

Grace

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY | APRIL 5, 2026 | 11:00 AM SERVICE

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-John 20:15-18

Welcome to Grace Church

WELCOME!

Welcome to the Easter Day service. This service we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, the cornerstone of our faith. The resurrection reminds us of the power of God and the hope that we have in Christ. It is a time of joy, renewal, and transformation, celebrating the victory of life over death.

TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

The Great Vigil | 6:30am
Hot Cross Buns | 8:30am | Parish House
Nursery | 8:30am | Nursery
WonderKids | 8:30am | Sunshine Room
StoryMakers | 8:30am | StoryMakers Room
Easter Contemporary Service with Baptisms | 9:00am
Hot Cross Buns | 10:30am | Parish House
Nursery | 10:30am | Nursery
Easter Contemporary Service | 11:00am
Hot Cross Buns | 12:30pm | Parish House

WHO ARE WE?

In our reverent worship space, we warmly welcome people who are at all stages of faith, from those who are curious to explore the big questions of life, faith and meaning, to those who are growing and maturing in their faith. Our sermons convey the truth of the gospel and offer practical applications to everyday life. Our desire is to grow in knowledge and love of God, and infuse His grace and truth into everything we do. Grace Episcopal Church is traditional and liturgical, and we care for our visitors by clearly explaining the heart and history behind our form of worship. We have found a family here, and we want this church to feel like a family for you, too.

OUR BELIEF & PRACTICES

The Episcopal Church has been called the “bridge church,” for we are Protestants who also honor our traditional Catholic heritage as well as contemporary worship. In addition to the Bible, our worship is led by the Book of Common Prayer, which has formed our historical thought and practice in its several editions since 1549. We are deeply sacramental, believing in the Baptism of children and that the Holy Eucharist (Communion) is the central act of worship. All baptized Christians may receive communion.

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Rite One Service: Traditional Service without music at 8:00 am Sunday mornings
Rite Two Service: Contemporary Service with music at 10:00 am Sunday mornings. Nursery is open.
Midweek Service: Healing and Prayer Service at 12:05 pm on Wednesdays

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Your children are very welcome here! If you have babies or children, we have a nursery across the street in the Church Office building for children ages 0-3 years. We offer our WonderKids program for children ages 4-6 where we use the Jesus Storybook Bible curriculum. Our Story Makers classroom is for ages 7-9. And we also offer Connect Youth for ages 10-13.

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PRELUDE

TRUMPET VOLUNTARY IN B FLAT

WILLIAM GOODWIN

DAY OF EASTER JOY

JOHN STANLEY

SEANNA RESER, TRUMPET

HALLELUJAH CHORUS

GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL

CHORAL ANTHEM

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

HYMN 207

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!
unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Celebrant

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PROCESSION

We start our services with a procession of ministers and servers who have chosen to serve God and his people in their act of corporate worship. The procession is led by the cross, reminding those serving and those worshipping that our lives have been set apart by the sacrifice of Christ, on our behalf, for the glory of God.

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COLLECT OF PURITY

Celebrant

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.

SONG OF PRAISE

GLORIA

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please Be Seated

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 10:34-43

Reader

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

This prayer is a moment to catch the theme of the service today. If you grasp it, your participation in worship will be enhanced, and you'll see God connecting the pieces of the gospel with your life.

THE FIRST READING

The First Reading is often an Old Testament passage. The OT forms a foundation for the New Testament and gives us many examples how God has led his people, displaying his essence and character.

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THE PSALM

We read a psalm responsively each service as an expression of our emotions before the Lord. The Psalms contain all of our common emotions that derive from our day to day experiences. Read it recognizing that being honest before God, and each other, has great godly benefit.

THE PSALM

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

Reader

The Psalm for today is Psalm 118, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.

The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the LORD.

"This is the gate of the LORD; *
he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the LORD's doing,*
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the LORD has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Reader

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Reader

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

GRADUAL HYMN

ALLELUIA, SING TO JESUS

HYMN 460

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone;
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! bread of Heaven, thou on Earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of Sinners, Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

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GOSPEL READING

Jesus is the Word of God made flesh, who made his dwelling among us. Reading his spoken words from the center of the congregation proclaims that grace and truth come through Jesus Christ.

When we make a little cross on our head, mouth and chest we are reminding ourselves that Jesus' gospel reforms our thinking, cleanses our speech and conforms our hearts to his truth and love.

