

# Grace

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 7, 2023 | 10:00 AM SERVICE

*“Jesus said, ‘Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.’”*

*~ John 14:1-4*

# 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

Rite One Service | 8:00am

WonderKids | 9:45am | Wonder Room

Nursery | 9:45am | Nursery

Rite Two Service | 10:00am

Flower Guild Demo Meeting | 11:15am | 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 4-12 where we use the Jesus Storybook Bible curriculum. We also offer Connect Youth sessions throughout the year for ages 9-14.

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# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## PRELUDE

## PROCESSIONAL

*Please stand*

## CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

**HYMN 494**

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own;  
awake, my soul, and sing of him  
who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King  
through all eternity.

Crown him of lords the Lord,  
who over all doth reign,  
who once on earth, the incarnate Word,  
for ransomed sinners slain,  
now lives in realms of light,  
where saints with angels sing  
their songs before him day and night,  
their God, Redeemer, King.

Crown him the Lord of heaven,  
enthroned in worlds above;  
crown him the King, to whom is given,  
the wondrous name of Love.  
Crown him with many crowns,  
as thrones before him fall,  
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns,  
for he is King of all.

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People**

*The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### PROCESSION

*The liturgy of the Eucharist is best understood as a journey or procession. It is our entrance into the presence of Christ, and this presence allows us to see the ultimate reality of life, the way God sees it. In the procession, we are called to come together in one place, to be more than what we were: a new community with a new life.*

*Making the sign of the cross is a tangible way to mark ourselves as Christ's. Crossing yourself is an act of sanctification, a physical reminder that you are set apart as holy for Christ. Because it is often done at the mention of the Trinity ("Father, Son, and Holy Spirit"), the sign of the cross is also a physical reminder of belief in the Triune God. Many find it a helpful expression of their faith, although it is not mandatory.*

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### COLLECT OF PURITY

*This collect (prayer) is a deeply personal prayer of need. Even though we attempt to hide, the Lord sees the secret desires of our hearts. It is only by the moving of His Spirit in our hearts that we are enabled to overcome our fallen nature of sin and death.*

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*This prayer is centered on the readings of the day. As we prepare to receive the food of God's Word, our Celebrant (lead pastor) prays this prayer to focus our hearts and minds on God's Word.*

## 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.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

**People**

**And also with you.**

Celebrant

Let us pray.

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Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## THE FIRST READING

Reader

### ACTS 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

*Thanks be to God.*

## THE RESPONSE

### PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

Reader

The psalm for today is Psalm 31, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; \*  
*deliver me in your righteousness.*

### THE PSALM

*The Psalms represent experiences of men and women, written down as poetic prayers. By reading them, we encounter God, others, and ourselves in life's joys and sorrows, tragedies, and triumphs.*

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Incline your ear to me; \*  
*make haste to deliver me.*

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,  
for you are my crag and my stronghold; \*  
*for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.*

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, \*  
*for you are my tower of strength.*

Into your hands I commend my spirit, \*  
*for you have redeemed me,*  
*O LORD, O God of truth.*

My times are in your hand; \*  
*rescue me from the hand of my enemies,*  
*and from those who persecute me.*

Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
*and in your loving-kindness save me.*

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

Reader

**1 PETER 2:2-10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner”,  
and

“A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

***Thanks be to God.***

*Please stand*

## GRADUAL HYMN

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## THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

HYMN 525

### GOSPEL READING

*As God's Word comes down the aisle to literally "dwell among us," we stand for this Gospel reading to show the particular importance we place on the words and actions of Jesus.*

*The "little" sign of the cross is used at the beginning of the reading of the Gospel, when the Deacon says: "The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ." It is the marking of small crosses, using the thumb, on the forehead, mouth, and heart. It's meant to signify the sanctification of our thoughts, speech, and affections for God.*

The Church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word:  
from heaven he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation,  
one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
one holy Name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with every grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union  
with God, the Three in one,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly,  
on high may dwell with thee.

### THE GOSPEL

**JOHN 14:1-14**

Deacon

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

**People**

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Deacon

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come



again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## SERMON

**FR. JONATHAN FRENCH**

## THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant

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

***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from***

## THE SERMON

*The exposition of God's Word helps us reflect on God's will for our lives, and the ways we can respond to His call for redemption in our current world. We have provided space near the end of this bulletin or in the side panels for taking notes.*

## THE NICENE CREED

*The creed reminds us of the core of Christianity. It contains the raw elements that every follower of Christ believes. As we recite this together our unity as the Body of Christ is strengthened.*

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We pray for others and ourselves. Through these guided prayers, we begin to see the world as God sees it.*

### CONFESSION

*Confession and repentance go hand in hand. Confession of sin is a large element of our corporate worship because we recognize how much we need forgiveness.*

*true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.*

*We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

*Please kneel or be seated as able*

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader

We pray to you, O Lord.

