contact "Steve & Jake's Tree Pick-Up Service" by emailing Steve [steveratson22@yahoo.com](mailto:steveratson22@yahoo.com). Please give us your address, the date your tree will be ready for pick up, and where we can find it.

**NURSERY.** During both morning and evening services, we offer nursery for our children (infants to 2 year olds) downstairs.

## **WAYS TO GIVE AT GRACE**

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# Processional Hymn: I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Words: John Calvin, 1545



1. I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art, my on-ly  
 2. Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace, reign-ing om-  
 3. Thou art the Life, by which a-lone we live, and all our  
 4. Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness, no harsh-ness  
 5. Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee; our faith is

trust and Sav-ior of my heart, who pain didst un-der-  
 nip-o-tent in ev-'ry place: so come, O King, and  
 • sub-stance and our strength re-ceive; O com-fort us in  
 hast thou and no bit-ter-ness: make us to taste the  
 built up-on thy prom-ise free; O grant to us such

go for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.  
 • our whole be-ing sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.  
 death's ap-proach-ing hour, strong-heart-ed then to face it by thy pow'r.  
 sweet grace found in thee and ev-er stay in thy sweet u-ni-ty.  
 strong-er hope and sure that we can bold-ly con-quer and en-dure.



**Minister.**

I will make you as a light for the nations,

**Answer.**

That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

**Minister.**

Let us pray.

## The Collect for Purity, said by all

**A**LMIGHTY 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.

## The Summary of the Law

**H**EAR what our Lord Jesus Christ says. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it; You shall love your neighbor as your self. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. -MATTHEW 22:37-40.

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
**Christ, have mercy upon us.**  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**A**LMIGHTY Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of your laws, and in the works of your commandments; that, through your most mighty protection, both here and always, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **Song of Praise: Here is Love**

Words: Reese, 1870    Tune: Lowry

1. Here is love, vast as the ocean, Loving-kindness as the flood,  
When the Prince of Life, our Ransom, shed for us His precious blood  
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?  
He can never be forgotten, Throughout Heav'n's eternal days.
2. On the mount of crucifixion, Fountains opened deep and wide;  
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast & gracious tide  
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, Poured incessant from above,  
And Heav'n's peace and perfect justice, Kissed a guilty world in love.
3. Let me all Thy love accepting, Love Thee, ever all my days;  
Let me seek Thy kingdom only, And my life be to Thy praise;  
Thou alone shalt be my glory, Nothing in the world I see.  
Thou hast cleansed and sanctified me, Thou Thyself hast set me free.

**Minister.**    The Lord be with you.

**Answer.**    And with your spirit.

**Minister.**    Let us pray.

### **The Collect for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

**G**IVE us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **The Epistle Lesson: 1 Corinthians 1:17-24 (ESV)**

**Reader.** A reading from First Samuel.

**L**et each person lead the life<sup>[a]</sup> that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches.<sup>18</sup> Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was

anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision.<sup>19</sup> For neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, but keeping the commandments of God.<sup>20</sup> Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called.<sup>21</sup> Were

you a bondservant<sup>[b]</sup> when called? Do not be concerned about it. (But if you can gain your freedom, avail yourself of the opportunity.)<sup>22</sup> For he who was called in the Lord as a bondservant is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he who was free when called is a

bondservant of Christ.<sup>23</sup> You were bought with a price; do not become bondservants of men.<sup>24</sup> So, brothers, in whatever condition each was called, there let him remain with God.

**Reader.** The Word of the Lord.

**People.** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 130

Out of the deep have I called unto you, O LORD; \*

Lord, hear my voice.

2 O let your ears consider well \*  
the voice of my supplications.

3 If you, LORD, were to mark what is done amiss, \*  
O Lord, who could abide it?

4 For there is mercy with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.

5 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my trust.

6 My soul waits for the Lord, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
more than watchmen for the morning.

7 O Israel, trust in the LORD, for with the LORD there is mercy, \*  
and with him is plenteous redemption;

8 And he shall redeem Israel \*  
from all their sins.

### The Gospel Lesson: Mark 1:14-20 (ESV)

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

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

✚ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God,<sup>15</sup> and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

<sup>16</sup>Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus

said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.”

<sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

**Reader.** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### The Sermon

The Rev'd Ethan Magness, Rector

## The Nicene Creed

LET us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

WE believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.  
WE believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

ALMIGHTY and ever-living God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially Joseph, our President, that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all bishops, priests, and deacons, and especially to Foley our Archbishop, Alec our Bishop; Ethan, Chad, Don, David, and Eric, our priests on staff; that by their life and teaching they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments. We pray for Steve, our Director of Family Ministries; for Benj, our Pastor in Residence; for

Claire and her chaplaincy work. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, especially to this Congregation, that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive your holy Word, and serve you in holiness and righteous-ness all the days of our lives. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom throughout the world, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission, making disciples of all nations. We pray this month for our church plant – Redeemer Anglican Church - in Franklin, Pennsylvania; that you would continue to fashion and flourish the labors of this new ministry according to your most perfect will; Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity [we welcome your spoken prayers]. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We remember before you all your servants who have departed this life in your faith and fear, and we ask you to give us grace to follow the good examples of all your saints, that we may share with them in your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Invitation to Confession**

**A**LL who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

### **General Confession**, said by all.

**A**LMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Absolution

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Comfortable Words

**H**EAR the comfortable words from the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.  
-MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. -JOHN 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. -1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. -1 JOHN 2:1-2

**Minister.** The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People.** And with your spirit.

**Offertory Sentence – I Chronicles 29:14**

**Minister.** All things come from you, O Lord.

**People.** And of your own have we given you.

## The Offering and Doxology

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** (the 1662 Order)

**Minister.** The Lord be with you.

**Answer.** And with your spirit.

**Minister.** Lift up your hearts.

**Answer.** We lift them up to the Lord.

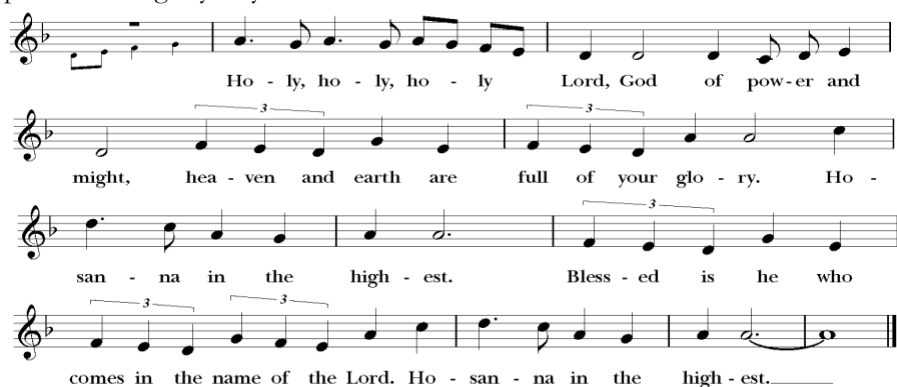
**Minister.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Answer.** It is right to give Him thanks and praise

**I**T is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal His glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light.



THEFORE 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:



**The Prayer of Humble Access,** said by all, kneeling.

WE do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*The People continue to kneel. The minister stands and continues.*

ALL praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again. Hear us, merciful Father, and grant that we receiving these gifts from your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me." **AMEN.**

**Distribution of Communion.** All baptized, believing Christians of an understanding age who are admitted to the Sacrament within their own church are encouraged to receive it with us. St Paul in the New Testament instructs those who come to the Lord's Supper to 'discern' the Body (that is, to have an understanding of the Lord's Supper) as well as examine themselves before they commune. Please come down the middle aisle to receive the bread, and then a small cup of communion wine, consuming the elements after receiving them.

**Interspersory prayer** is available in the hall behind the chapel. This takes place during the distribution of Communion. If you want prayer for healing (physical or otherwise), you can also request anointing with oil (a biblical symbol for healing and restoration).

## **I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto Me and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon My breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down, and drink, and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light;  
look unto Me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my Star, my Sun;  
and in that Light of life I'll walk, till trav'ling days are done.

## **Yet Not I but through Christ in Me**

1. What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer; There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus For my life is wholly bound to His  
Oh how strange & divine, I can sing, 'All is mine' Yet not I, but through Christ in me

2. The night is dark but I am not forsaken For by my side, the Saviour He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing For in my need, His power is displayed  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome Yet not I, but through Christ in me

3. No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon And He was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free" Yet not I, but through Christ in me

4. With every breath I long to follow Jesus For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat Yet not I, but through Christ in me

## **I am the Bread of Life**

Lyrics & Tune: S. Suzanne Toolan, 1966

1. I am the bread of life, He who comes to Me shall not hunger,  
He who believes in Me shall not thirst. No one can come to Me, Unless the Father draws him.

*Chorus:* And I will raise him up, I will raise him up, and I will raise him up on the last day.

2. The bread that I will give is My flesh for the life of the world,  
And he who eats of this bread, He shall live for ever, He shall live for ever.