**Alleluia! King eternal, thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! Born of Mary, Earth thy footstool, Heaven thy throne:
Thou within the veil hast entered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
Thou on Earth, both Priest and Victim in the eucharistic feast.**

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 20:1-18

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People

Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Deacon

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid

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Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

FR. FRANS VAN SANTEN

Please stand

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Celebrant

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People

I do.

Celebrant

Do you believe in God the Father?

People

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

THE SERMON

God's Word is living and active, and cuts to the heart. That's why we read it, proclaim it, listen to it, meditate upon it, and take the time to make it understood.

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Celebrant

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Please kneel as able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Reader

For all the people in their daily life and work;

People

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Reader

For this community, the nation, and the world;

People

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Reader

For the just and proper use of your creation;

People

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Reader

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Reader

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Reader

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; and Justin, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People

For all who serve God in his Church.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray these established prayers to ensure that we cover important aspects of our lives and the world with corporate prayer. Listen to each prayer carefully, saying the words silently, so that your spoken Amen will ring true in your heart and be added to the prayers of the saints.

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Reader

For those who are unable to be present and who join in our worship from home;

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation;
And for all those we name from our hearts.

You may add your own petitions

Reader

Hear us, Lord;

People

For your mercy is great.

Reader

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

You may add your own thanksgivings

Reader

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

You may add your own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People

Who put their trust in you.

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THE PEACE

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

THE PEACE

Exchanging the peace is an ancient custom of God's people. We do it after Confession and Absolution which means we can give the same forgiveness to others that we have received from God. A demonstration that we have renewed relationships in Christ, it also prepares us to together receive Communion as the Body of Christ.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Celebrant

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY

What will you give to God? The money he gave to you? The time he has allotted for you today? The abilities with which you were born? Your next breath? Combine your offering with those around you, and see what God can do with and through our church.

HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE

ARR. VICTOR JOHNSON

Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!
To His throne above the skies! Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There for Him high triumph waits; Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
He hath conquered death and sin; Alleluia!
Take the King of Glory in! Alleluia!

Lo! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!
Yet He loves the Earth He leaves; Alleluia!
Thou returning to His throne, still, He calls mankind His own,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

See! He lifts His hands above; Alleluia!
See! He shows the prints of love; Alleluia!
Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
Blessings on His Church below. Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!



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THE DOXOLOGY

HYMN 380, VERSE 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

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

The Celebrant offers a Preface, and concludes saying,

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

S125

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

COMMUNION

By taking Communion we obey the Lord's words to his disciples to remember his goodness to us and to proclaim that he is coming again. Jesus turns a simple earthy action - eating bread and drinking wine - into a magnificent celebration for his people. In Communion, Jesus is with us, and we are with each other. Sounds like a party!

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Celebrant

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 Lord 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 he 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,

People

We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

When you pray this prayer, the one Jesus taught his disciples, and that all Christians everywhere pray, reflect on the words, recognizing you are actually talking to your Heavenly Father. Pray it afresh, as if for the first time.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Celebrant

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

CORPORATE SONGS DURING COMMUNION

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! GIVE THANKS TO THE RISEN LORD

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.

Refrain

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.

Refrain

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We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live for ever.

Refrain

Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.

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EUCCHARIST INSTRUCTIONS

Please follow these instructions when you go up to receive communion:

1. *The ushers will dismiss each row, one at a time.*
2. *Walk up the center aisle.*
3. *When it is your turn to receive the Eucharist, kneel down or stand at the altar rail and extend your hands together, palm up. The priest will place a wafer into your hand.*
4. *The Chalice Minister will then come to you. You have two options; (1) drink from the chalice or (2) have your wafer intincted with wine. If you choose option 2, leave your wafer in hand so that Chalice Minister can place it back in the palm of your hand to consume. You may consume at the rail.*
5. *Return to your seat by the side aisle closest to you.*

If you cannot come to the rail to receive notify an usher to have communion brought to you in the pew.

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No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

HE IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN

HYMN 180

He is risen, He is risen!
Tell it out with joyful voice:
He has burst His three days' prison;
Let the whole wide Earth rejoice:
Death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,
With glad smile and radiant brow!
Death's long shadows have departed;
Jesus' woes are over now,
And the passion that He bore -
Sin and pain can vex no more.