**People**

*Lord, have mercy.*

Reader

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

**People**

*To you, O Lord our God.*

### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**People**

*Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not*

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*loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

*And also with you.*

*Please be seated*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY

Celebrant

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

## THE IRISH BLESSING

May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
The rains fall soft upon your fields  
And until we meet again, may God hold you  
In the palm of His hand.

*Please Stand*

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### ABSOLUTION

*The celebrant, absolving our sins, is acting as a representative of our heavenly Father, who "is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." Psalm 145:8*

### THE PEACE

*Our entire church family embodies the peace of Christ in one another's lives. This holy moment is a sharing of the fellowship we claim in Christ's church.*

### OFFERTORY

*In giving our gifts of time, talent and treasure, we pray that God, the maker of all things, would take our offering and turn it into something greater.*

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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

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Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

### COMMUNION

*In communion we share one bread and one cup to be bound together with those with whom the cup and bread are shared, to express one's faith, and to reaffirm one's commitment to God and the community. All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive communion.*

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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.

*Please kneel as able*

**Celebrant**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People**

***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

**Celebrant**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body

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### **REAL PRESENCE**

*"He was the Word that spake it, he took bread and brake it, and what that Word did make it, I do believe and take it."*

*Hymn 322, John Donne.*

*The elements of the Eucharist of bread and wine are not mere signs or symbols. Christ's body and blood really become present and are really given. They are present so that, in receiving them, believers may be united in communion with Christ the Lord.*

### **EPICLESIS**

*At this moment, the priest invokes the active presence of the Holy Spirit in the Eucharistic prayer so that the bread and wine may become the body and blood of Christ. The term is based on the Greek word that means "to call upon," "to invoke."*

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### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*We pray the prayer Jesus taught together with one voice. As a family we acknowledge our needs, our lackings, our desires and God's solution.*

### PRAYER TEAM

*During communion, you have the opportunity to receive prayer. We have a prayer team in the back of the church who are delighted to lift you up in prayer. Simply walk up to them and share your request.*

and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever. **Amen.**

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

#### THE CALL

#### ROCK OF AGES

Rock of ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood

#### CHORAL ANTHEM

#### HYMN 685

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From thy wounded side that flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Cleanse me from it's guilt and power.

Should my tears for ever flow  
Should my zeal no languor know,  
All for sin could not atone:  
Thou must save, and thou alone  
In my hand no price I bring,  
Simply to thy cross I cling

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eye lids close in death,  
When I rise to worlds unknown  
And behold thee on thy throne,  
Rock of ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.

## JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

Jesus, Lover of my soul,  
let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll,  
while the tempest still is high:  
hide me, O my Savior, hide,  
till the storm of life be past;  
safe into the haven guide,  
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,  
hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
leave, ah! leave me not alone,  
still support and comfort me!  
All my trust on thee is stayed;  
all my help from thee I bring;  
cover my defenseless head  
with the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
grace to cleanse from every sin;

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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.*

### HYMN 699

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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### THE BLESSING

*This pronouncement is a blessing from God to His people. This is not a prayer to God, but a blessing from God. Be encouraged! As we leave this family gathering, God is going with us into the world.*

let the healing streams abound,  
make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art,  
freely let me take of thee:  
spring thou up within my heart,  
rise to all eternity.

*Please kneel as able*

## 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*

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

### CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

**HYMN 518**

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord, and precious,  
binding all the Church in one;  
Holy Zion's help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation



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pours perpetual melody;  
God the One in Three adoring  
in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;  
With thy wonted loving-kindness  
hear thy servants as they pray,  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls always.

Here vouch-safe to all thy servants  
what they ask of thee to gain;  
what they gain from thee, forever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and here after in thy glory  
evermore with thee to reign.

## 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!*

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## ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Millard Mann by his family.

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### THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon reminds us that as followers of Christ we are empowered to go into the world, now that we have worshipped God and been filled with the Holy Spirit. And with God in us, we are to go and serve.*

# *PERSONAL NOTES*

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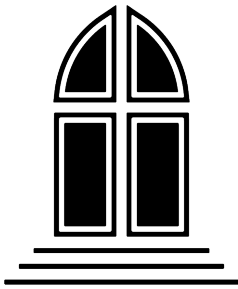
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# *PERSONAL NOTES*

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# GRACE CONTACT INFORMATION FORM

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## Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

Please fill out this card and place in the offering plate or mail it back to us. We look forward to getting to know you.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

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First time visitor

New in community

Would like clergy to call

Would like an appointment with clergy

Have  children school age or younger (please circle)

Ages: 0-3    K-3    4-8    9-12

Would you like to be signed-up for our Grace To You

Weekly Newsletter?     Yes     No

How may we contact you?     Phone     Text     Email

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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## COMING EVENTS

### MAY

21 Baptism Prep Class  
25 Vestry Meeting  
28 Pentecost Sunday

### JUNE

10 Consecration of Bishop-  
Elect Dr. Justin S. Holcomb

## **GRACE FLOWER GUILD LOOKING FOR MEMBERS**

Flowers are God's perfect creation and the flower guild is a ministry that helps us to praise, worship and give thanks to the glory of God. The Grace Flower Guild provides the flower arrangements you see on the altar each Sunday. They also decorate the church for holidays and special events. We are looking for additional members. If you have ever thought about working with flowers and would like to learn more about this group, please join us today, May 7 after the 10:00am service in the Parish House. There will be a mini demonstration of floral basics. Whether you have floral experience or would just love to learn and work with flowers, we encourage you to attend this meeting.

