

Grace

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT | FEBRUARY 26, 2023 | 10:00 AM SERVICE

*“Jesus said to him, ‘Away with you, Satan! for it is written, Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.’”*
~ Matthew 4:10

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.

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

SILENT PROCESSION

Please stand

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People

His mercy endures for ever.

Please kneel as able

THE DECALOGUE

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

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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.

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You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant

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

THE CONFESSION

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 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.

THE ABSOLUTION

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.

Please stand

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

THE TRISAGION

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy, Have mercy on us.

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy, Have mercy on us.

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy, Have mercy on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

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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THE FIRST READING

GENESIS 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Reader

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 32

Reader

The Psalm for today is Psalm 32, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

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.

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of
trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
***who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."***

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

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 5:12-19

Reader

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GRADUAL HYMN

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure

That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss.
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life.
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything:
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 4:1-11

Deacon

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Deacon

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

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.

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Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,'
and 'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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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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

After each bidding, please offer your prayers, either silently or aloud.

After the Prayers, please stand when instructed by the Celebrant

THE PEACE

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Please be seated

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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.

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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.*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Celebrant

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

LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS

HYMN 142

Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins,
and close by thee to stay.

As thou with Satan didst contend
and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight,
in thee to conquer sin.

As thou didst hunger bear and thirst,
so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live
by thy most holy word.

And through these days of penitence,
and through thy Passion-tide.
yea, evermore, in life and death,
Jesus! with us abide.

Abide with us, that so,
this life of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last!

Please Stand

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THE DOXOLOGY

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.

HYMN 380, VERSE 3

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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

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

SPOKEN

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.

Please kneel as able

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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."

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 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.**

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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

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

People and Celebrant

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious 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.

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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 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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EUCHARIST INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

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

CORPORATE SONGS DURING COMMUNION

IT IS WELL

**Grander earth has quaked before,
Moved by the sound of His voice.
Seas that are shaken and stirred
Can be calmed and broken for my regard.**

Refrain:

**Through it all, through it all
My eyes are on You.
Through it all, through it all
It is well.
Through it all, through it all
My eyes are on You.
And it is well with me.**

**Far be it from me to not believe,
Even when my eyes can't see.
And this mountain that's in front of me
Will be thrown into the midst of the sea.**

**So let go my soul and trust in Him.
The waves and wind still know His name.**

**It is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul.
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

RUN TO THE FATHER

**I've carried a burden for too long on my own.
I wasn't created to bear it alone.
I hear Your invitation to let it all go.
I see it now. I'm laying it down.
And I know that I need You.**

Refrain:

I run to the Father,
I fall into grace.
I'm done with the hiding,
No reason to wait.
My heart needs a surgeon,
My soul needs a friend.
So I'll run to the Father
Again and again
And again and again.
Oh, oh, oh.

You saw my condition,
Had a plan from the start.
Your Son for redemption:
The price for my heart.
I don't have a context
For that kind of love.
I don't understand,
I can't comprehend.
All I know is I need You.

Refrain

Again and again
And again and again.
Oh, oh, oh.
Again and again.

My heart has been in Your sights
Long before my first breath.
Running into Your arms
Is running to life from death.
I feel this rush deep in my chest.
Your mercy is calling out.
Just as I am, You pull me in,
And I know I need You now.

Refrain

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RECKLESS LOVE

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me;
You have been so, so good to me.
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me;
You have been so, so kind to me.

Refrain:

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending,
Reckless love of God!
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found,
Leaves the ninety-nine!
I couldn't earn it, and I don't deserve it, still,
You give Yourself away -
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God, yeah!

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me;
You have been so, so good to me.
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me;
You have been so, so kind to me.

Refrain

There's no shadow You won't light up,
Mountain You won't climb up,
Coming after me!
There's no wall You won't kick down,
Lie You won't tear down,
Coming after me!

Refrain

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

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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

CHILD OF LOVE

I was walking the wayside
Lost on a lonely road
I was chasing the high life
Tryna satisfy my soul
All the lies I believed in
Left me crying like the rain
Then I saw lightning from Heaven
And I've never been the same

I'm gonna climb a mountain
I'm gonna shout about it
I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom
I found a friend in Jesus
I am a child of love

I've felt the sting of the fire
But I saw You in the flames
Just when I thought it was over
You broke me out of the grave

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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.