Come, with high and holy hymning,
Hail our Lord's triumphant day;
Not one darksome cloud is dimming
Yonder glorious morning ray,
Breaking o'er the purple east,
Symbol of our Easter feast.

He is risen, He is risen!
He hath opened heaven's gate:
We are free from sin's dark prison,
Risen to a holier state;
And a brighter Easter beam
On our longing eyes shall stream.

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

HYMN 473

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Refrain:

**Lift High the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred Name.**

**Led on their way
by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God
in conquering ranks combine.**

Refrain

**Each newborn servant
of the Crucified
bears on the brow
the seal of him who died.**

Refrain

**O Lord, once lifted
on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised,
draw the world to thee.**

Refrain

**So shall our song
of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified
for victory.**

Refrain

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THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

People

*Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, 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 Lord.
Amen.*

THE BLESSING

Celebrant

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and may the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please stand

RECESSIONAL

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

HYMN 400

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
Pale silver moon that gently gleams,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
You clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE BLESSING

When you bless someone, you give them life-changing words. The priestly blessing will impact your day with heaven's power. Be sure to receive it with an open heart.

All you with mercy in your heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing now: Alleluia!
All you that pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God, and cast on him your care:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

**TRUMPET TUNE
EASTER FANFARE**

**HENRY PURCELL
JAMES MELBY**

THE DISMISSAL

As if we haven't gotten the message yet from the rest of the service, the Deacon urges us to take our love for God and each other into the rest of the world. This can only happen if we walk through the red doors in the power of the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord.



Easter Lily Dedications

The Ayres Family

In Loving Memory of Ben Ayres

In Loving Memory of Wilma & Leslie Douglas

In Loving Memory of Thelma & Caesar Benincasa

In Loving Memory of Michael Booker

Jaye & Russell Baillie

In Memory of Fred & Margaret Sterchi

John and Noreen Baker

In Honor of our friend Gail Watson

Tom and Beth Coleman

In Memory of Harry Iler, Jr.

In Memory of Bill & Dot Coleman

Mary Garrepy

In Thankfulness for a loving family

Sharon Guenther & Debra Germann

In Memory of Bob, Penny, Charles and Iola

Jim, Jeanne & Juliana Henningsen

In Memory of George & Jeanne Chapman

In Memory of Harald Henningsen

In Honor of Janet Henningsen

The Annette Holland Family

In Memory of Frank Holland loving husband, father, grandfather, hero



Easter Lily Dedications

Don Hooper

In Thanksgiving for my Grace family for their prayers and visits and contributions during my extended hospitalism and recovery. Love you.

In Loving Memory of Barbarba Hooper (wife)

In Loving Memory of Virginia Watts (mother)

Karl & Lane Hop

In Memory of the Hop family

In Memory of the Bruce family

Lisa McGowan

In Loving Memory of her husband Thomas McGowan

Tom & Lynda Peek

In Memory of our parents, Gene & Buggie, Si & Ginger, our brother & sister, Albert & Barbara

