

Grace

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT | MARCH 12, 2023 | 8:00 AM SERVICE

“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.” - Romans 5:1-2

Welcome to Grace Church

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

Masks are optional during the service and are available at the back of the church if you wish to wear one.

Bathrooms are located in the Parish House, which is the building located next door to the church.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Your children are very welcome here! If you have babies or children, we have a nursery across the street from children ages 0-3 years, and a special program called WonderKids for children ages 4-12.

In WonderKids, we use The Jesus Storybook Bible curriculum which engages elementary school aged children with stories from the Bible and teaches that God is the hero of every story. Your children will bring a take-it-home page with them so that you can continue to discuss what they are learning. We also provide a small snack and restroom opportunity just before we come into the sanctuary at the Passing of the Peace. We want the children to be ready to enjoy family time together in Church!

For children in 5th-8th grades, we offer a special teaching unit just for them: Connect! This curriculum is designed just for preteens and uses humor and interesting Bible content to connect to them at their interest level. Connect meets every other week in Grace Hall.

If you have any questions or would like to contact someone about your family or children, please don't hesitate to connect with Catie Hourigan at catie@graceocala.org.

The Nursery is open during the entire 10am Service for children ages 0-3.

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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.

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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.

THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

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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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 incline our hearts to keep this law.

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.

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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.**

THE TRISAGION

Celebrant and People

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

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Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.*

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

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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.

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

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.

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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 RESPONSE

PSALM 95

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Reader

The Psalm for today is 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.”***

THE PSALM

The psalms are older than Christianity itself. In reciting them, we are praying the prayers used by Jews in the Temple centuries before the coming of the Messiah. The Psalm comes after the First Reading and gives us an opportunity to respond to God's Word, and invites us to join in the prayer of the Church.

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

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 GOSPEL

JOHN 4:5-42

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Deacon

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

People

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Deacon

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for

GOSPEL READING

As God's Word is read, 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.

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salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to thee, O Christ.

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.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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Reader

Lord, in Thy mercy

People

Hear our prayer.

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.

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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Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them up unto the Lord.

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."

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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.

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.

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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."

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

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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 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

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 OF HUMBLE ACCESS

This is a prayer for the worthy reception of communion. This prayer first appeared in the 1548 Order of Holy Communion, the first communion service in English. In it, we proclaim that we cannot merit salvation and our union with Christ in the Eucharist, and we put our trust in God's mercy and grace.

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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.

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.

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,

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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.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant

The blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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THE BLESSING

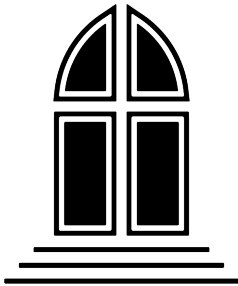
This Pronouncement is a blessing from God to His people. This is not a prayer to God, but a blessing from God. Be encouraged! As we leave this family gathering, God is going with us into the world.

THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon reminds us that followers of Christ are to go out into the world and serve. We are reminded that it is the Holy Spirit who empowers us to be witnesses of God's love, and to do His will. The whole church responds with thanksgiving. With these final words of the service, we reaffirm our commitment to the world outside our doors.

PERSONAL NOTES

GRACE CONTACT INFORMATION FORM



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: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How did you hear about Grace Church (Check all that apply)

Friend/Family Internet Search Social Media

Other: _____

Your age group: (please circle) 18-34 35-59 60-up

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

LENT, EASTER, AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES & EVENTS

Lenten Studies

Online: Sundays at 3:00pm via Zoom
February 26 - March 26

In person: Wednesdays after the Midweek Service
in Parish House - Soup will be served
March 1 - March 29

Parish Quiet Day, April 1
9:00am - 12:00pm

Palm Sunday, April 2
8:00am and 9:45am (Procession)

Maundy Thursday, April 6
Service with Foot Washing - 7:00pm
Overnight Prayer Vigil ending in
Morning Prayer - 9:00am

Good Friday, April 7
Service - Noon
Meditation and Prayer - 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Stations of the Cross - 6:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 9
Great Vigil - 6:30am
Easter Eucharist and Baptism - 10:00am

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

ECW YARD SALE

ECW needs people to help unpack, sort, price, and set up on Wednesday-Friday the week before the yard sale. We also need 10 volunteers to help pack up stuff on Sunday, March 19, after the 10am service. (This is a great activity for couples!) If you can help anytime, please let Elaine or Carolyn know.

We still need your stuff! If you have drop-offs for us to sell, please hold them till the week of the sale. Bring them directly to the Parish House between 9am and noon Monday-Wednesday.

