

Grace EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT | MARCH 5, 2023 | 10:00 AM SERVICE

"I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come? My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth." ~ Psalm 121:1-2

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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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.

ABSOLUTION

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.

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 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

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.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated

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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. LITURGICAL GUIDE

THE FIRST READING

GENESIS 12:1-4a

Reader

The LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 121

Reader

The Psalm for today is Psalm 121, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

I lift up my eyes to the hills; * from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the LORD, * the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved * and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel * shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The LORD himself watches over you; *

the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, * nor the moon by night.

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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The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; * it is he who shall keep you safe.

The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, * from this time forth for evermore.

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 4:1-5, 13-17

Reader

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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Please stand

GRADUAL HYMN

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

HYMN 707

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King;
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

GOSPEL READING

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

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

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 3:1-17

Deacon

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Deacon

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you,

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

MO. CAROLINE OSBORNE

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.

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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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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 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

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.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Celebrant

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

THE GOD OF LOVE

The God of love my shepherd is, And he that doth me feed: While he is mine, and I am his, What can I want or need?

He leads me to the tender grasse, Where I both feed and rest; Then to the streams that gently passe: In both I have the best.

Or if I stray, he doth convert And bring my minde in frame: And all this not for my desert, But for his holy name.

Yea, in death's shadie black abode Well may I walk, not fear: For thou art with me; and thy rod To guide, thy staff to bear.

Nay, thou make me sit and dine. Even in my enemies sight, My head with oil, my cup with wine Runnes over day and night.

Surely thy sweet and wondrous love Shall measure all my dayes; And as it never shall remove, So neither shall my praise. So neither shall my praise.

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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. LITURGICAL GUIDE

Please Stand

THE DOXOLOGY

HYMN 380, VERSE 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The celebrant offers a preface and concludes saying...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS SPOKEN

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.

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

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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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."

The Liturgy of the Table

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

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.

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.

CORPORATE SONGS DURING COMMUNION

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!

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this, O my soul?
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking down,

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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.

The Liturgy of the Table

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when I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb I will sing, to God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on.

I SURRENDER ALL

All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.

Refrain:

I surrender all, I surrender all. All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender, Humbly at His feet I bow; Worldly pleasures all forsaken, Take me Jesus, take me now.

Refrain

All to Jesus I surrender, Make me, Savior, wholly Thine; Let me feel the Holy Spirit, Truly know that Thou art mine.

The Liturgy of the Table

Refrain

All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee; Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessing fall on me.

Refrain

All to Jesus I surrender, Now I feel the sacred flame; O the joy of full salvation! Glory glory to His name!

Please kneel as able

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant

May the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please stand

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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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RECESSIONAL

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

HYMN 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
The King of creation;
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation:
Join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song,
Sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord: over all things
He gloriously reigneth:
Borne as on eagle-wings
Safely his saints he sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper Thy work and defend thee; Surely His goodness and mercy shall ever attend thee; Ponder anew what the Almighty can do, Who with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for ever adore Him.

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.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

GRACE CONTACT INFORMATION FORM



Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

Date:

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.

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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

ECW needs people to help unpack, sort, price, and set up on Wednesday-Friday the week before the yard sale. We'll be making volunteer lists at the March 9 ECW meeting but if you can't attend, we still want your help. 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.

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Announcements and Events

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

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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: Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 95 Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11 Gospel: John 4:5-42

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Seeking office volunteers. 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

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 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

Monday, March 6

12:00pm: Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, March 8

12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church 1:15pm: Lenten Study, Parish House 7:00pm: Worship Team Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, March 9

11:30am: ECW Meeting, Parish House 12:00pm: Fr. Jonathan's Bible Study, Zoom

Friday, March 10 - Office Closed

Saturday, March 11 - Office Closed

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

THANK YOU!

MO. Caroline Osborne will be preaching and celebrating for us today. Mother Caroline is Rector at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Nashville, Tennessee. Please join us for a time of fellowship in the Parish House between 9am-10am.

BIRTHDAYS

FEBRUARY

- 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
- 5 Adam Pryor
- 6 Lindsey Turner
- 7 Malcolm Shaw
- 3 Joan Canzoneri William Rose
- 10 Mike Rose
- 11 Ned Davis Hannah Wilson
- 12 Emily Ayres

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

MUSICIANS

Adam Pryor Sharon Mai Audrey Flechas Cheryl Arnold Jessica Mongerio Shane Bass Porter Johnson Victoria Sexton

TODAY'S SERVERS

Ushers: Darlene Trowbridge, Stephen Ayres Reader, First Reading/Psalm: Matt Merchant Reader, Second Reading/Prayers of the People: Sharyn Pliska Acolytes: Gail van Deusen, Deb Robinson, Susan McCann

Chalice Minister: Darryl Dotson Prayer Team: Susan Moorehead

Altar Guild: Pae Barberie, Marylin Corsiglia, Tammy Flanagan, Lynn Nobles, Amy Robertson

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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