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I'm gonna climb a mountain
I'm gonna shout about it
I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom
I found a friend in Jesus
I am a child of love
I am a child of love, yeah, oh
I am a child of love

Nothing can change the way
You love me
Nothing can change the way
I belong to You
Yes I do
Nothing can separate

I'm gonna climb a mountain
I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom
I am a child of love
I'm gonna climb a mountain
I'm gonna shout about it
I am a child of love

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

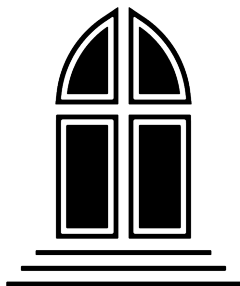
THE DISMISSAL

*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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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

MITE BOXES

A Lenten tradition, mite boxes are a good way for children (and adults) to be reminded of our need to help others during this season. A mite box calendar is also available to help with daily activities using the box. Our blessings are represented by coins we put in the box. The mite boxes are in the back of the church or you can stop by the office to pick one up Monday-Thursday 9:00 am - 3:30 pm.

MARCH ECW MEETING

ECW will meet Thursday, March 9, at 11:30 am in the Parish House. Lunch will be brown bag, with drink and dessert provided. This will be our big planning meeting for the upcoming Yard Sale. Please come and sign up to help.

We are looking for a few good locations to place signs for the yard sale. If you live on a well-traveled street, know someone who does, or have a business where a sign could be placed for a week please volunteer to put out a sign.

All Grace ladies are ECW members and are encouraged to attend.

ECW YARD SALE

It's time to clean out the garage and attic! ECW's annual Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, March 18, and we need your stuff. Our 2022 sale was a great success because we had three years of accumulation due to Covid postponement of the event. You can bring your items to the church office Tuesday-Thursday between 8am-11am and they will be stored in the attic. Bigger items can go to our off-campus storage. Even better, hold on to your items till the week of the event. Please box and clearly label items if possible. We WILL NOT be selling clothes or oversized furniture. If you have questions about an item being appropriate or need storage help, contact Elaine Heitman (write2elaine@cfl.rr.com; 704-840-6897) or Carolyn Ayres (mcdayres@gmail.com; 352-286-8536).

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

8 Fr. James Giles Preaching
Lenten Study - In Person
9 ECW Luncheon
12 Lenten Study - Online
13 Womens Bible Study
15 Lenten Study - In Person
18 ECW Yardsale
19 Lenten Study - Online
22 Lenten Study - In Person
23 Vestry Meeting
26 Lenten Study - Online
29 Lenten Study - In Person

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:
Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Second Reading:
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
Gospel: John 3:1-17

GIRLS GROUP HOME

The girls group home visits have started again. We have a standing date, the 3rd Saturday of each month. If any of our Grace ladies or men (it would be great if we could have a group visit the boys) would be willing to volunteer and help share their skills, please contact Dianna Labeur at misslabeur@gmail.com.

COFFEE HOUR

Next Sunday, March 5 there will be a coffee hour in between the 8am and 10am services in Parish House to visit with Rev. Caroline Osborne. She will be joining us as Celebrant and Preacher next Sunday!

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, February 26- 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, February 27

12:00pm: Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, March 1

12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church

1:15pm: Lenten Study, Parish House

7:00pm: Worship Team Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, March 2

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

Friday, March 3 - Office Closed

Saturday, March 4 - Office Closed

Sunday, March 5 - Office Closed

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

9:00am: Coffee Hour, Parish House

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

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

10:00am: Connect Youth, Grace Hall

3:00pm: Lenten Study, Zoom

BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY

19 Carolyn Ayres

20 Peter Halsall

23 Katie Aufderheide

24 Clara Owen

25 Kristin Dean

26 Rebecca White

Joel Grabe

27 Kendall Dean

28 Vivian Rauba

Patrick Brady

Ken Morse

MARCH

3 Julia Penuel

Mary Jane Allison

Santina Kingsley

4 David Schipper

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Fr. Jonathan or
Fr. Frans, please contact
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Catie Hourigan at
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rosemary@graceocala.org or
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 -

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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

MUSICIANS

Adam Pryor Sharon Mai Audrey Flechas Cheryl Arnold

Jessica Mongerio Shane Bass Porter Johnson Victoria Sexton

TODAY'S SERVERS

Ushers: Susan McCann, Drick Heitman

Reader, First Reading/Psalm: Russ McCann

Reader, Second Reading/Prayers of the People: Lynda Peek

Acolytes: Michael Ashley, Shealy Harrell, Talia Price, Vivian Rauba

Chalice Minister: Sanjit Nirmalanandhan

Prayer Team: Carolyn Eckhart, Ed Eckhart

Altar Guild: Lise Kent, Carman Smith, Jeannie Piotrowski,

James Perdue, Lynda Peek

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

VPOD: Stephen Ayres

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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