



# Grace

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT | MARCH 8, 2026 | 8:00 AM SERVICE

*"Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."*

*~ Romans 5:3-5*

# Welcome to Grace Church

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## WELCOME!

Welcome, we are so glad you are joining us for worship this morning!

## TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

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, Fr. Nigel Mumford

11:00am: Coffee Hour+, 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 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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# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## SILENT PROCESSION

*Please stand*

## THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

**People**

*His mercy endureth for ever.*

*Please kneel as able*

## THE DECALOGUE

Celebrant

God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

**People**

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Celebrant

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

**People**

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Celebrant

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

**People**

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Celebrant

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

**People**

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### SILENT PROCESSION

Today, we observe a silent procession, creating space to gather our hearts before God, as we enter a time of solitude.

### THE WORD OF GOD

You are invited to voluntarily make the sign of the cross on your body - to cross yourself - as a means to tell God again, and remind yourself, that you belong to him. You can do this at any time it seems meaningful to you. Often we sign ourselves when the names of the Trinity are used, in reference to the resurrection of the dead, and when saying "blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

### THE DECALOGUE

As you hear each commandment one by one, ask for God's forgiveness for your disobedience, and lean on him for his mercy. Recognize that these Ten Commandments also represent God's desires for us more broadly.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## LITURGICAL GUIDE

Celebrant

Honor thy father and thy mother.

**People**

***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Celebrant

Thou shalt do no murder.

**People**

***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Celebrant

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

**People**

***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Celebrant

Thou shalt not steal.

**People**

***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Celebrant

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

**People**

***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Celebrant

Thou shalt not covet.

**People**

***Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.***

Celebrant

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

People

*Almighty and most merciful father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.*

*But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.*

Celebrant

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Please stand*

## THE TRISAGION

*Celebrant and People*

*Holy God, Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.*

*Holy God, Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.*

*Holy God, Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.*

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### CONFESSION

We recognize our sins before God as a church body, recognizing our humanity and our weekly, daily, momentary need for the Lord and the cleansing blood of Christ. You will notice after some months of confession and absolution that you start to feel clean throughout the week, as if you've been washed and renewed. The 16th-century reformers thought the proper way to approach God was via confession.

### ABSOLUTION

Having heard the Word of God proclaimed, which has led us to confess our sins, it is now time to receive some assurance that God has forgiven the sins of those who have put their trust in Jesus Christ. It is Christ's power that forgives, embodied by the pronouncement of the priest, that makes tangible the truth that God has removed the barrier between him and us.

### THE TRISAGION

This hymn was sung in the early Church. It recognizes the utter, awesome, incomprehensible holiness of God.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### 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 always 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.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

**People**

***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## THE FIRST READING

## EXODUS 17:1-7

Reader

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

***Thanks be to God.***

## THE PSALM

## PSALM 95

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

Reader

The psalm for today is from Psalm 95, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

Come, let us sing to the LORD; \*  
***let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.***

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
***and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.***

For the LORD is a great God, \*  
***and a great King above all gods.***

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
***and the heights of the hills are his also.***

The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
***and his hands have molded the dry land.***

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
***and kneel before the LORD our Maker.***

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
***Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!***

Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, \*  
***at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.***

They put me to the test, \*  
***though they had seen my works.***

Forty years long I detested that generation and said, \*  
***"This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."***

So I swore in my wrath, \*  
***"They shall not enter into my rest."***

### 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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## LITURGICAL GUIDE

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

## ROMANS 5:1-11

Reader

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

*Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE GOSPEL

## MARK 2:1-12

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

Deacon

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

**People**

*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Deacon

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**

*Praise to thee, O Christ.*

## SERMON

## ADAM PRYOR

## 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.*

## 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.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### THE NICENE CREED

*If you are looking to unite around one set of beliefs for the Christian life, this would be it. It is broad enough to capture the essentials of our faith and narrow enough to be a definitive statement of biblical truth.*

## THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant

Let us stand together and affirm our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed:

***I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;***

***And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.***

***And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

*Please kneel as able*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.  
*The reader leads the people in a series of prayers to which the people respond.*

Reader

Lord, in thy mercy

**People**

***Hear our prayer.***

### 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.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Reader

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People**

*And with thy spirit.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY

*The people are invited to offer their gifts to God.*

Celebrant

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

*Please stand*

Celebrant

All things come of thee, O Lord.

**People**

*Of thine own have we given thee.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

**People**

*And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

**People**

*We lift them up unto the Lord.*

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### 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.*

### 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.*



### 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!*

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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## LITURGICAL GUIDE

Celebrant

Let us give thanks unto our Lord, God.

**People**

***It is meet and right so to do.***

Celebrant

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*The Celebrant offers a Preface, and concludes saying,*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Celebrant and People**

***Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

*Please kneel as able*

Celebrant

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who 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 did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake 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, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

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

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### 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.

### NO ALLELUIA'S

During Lent, we omit the use of "alleluia" during Eucharist and the dismissal, preferring to be more subdued and penitential. This practice also helps us to build anticipation for its reintroduction on Easter.

### PRAYER TEAM

Praying with a friend or minister during Communion is a powerful way to experience the presence of Christ. Our clergy and prayer warriors invite you to ask for a breakthrough in your life. The Lord awaits the requests and prayers of his people.

