

Grace

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | APRIL 26, 2026 | 8:00 AM SERVICE

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-John 10:7-10

Welcome to Grace Church

WELCOME!

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

TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

Rite One Service | 8:00am

Coffee Hour | 9:00am | Parish House

Nursery | 9:00am | Nursery

"How To Avoid Getting Scammed" | 9:15am | Parish House

WonderKids | 9:45am | Sunshine Room

StoryMakers | 9:45am | Wonder Room

Connect | 9:45am | Grace Hall

Rite Two Service | 10:00am

Coffee Hour | 11:00am | Parish House

"How To Avoid Getting Scammed" | Coffee Hour | Parish House

DOK Discernment | 12:00pm | Grace Hall

WHO ARE WE?

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

OUR BELIEF & PRACTICES

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

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Rite One Service: Traditional Service without music at 8:00 am Sunday mornings

Rite Two Service: Contemporary Service with music at 10:00 am Sunday mornings. Nursery is open.

Midweek Service: Healing and Prayer Service at 12:05 pm on Wednesdays

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE PROCESSION

Please stand

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE KYRIE ELEISON

Celebrant

Lord have mercy upon us.

People

Christ have mercy upon us.

Celebrant

Lord have mercy upon us.

THE GLORIA

*Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will towards men.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,
we glorify thee,*

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.

*Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.*

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;

thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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PROCESSION

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

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."

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

THE FIRST READING

The First Reading is usually 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.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 2:42-47

Reader

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the LORD added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

PSALM 23

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THE PSALM

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

Reader

The Psalm for today is Psalm 23, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
***for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.***

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
***you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.***

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

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.

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THE SECOND READING

1 PETER 2:19-25

Reader

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 10:1-10

Deacon

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

People

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Deacon

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger,

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.

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but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

FR. JOSH REED

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.

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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 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.

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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.

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.

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.

Reader

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

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

People

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is

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past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant

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

Celebrant

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him...

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.

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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 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.



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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 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.

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.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

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 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

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

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.

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

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EUCCHARIST INSTRUCTIONS

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

- 1. The ushers will dismiss each row, one at a time.*
 - 2. Walk up the center aisle.*
 - 3. When it is your turn to receive the Eucharist, kneel down or stand at the altar rail and extend your hands together, palm up. The priest will place a wafer into your hand.*
 - 4. The Chalice Minister will then come to you. You have two options; (1) drink from the chalice or (2) have your wafer intincted with wine. If you choose option 2, leave your wafer in hand so that Chalice Minister can place it back in the palm of your hand to consume. You may consume at the rail.*
 - 5. Return to your seat by the side aisle closest to you.*
- If you cannot come to the rail to receive notify an usher to have communion brought to you in the pew.*

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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.

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.**

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!

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

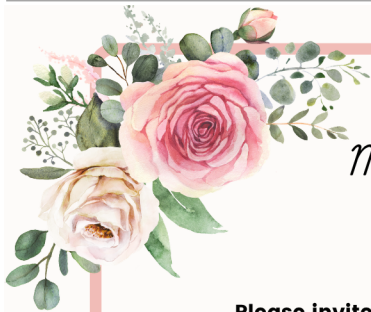
As if we haven't gotten the message yet from the rest of the service, the Deacon urges us to take our love for God and each other into the rest of the world. This can only happen if we walk through the red doors in the power of the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Pae Barberie in thanksgiving for His Mercy and Blessings.

PERSONAL NOTES

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



Please join us for

*Mother's Day Tea & Pop-up Shop**

Saturday, May 9, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Grace Parish House

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

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

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

Proceeds benefit:



Mother's Day Coffee Hour+

SUNDAY, MAY 10

Join us after the 10:00am service for Coffee Hour+ in the Parish Hall! Men, we would love for you to cook for the ladies in honor of Mother's Day—please bring a brunch dish to share as we enjoy food, fellowship, and great conversation together.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

OPEN TABLE | MAY 20 - JUNE 17 | 6:00PM - 7:30PM

Join us for our upcoming Confirmation Classes, held in an Open Table style where we gather for dinner, conversation, and meaningful learning together. Classes will meet weekly from May 20 through June 17, from 6:00–7:30pm, beginning each evening with a shared meal.

Open Table Kids will be available for those who need childcare—our nursery will be open for ages 0–3, and children ages 4–12 will enjoy fun Movie Nights during class time.

RSVP now with the QR code
or call the Church Office (352) 622-7881



PENTECOST SUNDAY - MAY 24 - WEAR RED!