Marilyn Sibons

In Thanksgiving for my wonderful Savior

Larry Davis & Joan Wempe

In Honor of our children and grandchildren

In Honor of Grace Church and our Worship team

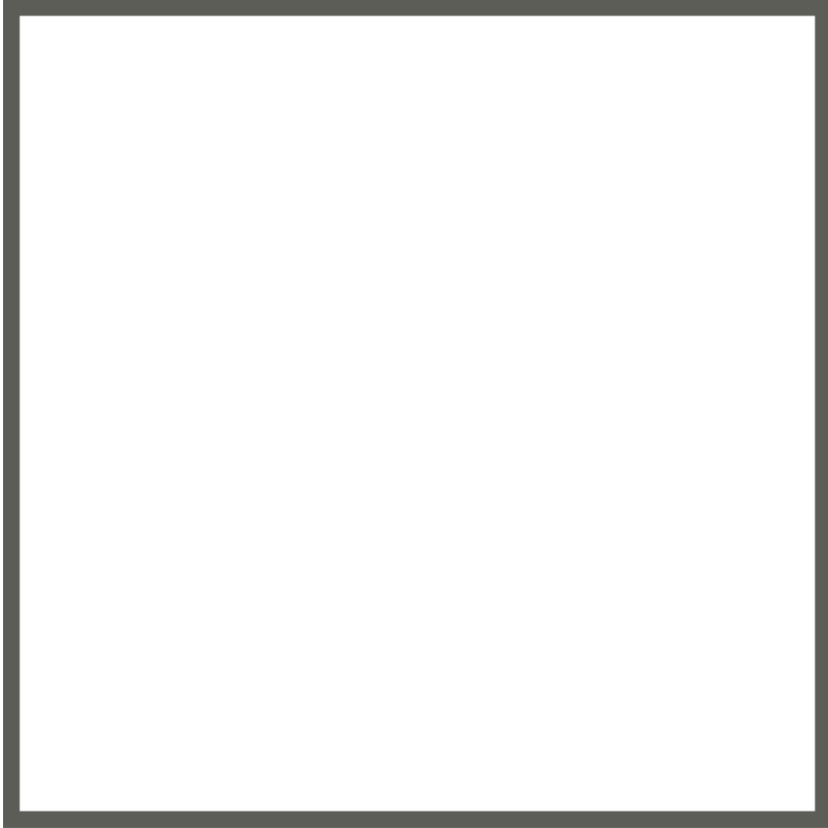
In Honor of all our friends at Grace Church

In Memory of our parents and sisters now with the Lord

In Honor of our extended family and friends

EASTER PRAYER REQUEST

Please use this sticky note to write down your prayer requests and place them in the offering plate as it passes. We will be praying with you throughout the week. Happy Easter!

A large, empty rectangular box with a thick black border, intended for writing prayer requests. The box is centered on the page and occupies most of the middle section.

Annual Church Picnic

April 19, 2026

Join us at Coehadjoe Park for a spring picnic! We have rented pavilion 2! Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be provided, please bring a side dish to share. Enjoy a day of fun, food, and fellowship. All are welcome to participate. See you there!

Time: After the 10:00am Service

Place: Coehadjoe Park
4225 NE 35th St Ocala, FL 34479

Scan the QR Code to RSVP!



Please join us for
*Mother's Day Tea & Pop-up Shop**
Saturday, May 9, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Grace Parish House

Please invite your mother, grandmother, children, grandchildren, etc.!
Enjoy live music by Sharon Mai and Audrey Flechas

This Grace event, hosted by the ECW, has limited seating.
Please register by May 1 either by scanning the QR code or
by calling the church office at (352) 622-7881.

***Temporary retail shop curated with racks of new and gently loved spring,
summer clothing and accessories at thrift store prices!**

Proceeds benefit:



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

APRIL

6 Easter Monday: Office Closed
8 Noon Service
11 ECW Meeting 12pm
12 DOK Discernment: 12pm
15 Noon Service
22 Noon Service
23 Vestry Meeting: 5:30pm
26 DOK Discernment: 12pm

MAY

3 DOK Discernment, DOK Business Meeting: 12pm
6 Noon Service
9 ECW Mother's Day Tea & Pop-Up Shop: 2-4pm
13 Noon Service

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 04/12/26

Nursery:
Ligia Acosta & Sharon Romano

WonderKids:
Mollie Miranda, Alizon Morales

Storymakers:
Catie Hourigan

Connect:
Mariah & Kaleb Williams

Next Week's Bible Readings

Acts 2:14a,22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

OFFICE CLOSED

The Church office will be closed on Monday, April 6 and reopen on Tuesday, April 7.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who served in any way during Holy Week, we could not do it without you!

And a special thank you to the soup makers for this years Wednesday Lenten Study the soups were delicious!

LUNCH AND LEARN

All Grace ladies are invited to "Lunch and Learn" on Saturday, April 11 at 12pm in the Parish Hall hosted by the Episcopal Church Women (ECW).

- LUNCH served with delicious soups, sandwiches and desserts, all homemade by Grace ECW members
- PRAY together with a heartfelt devotion for our ministries.
- LEARN how "Arts in Health Ocala/Marion" helps healing through the Arts from guest speaker Patricia Tomlinson
- LEARN how "Arnette House" helps youth through counseling and group homes from guest speakers Morgan Nebel and Shannon Bailey.
- EVENT UPDATES on both the May 9 Mother's Day Tea and Nov 6-7 Holiday Bazaar
- JOIN a "Circle" of Gracers to create Holiday Bazaar gift items full of frequent fun & fellowship!
- LEARN more about ECW's mission, empowering women to do Christ's ministry.

