



# Grace

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT | MARCH 16, 2025 | 8:00 AM SERVICE

*"And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say,  
'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"*

*-Luke 13:35*

# Welcome to Grace Church

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## WELCOME!

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

## TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

Rite One Service | 8:00am  
Coffee Hour | 9:00am | Parish House  
Nursery | 9:00am | Nursery  
New Testament Bible Study | 9:15am | Grace Hall  
WonderKids | 9:45am | Sunshine Room  
StoryMakers | 9:45am | Wonder Room  
Connect | 9:45am | Grace Hall  
Rite Two Service | 10:00am  
Coffee Hour | 11:00pm | Parish House

## WHO ARE WE?

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

## OUR BELIEF & PRACTICES

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

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Rite One Service: Traditional Service without music at 8:00 am Sunday mornings  
Rite Two Service: Contemporary Service with music at 10:00 am Sunday mornings. Nursery is open.  
Midweek Service: Healing and Prayer Service at 12:05 pm on Wednesdays

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Your children are very welcome here! If you have babies or children, we have a nursery across the street in the Church Office building for children ages 0-3 years. We offer our WonderKids program for children ages 4-6 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

## SILENT PROCESSION

*Please stand*

## THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

**People**

*His mercy endureth for ever.*

*Please kneel as able*

## THE DECALOGUE

Celebrant

God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

**People**

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Celebrant

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

**People**

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Celebrant

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

**People**

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Celebrant

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

**People**

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### SILENT PROCESSION

Today, we observe a silent procession, creating space to gather our hearts before God, as we enter a time of solitude.

### 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."

### THE DECALOGUE

As you hear each commandment one by one, ask for God's forgiveness for your disobedience, and lean on him for his mercy. Recognize that these Ten Commandments also represent God's desires for us more broadly.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## LITURGICAL GUIDE

Celebrant

Honor thy father and thy mother.

**People**

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Celebrant

Thou shalt do no murder.

**People**

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Celebrant

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

**People**

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Celebrant

Thou shalt not steal.

**People**

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Celebrant

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

**People**

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Celebrant

Thou shalt not covet.

**People**

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Celebrant

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

## **THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Deacon

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

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## People

*Almighty and most merciful father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.*

*But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.*

## Celebrant

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## THE TRISAGION

### Celebrant and People

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

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

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

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

### Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

### People

*And with thy spirit.*

### Celebrant

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with

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### 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.

### 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 TRISAGION

This hymn was sung in the early Church. It recognizes the utter, awesome, incomprehensible holiness of God.

### 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.

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penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## THE FIRST READING

## GENESIS 15:1-12,17-18

### THE FIRST READING

*The First Reading is always 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.*

### Reader

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O LORD God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O LORD God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

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Reader

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

***Thanks be to God.***

## THE PSALM

## PSALM 27

Reader

The psalm for today is Psalm 27, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*

***the LORD is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?***

When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, \*  
***it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who  
stumbled and fell.***

Though an army should encamp against me, \*  
***yet my heart shall not be afraid;***

And though war should rise up against me, \*  
***yet will I put my trust in him.***

One thing have I asked of the LORD;  
one thing I seek; \*  
***that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;***

To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  
***and to seek him in his temple.***

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe  
in his shelter; \*  
***he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.***

Even now he lifts up my head \*  
***above my enemies round about me.***

## 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.*

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Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*

***I will sing and make music to the LORD.***

Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \*

***have mercy on me and answer me.***

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*

***Your face, LORD, will I seek.***

Hide not your face from me, \*

***nor turn away your servant in displeasure.***

You have been my helper;

cast me not away; \*

***do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.***

Though my father and my mother forsake me, \*

***the LORD will sustain me.***

Show me your way, O LORD; \*

***lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.***

Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, \*

***for false witnesses have risen up against me,  
and also those who speak malice.***

What if I had not believed

that I should see the goodness of the LORD \*

***in the land of the living!***

O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure;

be strong, and he shall comfort your heart; \*

***wait patiently for the LORD.***

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

PHILIPPIANS 3:17-4:1

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Reader

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

*Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand*

## THE GOSPEL

LUKE 13:31-35

Deacon

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

**People**

*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Deacon

Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you,

### 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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### 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.*

you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

*Praise to thee, O Christ.*

## SERMON

FR. FRANS VAN SANTEN

## THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant

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

***I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;***

***And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.***

***And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.***

*Please kneel as able*

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## 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 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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### 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.*

### 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

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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.*

### NO ALLELUIA'S

*During Lent, we omit the use of "alleluia" during Eucharist and the dismissal, preferring to be more subdued and penitential. This practice also helps us to build anticipation for its reintroduction on Easter.*

### 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.*

precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord; By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

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

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

***Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever, Amen.***

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People**

***Therefore, let us keep the feast.***

Celebrant

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

**People**

***Have mercy upon us.***

Celebrant

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

**People**

***Have mercy upon us.***

Celebrant

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

**People**

***Grant us thy peace.***

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## 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*

## 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*

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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 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.*

*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.**

## SILENT RECEPTION

### THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People**

***Thanks be to God.***



# VISITOR INFORMATION CARD

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## *Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church* *Visitor Information Card*

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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or younger (please circle)

\_\_\_\_ New in community

Ages: 0-3 K-3 4-8 9-12

\_\_\_\_ Would like clergy to call

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

Weekly Newsletter? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

How may we contact you? \_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_ Text \_\_\_\_ Email