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## **LOOKING FOR OUR 2023 GRADUATES**

We are looking for our class of 2023 graduates from high school or college. We would like to honor our graduates at the 10:00 am service on Sunday, June 4. Please contact the church office either by phone at (352) 622-7881 or email Catie at [catie@graceocala.org](mailto:catie@graceocala.org) with the graduate's name.

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## **ECW LUNCH AT THE LAKE**

ECW will hold its annual May Picnic Potluck at the home of Ann Anderson overlooking beautiful Lake Weir on Thursday, May 11, at 11:30 am. The address is 12030 E. Highway 25 in Ocklawaha. Watch for balloons on the mailbox marking the driveway. Please bring a delicious dish to share and invite a friend. You are asked to call or text Carolyn Ayres at (352)286-8536 if you plan to attend so we'll know how many tables and chairs to set up. If anyone would like to carpool from the church please let Carolyn know that as well so that arrangements can be made. Hope to see you at the lake!

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## **Next Week's Bible Readings**

First Reading:  
Acts 17:22-31  
Psalm 66:7-18  
Second Reading:  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
Gospel: John 14:15-21

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## **BAPTISM**

Baptism is scheduled for Pentecost, May 28. The Baptism Prep Class will be held on Sunday, May 21 immediately after the 10am service. If you want to be baptized or have children to be baptized, please contact the church office at (352) 622-7881 or email Catie at [catie@graceocala.org](mailto:catie@graceocala.org).

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## IN THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, May 7 - Office Closed

8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream

9:45am: Wonder Kids, Wonder Room

10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, Livestream

11:15am: Flower Guild Demo Meeting, Parish House

2:00pm: Boundaries Course, Grace Hall

Monday, May 8

12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, May 10

12:00 Noon: Wednesday Prayer Service, Church

7:00pm: Worship Team Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, May 11

12:00pm: Fr. Jonathan's Bible Study, Zoom

Friday, May 12 Office Closed

Saturday, May 13 Office Closed

Sunday, May 14 Mother's Day - Office Closed

8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream

9:45am: Wonder Kids, Wonder Room

10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, Livestream

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## DO YOU FOLLOW OUR SOCIAL MEDIA?



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Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church Ocala, FL  
Group Page: People of Grace



YouTube: Grace Episcopal Church Ocala



Website: [graceocala.org](http://graceocala.org)

## BIRTHDAYS

### APRIL

30 Jacob Crawford

### MAY

1 Judy Volker

3 Joanne Penny

5 Walker Harrell

Victor Barone

7 Stephanie Harrell

8 Leslie Jones

Terri Nash

11 Donald Stewart

12 Darryl Needels

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If you would like to meet with Fr. Jonathan or Fr. Frans, please contact Rosemary Grooms or Catie Hourigan at 352-622-7881; [rosemary@graceocala.org](mailto:rosemary@graceocala.org) or [catie@graceocala.org](mailto:catie@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](mailto:catie@graceocala.org)

## **- Grace Church Leadership -**

### **HEAD**

Jesus Christ

### **BISHOP**

The Right Rev. Gregory O. Brewer

### **WORSHIP TEAM**

The Rev. Jonathan French: Rector

The Rev. Frans van Santen: Associate Rector

The Rev. Mary Delancey: Deacon

The Rev. Susan Moorehead: Deacon

Adam Pryor: Worship Coordinator

Catie Hourigan: Children's Ministry Coordinator

Dave Rubin: Verger

### **VESTRY**

Stephen Ayres - Junior Warden Carman Smith- Treasurer

Heather Hetzel Drick Heitman Lise Kent

Greg Harrell Sharyn Pliska Leslie Jones

### **MUSICIANS**

Adam Pryor Sharon Mai Audrey Flechas Cheryl Arnold

Jessica Mongerio Shane Bass Victoria Sexton

### **TODAY'S SERVERS**

**Ushers:** Russ McCann, Drick Heitman

**Reader, First Reading/Psalm:** Stephen Ayres

**Reader, Second Reading/POP:** Matt Merchant

**Acolytes:** Gail van Deusen, Susan McCann, Deb Robinson

**Chalice Minister:** Sanjit Nirmalanandhan

**Prayer Team:** Deacon Susan Moorehead

**Altar Guild:** Pae Barberie, Marilyn Corsiglia, Tammy Flanagan,

Lynn Nobles, Amy Robertson

**Flower Guild:** Carolyn Ayres, Lynda Peek, Lynn Nobles, Maurica French

**VPOD:** Sharyn Pliska

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### **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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