The word **Pentecost** means “the fiftieth day.” In the Old Testament, it referred to the Feast of Weeks, a celebration of the harvest and first fruits, observed fifty days after Passover. In the New Testament, Pentecost marks the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles (Acts 2:1), following Jesus’ death, resurrection, and ascension. This moment is understood as the fulfillment of Christ’s promise to send the Holy Spirit, giving life and power to the Church.

Pentecost is celebrated as the seventh Sunday after Easter and is one of the principal feasts of the Church year. It reminds us that the Church is the Body of Christ, brought together and sustained by the Holy Spirit, and sent out into the world to share the Gospel.

The traditional color for Pentecost is red, symbolizing the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Clergy will wear red vestments, and all are invited to join in this meaningful tradition by wearing red as well. Together, we celebrate the gift of the Spirit and the life of the Church!

Resource: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/pentecost>

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

MAY

- 6 Noon Service
- 7 Choir Rehearsal: 7:00pm
- 9 ECW Mother's Day Tea & Pop-Up Shop: 2-4pm
- 10 Coffee Hour+
- 13 Noon Service
- 20 Noon Service
 - Confirmation Class: 6pm
- 21 Choir Rehearsal: 7:00pm
- 27 Noon Service
 - Confirmation Class: 6pm
- 28 Vestry Meeting: 5:30pm

JUNE

- 3 Noon Service
 - Confirmation Class: 6pm
- 4 Choir Rehearsal: 7:00pm
- 9 Bible Study: Zoom, 12:00pm
- 10 Noon Service
 - Confirmation Class: 6pm
- 13 Fathers & Friars
- 14 DOK Business Meeting
- 17 Noon Service
- 18 Choir Rehearsal: 7:00pm

2026 ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED

There are more than 20 weeks still available on the Altar Flower Calendar! If you would like to remember a loved one, celebrate a special event or just glorify God with a gift of flowers please consider signing up for one of these open weeks. Please scan the QR code to request an Altar Flower Date or you may also contact Carolyn Ayres at 352-286-8536 or mcdayres@gmail.com with any questions or to sign up.



BAPTISMS

Baptisms are scheduled for Pentecost Sunday, May 24. If you would like to be baptized or have children to be baptized, please contact the church office at (352) 622-7881 or email Meagan at meagan@graceocala.org so we can schedule your Baptism Prep Class.



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www.graceocala.org

Next Week's Bible Readings

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

IN THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, April 26 - Office Closed

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

9:00am: Coffee Hour, Parish House

9:00am: Nursery (0-3), Nursery

9:15am: "How To Avoid Getting Scammed", Parish House

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

"How To Avoid Getting Scammed", Parish House

12:00pm: DOK Discernment, Grace Hall

Monday, April 27

12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, April 28

12:00pm: Bible Study, Zoom

Wednesday, April 29

12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church

Thursday, April 30

Friday, May 1 - Office Closed

Saturday, May 2 - Office Closed

Sunday, May 3 - Office Closed

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DOK Business Meeting, Grace Hall

BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

24 Joe White

Sharon Whitehouse

26 Samantha Rauba

David Freudenburg

Tom Coleman

28 Shealy Harrell

Molly Hetzel

30 Jacob Crawford

MAY

1 Judy Volker

3 Joanne Penny

5 Walker Harrell

Victor Barone

6 Ellen Prosser

7 Stephanie Harrell

Barbarajean Garcia

8 Leslie Jones

Terri Nash

Gail Velten

Angela Reed

Eric Bryden

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

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

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

- Grace Church Leadership -

HEAD

Jesus Christ

BISHOP

The Right Rev. Dr. Justin S. Holcomb

WORSHIP TEAM

The Rev. Frans van Santen: Rector

The Rev. Josh Reed: Associate Rector

The Rev. Carlos Cabrera: Deacon

The Rev. Susan Moorehead: Deacon

Adam Pryor: Worship Coordinator

Catie Hourigan: Children's Ministry Coordinator

VESTRY

Sanjit Nirmalanandhan - Senior Warden/Treasurer Michael Owen - Junior Warden

Cheryl Arnold Michael Ashley Chandler Sandy Todd Craig Kristin Dean

John Dozier Amy Robertson Leslie Jones

Today's Servers

Usher: Elizabeth Grant

Reader: Cookie Zeuch

Chalice Minister: Leslie Jones

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, Heather Hetzel, Molly Hetzel,

Erin van Santen, Estella van Santen

VPOD: Michael Owen

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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