RSVP to Lynn at 352-895-5887

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

IN THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday - Office Closed

- 6:30am: The Great Vigil, Church, Livestream
- 8:30am: Hot Cross Buns & Coffee Hour, Parish House
- 8:30am: Nursery (0-3), Nursery
- 8:45am: Wonder Kids (4-6), Sunshine Room
- 8:45am: StoryMakers (7-9), Wonder Room
- 9:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, Livestream
- 10:00am: Hot Cross Buns & Coffee Hour, Parish House
- 10:30am: Nursery (0-3), Nursery
- 11:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, Livestream
- 12:00pm: Hot Cross Buns & Coffee Hour, Parish House

Monday, April 6 - Office Closed

- 12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, April 7

- 12:00pm: Gospel Bible Study, Zoom

Wednesday, April 8

- 12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church

Thursday, April 9

Friday, April 10 - Office Closed

Saturday, April 11 - Office Closed

- 12:00PM: ECW Lunch & Learn, Parish House

Sunday, April 12 - Office Closed

- 8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream
- 9:00am: Coffee Hour, Parish House
- 9:00am: Nursery (0-3), Nursery
- 9:15am: New Testament Bible Study, Grace Hall
- 9:45am: Wonder Kids (4-6), Sunshine Room
- 9:45am: StoryMakers (7-9), Wonder Room
- 9:45am: Connect (10-13), Grace Hall
- 10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, Livestream
- 11:00am: Coffee Hour, Parish House
- 12:00pm: DOK Discernment, Grace Hall

BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

- 2 Joan Wempe
Marian Guerrero
- 3 Jackson Owen
- 4 Sherri White
- 6 Anna Clements
- 7 Mary Baines
Lisa McGowan
- 8 Scott Wright
- 9 Fay Owings
- 10 Donna Schafer
Gretchen Vander Kamp
- 11 Emma Rose
- 12 Chip Merchant
- 13 James Taylor
- 14 Romell Gordon
Erin van Santen
- 15 Fr. Frans van Santen

If you would like to make a prayer request for either the weekly prayer list or the DOK private prayer list please email Deacon Susan at prayers@graceocala.org. And include which list you are requesting.

If you would like to meet with Fr. Frans, Fr. Josh or Fr. Carlos please contact
Meagan Thompson
at 352-622-7881 or
meagan@graceocala.org

If you would like to meet or talk to our Children's Minister, Catie Hourigan, you can contact the church office at 352-622-7881; or by email at catie@graceocala.org

- Grace Church Leadership -

HEAD

Jesus Christ

BISHOP

The Right Rev. Dr. Justin S. Holcomb

WORSHIP TEAM

The Rev. Frans van Santen: Rector
The Rev. Josh Reed: Associate Rector
The Rev. Carlos Cabrera: Deacon
The Rev. Susan Moorehead: Deacon
Adam Pryor: Worship Coordinator
Catie Hourigan: Children's Ministry Coordinator

VESTRY

Sanjit Nirmalanandhan - Senior Warden/Treasurer Michael Owen - Junior Warden
Cheryl Arnold Michael Ashley Chandler Sandy Todd Craig Kristin Dean
John Dozier Amy Robertson Leslie Jones

MUSICIANS

Adam Pryor Sharon Mai Jessica Mongerio David Freudenburg
Cheryl Arnold Audrey Flechas Kirsten Clauss

SERVERS

Ushers: Barbarajeon Garcia, Darlene Trowbridge, Frank Blascucci
Reader, First Reading/Psalm: Frank Blascucci
Reader, Second Reading/PoP: Mary Stewart Lewis
Acolytes: Gail van Deusen, Claire Hetzel, Joseph Hetzel
Chalice Minister: Mary Stewart Lewis
Altar Guild: Pae Barberie, Marilyn Corsiglia, Tammy Flanagan, Lynn Nobles, Amy Robertson
Flower Guild: Carolyn Ayres, Lynda Peek, Lynn Nobles, Heather Hetzel, Molly Hetzel,
Erin van Santen, Estella van Santen
VPOD: Chandler Sandy

Weekly Services on Our Campus

Sunday 8:00am—Rite I

Sunday 10:00am—Rite II with music

Wednesday 12:05pm—Midweek at Grace

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