Contact: Elaine, (704) 840-6897, e-mail: write2elaine@cfl.rr.com; or Carolyn, (352) 286-8536, e-mail: mcdayres@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Seeking office volunteers who have basic computer and phone knowledge. Filing, basic data entry, answering phones, shredding, etc. If interested, please contact Rosemary in the office, (352) 622-7881. We are also in need of cooks for Alpha, if you would be willing to bring dinner for our current Alpha group please contact Deacon Mary at mary@graceocala.org

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING REDEDICATION

In recognition of the anniversary of Grace's Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King (DOK), at the 10am service today, members of Grace's Chapter, will rededicate themselves to their pledges for a life-long practice of prayer, service and evangelism. After a long absence during the pandemic, members are gathering together once again and, empowered by the Holy Spirit, have renewed our commitment to the vision of the Daughters of the King to know Jesus Christ, to make Him known to others, and to become reflections of God's love throughout the world. Any woman in the Episcopal Church age 18 and over can become a Daughter. Join the women of our chapter in the Parish House after the 10am service for Coffee & Conversation to meet us and learn more about the Order.

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[grace_church_ocala](https://www.instagram.com/grace_church_ocala)



Facebook:
Grace Episcopal Church Ocala, FL

Group Page:
People of Grace



YouTube:
Grace Episcopal Church Ocala



Website:
graceocala.org

HANDY HELPERS

If you have a problem inside or around your house that you can't fix, and you don't have the financial means to hire a company, please call our church (352) 622-7881 during office hours. We'll take your work order and send our Handy Helpers Team to your home.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

22 Lenten Study - In Person
26 Lenten Study - Online
29 Lenten Study - In Person
30 Vestry Meeting

APRIL

1 Parish Quiet Day
2 Palm Sunday
 Baptism Prep Class
6 Maundy Thursday Service
 Overnight Vigil
7 Morning Prayer
 Good Friday Service
 Prayer & Meditation
 Stations of the Cross
9 The Great Vigil
 Hot Cross Buns
 Easter 10am & Baptism
 Easter Egg Hunt
10 Office Closed
13 ECW Meeting
27 Vestry Meeting

Next Week's Bible Readings

First Reading:
1 Samuel 16:1-13
 Psalm 23
Second Reading:
Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel: John 9:1-41

YOUTH ALPHA

Are you between the ages of 13 and 18? Or do you have kids in that age range? We will be starting a Youth Alpha course on Thursday, March 30 from 4-5:30pm. Each Session will be 1.5 hours and we will have snacks! You can sign up at: <https://www.graceocala.org/youthalpha>

BAPTISM

Baptism is scheduled for Easter Sunday, April 9. The Baptism Prep Class will be held on Sunday, April 2 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.

SUPPORTING THE CHURCH IN MALAWI

We have an opportunity for you to support the growth of the Church in Malawi. Christianity in Malawi is, like in most African countries, growing very fast. Much of this growth happens in rural areas, where churches literally meet under a tree or in a shabby building. One of the major challenges that these churches face, is the lack of theological training of their pastors.

We are connected through Fr. Frans to Fr. Robert Yanduya who leads his own congregation in Malawi, and gives multiple seminars per year in rural areas, drawing 150 pastors per time to teach them how to lead, how to preach, how to be the church.

Fr. Robert's ministry is completely dependent on financial support. Our church has already donated \$ 5,000 and invites you to join. Here's how you can do this:

1. Seminar for Rectors and Vestry members: \$ 200 per seminar
2. Bible in the Chichewa language: \$ 15 per Bible
3. School fee for a child whose parents can't afford it: \$ 72 per child
4. Children's Conference: \$ 15 per child
5. Relief to needy families (including widows and orphans): \$ 60 per household

If you'd like to donate to one of these goals, please write a check to Grace Episcopal Church, with Malawi in the memo. Attach a post-it note if you are committed to a specific goal listed above.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

IN THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, March 12 - DOK Rededication 10am - Office Closed

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

9:45am: Children's Church, WonderKids Room

10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, YouTube & Facebook

3:00pm: Lenten Study, Zoom

Monday, March 13

12:00pm: Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, March 15

12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church

1:15pm: Lenten Study, Parish House

7:00pm: Worship Team Rehearsal, Church

Friday, March 17 - Office Closed

Saturday, March 18 - Office Closed

8:00am-2:00pm: ECW Yard Sale

Sunday, March 19 - Office Closed

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

9:45am: Children's Church, WonderKids Room

10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, YouTube & Facebook

3:00pm: Lenten Study, Zoom

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

5 Adam Pryor

6 Lindsey Turner

7 Malcolm Shaw

8 Joan Canzoneri

William Rose

10 Mike Rose

11 Ned Davis

Hannah Wilson

12 Emily Ayres

13 Beth Collins

Patti Gilman

Estella van Santen

14 Meg Spurlock

16 Dianna Labeur

17 Trenton Penuel

Donald Feldman

18 Caroline Collins

Marilyn Brady

If you would like to meet with
Fr. Jonathan or
Fr. Frans please contact
Rosemary Grooms or
Catie Hourigan
at 352-622-7881 or
rosemary@graceocala.org
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

- 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

Tim McCourt - Senior Warden Stephen Ayres - Junior Warden
Carman Smith- Treasurer Heather Hetzel Drick Heitman Lise Kent
Greg Harrell Sharyn Pliska Leslie Jones

TODAY'S SERVERS

Usher: Carman Smith

Reader: Cookie Zeuch

Chalice Minister: Leslie Jones

Prayer Team: 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: Tim McCourt

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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