## 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.*

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People**

*Therefore, let us keep the feast.*

Celebrant

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

**People**

*Have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

**People**

*Have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

**People**

*Grant us thy peace.*

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**People**

*We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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.

## THE SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING COMMUNION

*Be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.*

## THE SILENT PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

*O Lord Jesus Christ, who in a wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of your passion: Grant us, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of your redemption; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

*Please kneel as able*

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

*Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### EUCHARIST 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.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### 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.*

### 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.*

## THE BLESSING

Celebrant

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

## SILENT RECESSION

### THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People**

***Thanks be to God.***

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

## *Spires in the Sun Author Presentation*

**MARCH 15, 2026  
AT 2:00 P.M.  
GREEN CLOVER HALL  
319 SE 26<sup>th</sup> TERRACE  
OCALA, FL 34471  
MEMBERS - FREE  
NON-MEMBER TICKETS - \$5 cash**

Please join member Marylin Corsiglia at the Marion County Museum of History and Archeology to hear Jonathan Rich discuss his book *\*Spires in the Sun: The Carpenter Gothic Episcopal Churches of Florida\** and learn about Florida's historic Episcopal churches. Reception to follow!



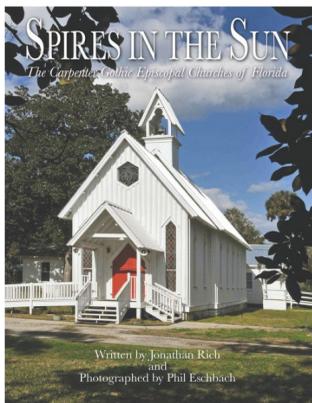
\*Please Note the Author Talk at Coffee Hour has been cancelled all are urged to attend the talk at the Museum!

## *Spires in the Sun Central FL Church*

### *Tour*

**MARCH 16, 2026  
MEET AT 10:00 A.M.  
ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH,  
LEESBURG TICKETS - \$35**

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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## COMING EVENTS

### MARCH

- 18 Lenten Soup & Study  
Open Table
- 19 Vestry Meeting
- 22 Coffee Hour  
DOK Discernment
- 25 Lenten Soup & Study  
Open Table
- 26 Vestry Meeting
- 29 Palm Sunday  
DOK Discernment  
Coffee Hour

### APRIL

- 1 Noon Service  
Open Table
- 2 Maundy Thursday  
Overnight Vigil
- 3 Morning Prayer  
Good Friday Service  
Prayer and Meditation  
Stations of the Cross
- 5 The Great Vigil, Hot Cross  
Buns & Coffee, Easter  
Services 9am & 11am

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

03/15/26

- Nursery:  
Ligia Acosta & Sharon Romano
- WonderKids:  
Mollie Miranda, Alizon Morales
- Storymakers:  
Catie Hourigan, Josh Reed
- Connect:  
Mariah & Kaleb Williams

## THANK YOU

As we close this Healing Conference, we give heartfelt thanks to Fr. Nigel Mumford for being with us and leading us with faith and care. We are grateful for his time, his teaching, and his steady guidance throughout the weekend. We also want to thank each of you who joined us. Your presence, prayers, and openness have meant so much. It has been a blessing to gather together, and we are truly thankful to have shared this time as one community.



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## Next Week's Bible Readings

- 1 Samuel 16:1-13
- Psalm 23
- Ephesians 5: 8-14
- John 9: 1-41

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## IN THE COMING WEEK

**Sunday, March 8 - 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, *Fr. Nigel Mumford*
- 11:00am: Coffee Hour+, Parish House

**Monday, March 9**

- 12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

**Tuesday, March 10**

- 12:00pm: Bible Study, Zoom

**Wednesday, March 11**

- 12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church
- 1:00pm: Lenten Soup and Study, Grace Hall
- 6:00pm: Open Table, Parish House

**Thursday, March 12**

- 5:00pm: Vestry Meeting, Grace Hall

**Friday, March 13 - Office Closed**

**Saturday, March 14 - Office Closed**

**Sunday, March 15 - 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

### MARCH

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| 1  | Charlene McCraney                                   |
| 3  | Mary Jane Allison<br>Brian Stankich                 |
| 4  | David Schipper                                      |
| 5  | Adam Pryor  |
| 6  | Lindsey Turner                                      |
| 7  | Malcolm Shaw  |
| 8  | Joan Canzoneri<br>William Rose                      |
| 9  | John Allsop   |
| 10 | Mike Rose   |
| 11 | Ned Davis   |
| 12 | Liz Jarrett   |
| 13 | Beth Collins<br>Patti Gilman<br>Estella van Stanten |
| 14 | Meg Spurlock  |

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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](mailto:prayers@graceocala.org). And include which list you are requesting.

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If you would like to meet with Fr. Frans please contact Meagan Thompson at 352-622-7881 or [meagan@graceocala.org](mailto:meagan@graceocala.org)

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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](mailto: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

**Usher:** Sheryl White

**Reader:** Elizabeth Grant

**Chalice Minister:** Adam Pryor

**Prayer Team:** Deacon Susan Moorehead

**Altar Guild:** Lise Kent, James Perdue, Jeannie Piotrowski

**Flower Guild:** Carolyn Ayres, Lynda Peek, Lynn Nobles, Heather Hetzel,

Molly Hetzel, Erin van Santen, Estella van Santen

**VPOD:** Michael Ashley

**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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