3. I am the resurrection, And I am the life,  
He who believes in Me Even if he dies, He shall live for ever.

### **The Lord's Prayer,** said by all

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

**O**UR 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, forever and ever. Amen.

### **Post-Communion Prayer,** said by all

**A**LMIGHTY and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

### **The Blessing**

**T**HE PEACE OF GOD, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

## Recessional Hymn: Begone Unbelief!

Words: John Newton, 1779 Tune: Lyons



1. Begone unbelief! My Savior is near,  
And for my relief will surely appear:  
By prayer let me wrestle and He wilt perform,  
with Christ in the vessel, I smile at the storm.
2. Though dark be my way, since He is my Guide, '  
'Tis mine to obey, 'tis His to provide;  
Though cisterns be broken, and creatures all fail,  
The Word He has spoken shall surely prevail.
3. His love, in time past, forbids me to think  
He'll leave me alone in trouble to sink:  
Each heav'nly reminder I have in review  
Confirms His good pleasure; he shall get me through!
4. Why should I complain of want or distress,  
Temptation or pain? He told me no less:  
The heirs of salvation, I know from His Word,  
Through much tribulation must follow their Lord.
5. Since all that I meet shall work for my good,  
the bitter is sweet, the medicine food;  
Though painful at present, wilt cease before long,  
and then, O! how pleasant, the conqueror's song!

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## GRACE'S STAFF

**RECTOR.** The Rev'd Ethan Magness. The rector is the principal preacher and teacher, plans and coordinates worship, leads the staff and vestry, administrates the parish, does pastoral care, organizes cell groups, marries & buries, etc. (ethanasius@gmail.com)

**DIRECTOR OF FAMILY MINISTRIES.** Mr. Steve Matson creates, oversees, and develops ministries related to children, youth, and their families; and assists with pastoral care. (stevematson22@yahoo.com)

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# WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO CALL YOU?

A couple times a year I am asked, ‘What do you like to be called?’ Such a question provokes lame retorts from me (‘I prefer anything other than ‘hey, idiot!’). But it’s a not a bad question, especially since Anglicans seem to collect clergy-titles: ‘reverend’ so-and-so, our ‘priest’ – so-and-so, ‘pastor’ so-and-so, ‘father’ so-and-so, and even ‘Parson’ Brown (*Winter Wonderland*, 1934). So which title is correct, or simply preferable? To address this question, maybe it’s best to review the most common labels and titles for Anglican clergy:

**REVEREND.** This is an adjective rather than an official title. You wouldn’t use ‘reverend’ as a title in a conversation (we don’t say, ‘Hey there, Reverend Tom!’ just like we wouldn’t say to a judge, ‘Hey there, Honorable Tim!’). It’s mostly used in written form rather than spoken form.

**PRIEST.** This word isn’t used as a title (no one would say, ‘Hey, Priest Bob!’). Anglicans retained the word ‘priest’ somewhat by accident. ‘Priest’ was, in Old English, a contraction of the Greek word *Presbyter* (translated as ‘elder’ in the New Testament). Over time, the word *Presbyter* was transliterated into English as *Prebst* which became *Prest* which became Priest. For we Anglicans, the word priest simply means presbyter – it has no connection to a sacrificing, Old Testament priesthood.

**MINISTER.** Anglicans use ‘minister’ as a flexible descriptor (not so much a title) that can be used of anyone who is ordained – a deacon, a priest, or a bishop.

**PARSON.** This was, historically speaking, the most popular title for Anglican priests, who were referred to as ‘Parson so-and-so.’ From Bishop FitzSimons Allison: ‘Parson was the English word for ‘person.’ The title designates the one who shows the true priesthood of all believers, by whom God is known in this world, and who is set apart to maintain Christian doctrine and unity by the priestly service of the gospel.’ It means that the minister is not ontologically different than anyone else, but is called and ordained (that is, set aside) to serve the Church in a unique way.

**PASTOR.** This title (‘Pastor so-and-so’) flows in and out of Anglican usage, but it’s been a rather common way to refer to clergy with the Anglican tradition. It derives from the Latin word *pastoris* – the word for shepherd. This word is used in the New Testament to describe Christian leaders.

**FATHER.** This title (‘Father so-and-so’) was used sparingly within Anglicanism until the late 1970’s (before that time, most English and American Anglican ministers were referred to as ‘Mister so-and-so’). This title evokes the spiritual and paternal relationship between Paul and Timothy (I Tim. 1:2), and connotes familial ‘eldership’ in the faith.

In short, there is no standard anymore for what to call Anglican ministers. As your minister in this context, I set forth my opinion thusly – call me whatever you’d like. Truly. My slight preference (tilting in one direction by 3 degrees) is for adults to call me ‘Ethan’ and children ‘Pastor Ethan,’ but this preference is so small that it’s barely a preference. However you wish to refer to me title-wise (or with the absence of a title) is quite fine with me, so please call me whatever is most helpful for you. **-EJM**

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