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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## COMING EVENTS

### MARCH

26 Lenten Soup & Study  
27 Vestry Meeting  
29 ECW Yardsale  
30 Coffee Hour

### APRIL

2 Lenten Soup & Study  
6 8:00am Coffee Hour  
Annual Church Picnic  
9 Lenten Soup & Study  
10 ECW Meeting  
13 Palm Sunday  
Coffee Hour  
14 Women's Bible Study  
17 Maundy Thursday 7:00pm  
Overnight Vigil 8:00 -  
9:00am  
18 Morning Prayer 9:00am  
Good Friday 12:00pm  
Prayer 1:00 - 3:00 pm  
Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm  
20 Easter Sunday  
Easter Vigil 6:30am  
Hot Cross Buns 8:30am  
Nursery 8:30am  
WonderKids 8:45am  
StoryMakers 8:45am  
Easter Rite 2 9:00am  
Hot Cross Buns 10:30am  
Nursery 10:30am  
Easter Rite 2 11:00am  
Hot Cross Buns 12:30pm

## **ECW YARD SALE**

Lots of great stuff has come in for our annual yard sale on March 29! Now we have another challenge: We'd like to have at least one table, maybe two or three, of sports paraphernalia: Mugs, jerseys, hats/visors, flags, T-shirts, etc. Until the week of the sale, bring your items to the church and leave them on the stage in the Parish House or drop them off in the office. The week of the sale, you can drop off anything on Wednesday or Thursday morning at the Parish House. Please be sure they are protected by packing them in a (labeled) box or a secure plastic bag. Thanks again for your support. Questions, call or text Elaine Heitman at 704-840-6897.

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## **ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC**

Join us at the Ocala Regional Sportsplex for a spring picnic and volleyball tournament! Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be provided, please bring a side dish to share. Enjoy a day of fun, food, and friendly competition. All are welcome to participate. See you there!

Time: After the 10:00am Service

Place: Ocala Regional Sportsplex  
3500 SW 67th Ave, Ocala, FL 34474



Scan the QR Code to RSVP!

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## **MEMBER MOVIE EXPERIENCE**

Join Fellow Gracers and meet at the theater to experience "The Last Supper," a three-part story by the team who produces The Chosen series. We will have an opportunity to watch together and take some time later to share our thoughts and reactions to the movie. As we move through Lent toward Easter, we can share a unique opportunity to enrich our spiritual journeys. Part 1, Saturday, March 29, 1:55pm. Part 2, Saturday, April 5, 2:50pm. Part 3, Saturday, April 12, 3:10pm.

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

Exodus 3:1-15  
Psalm 63:1-8  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
Luke 13:1-9



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## IN THE COMING WEEK

**Sunday, March 16 - Office Closed**

- 8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream
- 9:00am: Coffee Hour, Parish House
- 9:00am: Nursery (0-3), Nursery
- 9:15am: New Testament Bible Study, Grace Hall
- 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

**Monday, March 17**

- 12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

**Tuesday, March 18**

- 12:00pm: Gospel Bible Study, Zoom

**Wednesday, March 19**

- 12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church
- 1:00pm: Lenten Soup and Study, Parish House

**Thursday, March 20**

**Friday, March 21 - Office Closed**

**Saturday, March 22 - Office Closed**

**Sunday, March 23 - Office Closed**

- 8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream
- 9:00am: Coffee Hour, Parish House
- 9:00am: Nursery (0-3), Nursery
- 9:15am: New Testament Bible Study, Grace Hall
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## BIRTHDAYS

### MARCH

- 9 John Allsop
- 10 Mike Rose
- 11 Ned Davis
- 12 Liz Jarrett
- 13 Beth Collins  
Pattie Gilman
- 14 Meg Spurlock
- 16 Dianna Labeur
- 17 Don Feldman
- 18 Marilyn Brady
- 19 Ellis Nobles
- 22 Louise Rolle  
Bob Harris

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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](mailto:prayers@graceocala.org). And include which list you are requesting.

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

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

## **- Grace Church Leadership -**

### **HEAD**

Jesus Christ

### **BISHOP**

The Right Rev. Dr. Justin S. Holcomb

### **WORSHIP TEAM**

The Rev. Frans van Santen: Rector

The Rev. Brian Stankich: Associate Rector

The Rev. Mary Delancey: Deacon

The Rev. Susan Moorehead: Deacon

Josh Reed: Director of Ministry

Adam Pryor: Worship Coordinator

Catie Hourigan: Children's Ministry Coordinator

Dave Rubin: Verger

### **VESTRY**

Greg Harrell - Senior Warden Michael Owen - Junior Warden Sanjit Nirmalanandhan - Treasurer

Cheryl Arnold Michael Ashley Stephen Ayres Todd Craig Kristin Dean

Lise Kent Amy Robertson

### **Today's Servers**

**Usher:** Frank Marchese

**Reader:** Cookie Zeuch

**Chalice Minister:** Leslie Jones

**Prayer Team:** Jackie Alsobrook

**Altar Guild:** Lise Kent, James Perdue, Jeannie Piotrowski, Lynda Peek

**Flower Guild:** Carolyn Ayres, Lynda Peek, Lynn Nobles, Heather Hetzel, Molly Hetzel

**VPOD:** Todd Craig

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### **Weekly Services on Our Campus**

**Sunday 8:00am—Rite I**

**Sunday 10:00am—Rite II with music**

**Wednesday 12:05pm—Midweek at Grace**

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