



Grace

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 21, 2023 | 10:00 AM SERVICE

“Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ’s sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.”

~ 1 Peter 4:12-14

Welcome to Grace Church

WELCOME!

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

TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

Rite One Service | 8:00am

WonderKids | 9:45am | Wonder Room

Nursery | 9:45am | Nursery

Rite Two Service | 10:00am

Connect Youth | 10:00am | Grace Hall

Coffee Hour | 11:15am | Parish House

Baptism Prep Class | 12:00pm | Zoom

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 4-12 where we use the Jesus Storybook Bible curriculum. We also offer Connect Youth sessions throughout the year for ages 9-14.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Please stand

10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

Refrain:

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before,
O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Refrain

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Refrain

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!

Refrain

Celebrant

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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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.

Making the sign of the cross is a tangible way to mark ourselves as Christ's. Crossing yourself is an act of sanctification, a physical reminder that you are set apart as holy for Christ. Because it is often done at the mention of the Trinity ("Father, Son, and Holy Spirit"), the sign of the cross is also a physical reminder of belief in the Triune God. Many find it a helpful expression of their faith, although it is not mandatory.

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COLLECT OF PURITY

This collect (prayer) is a deeply personal prayer of need. Even though we attempt to hide, the Lord sees the secret desires of our hearts. It is only by the moving of His Spirit in our hearts that we are enabled to overcome our fallen nature of sin and death.

COLLECT OF PURITY

Celebrant

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

SONG OF PRAISE

GLORIA

Refrain:

**Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to His people on earth.
Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to His people on earth.**

**Lord God, Heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,
We worship you, we give thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

Refrain

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God
You take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.**

Refrain

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.**

Refrain

Amen.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.
Amen.

Please be seated

THE FIRST READING

Reader

ACTS 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and

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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.

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THE PSALM

The Psalms represent experiences of men and women, written down as poetic prayers. By reading them, we encounter God, others, and ourselves in life's joys and sorrows, tragedies, and triumphs.

Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 68:1-10, 33-36

Reader

The psalm for today is Psalm 68, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *

let those who hate him flee before him.

Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *

as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *

let them also be merry and joyful.

Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *

YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

Father of orphans, defender of widows, *

God in his holy habitation!

God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *

but the rebels shall live in dry places.

O God, when you went forth before your people, *

when you marched through the wilderness,

The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.

He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.

How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

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

Reader

1 PETER 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

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Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GRADUAL HYMN

AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
The hour I first believed.

Refrain:

My chains are gone. I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns,
Unending love,
Amazing grace.

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The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

Refrain

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 17:1-11

Deacon

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to

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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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.

you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord 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:

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 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

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader

We pray to you, O Lord.

People

Lord, have mercy.

Reader

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People

To you, O Lord our God.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.

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.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Please be seated

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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 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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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Celebrant

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

THE COMMISSION

See my hands, and look at my feet.
It's okay if it's hard to believe.
I have faith you will do greater things.
It's my time to go, but before I leave.

Refrain:

Go tell the world about me.
I was dead, but now I live.
I've gotta go now for a little while,
But goodbye is not the end.

Don't forget the things that I taught you.
I've conquered death and I hold the keys.
Where I go, you will go too, someday.
But there's much to do here before you leave.

Refrain

End of the journey, the end of the road.
My spirit is with you wherever you go.
You have a purpose and I have a plan.
I'll make you this promise,
I'll come back again, but until then:

Go tell the world about me.
I was dead, but now I live.
I've gotta go now for a little while,

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.*

But goodbye is not the end.
go tell them about me.
(Go tell the world) I've gotta go,
(Go tell the world) for a little while,
But goodbye is not the end.

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:

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.

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SANCTUS

DUBAY

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your Glory.
Lord, we sing Your praise.

Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Lord, we sing Your praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Lord, we sing Your praise.

Please kneel as able

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.

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

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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.**

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

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 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.

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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.

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

COME TASTE AND SEE

**Come taste and see that the Lord is good.
His love for me never runs out.
Come taste and see that the Lord is good.
He's always good.**

**Come now and drink and be satisfied;
Forgiveness overflowing.
Come now and drink and you will find
He's always good.
God, You're always good.**

Refrain:

**Just one word, just one touch
From You and I believe
That You love me, and You are for me.
And You hold nothing back from me.**

**Come taste and see that the Lord is good.
Come sit at the table of mercy.
Come taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is good. God, You're always good.**

Refrain

**I never walk away the same.
I never walk away the same.
My heart forever rearranged.
By Your love, By Your love.**

Refrain

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I never walk away the same.
I never walk away the same.

REMEMBRANCE (THE COMMUNION SONG)

Oh how could it be
That my God would welcome me
Into this mystery?
Say, "Take this bread, take this wine,"
Now the simple made divine
For any to receive.

Refrain:

By Your mercy we come to Your table.
By Your grace You are making us faithful.
Lord, we remember You
And remembrance leads us to worship.
And as we worship You,
Our worship leads to communion.
We respond to Your invitation;
We remember You.

See His body, His blood,
Know that He has overcome
Ev'ry trial we will face.
And none too lost to be saved,
None too broken or ashamed,
All are welcome in this place.

Refrain

Dying, You destroyed our death.
Rising, You restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Refrain

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PRAYER TEAM

During communion, you have the opportunity to receive prayer. We have a prayer team in the back of the church who are delighted to lift you up in prayer. Simply walk up to them and share your request.

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ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

Refrain:

Hallelujah, all I have is Christ!
Hallelujah, Jesus is my life!

I once was lost in darkest night,
Yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first,
I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race,
Indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross.
And I beheld God's love displayed;
You suffered in my place.
You bore the wrath reserved for me;
Now all I know is grace.

Refrain

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be:
My only boast is You.

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 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

GOD SO LOVED

Come all you weary,
Come all you thirsty.
Come to the well that never runs dry.
Drink of the water,
Come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners,
Come find His mercy.
Come to the table; He will satisfy.
Taste of His goodness,
Find what you're looking for.

Refrain:

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us.
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

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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**Bring all your failures,
Bring your addictions.
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms.**

Refrain

**The power of hell forever defeated,
Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved God so loved the world.**

**Praise God, praise God,
From whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, praise Him,
For the wonders of His love.**

Refrain

**Bring all your failures,
Bring your addictions.
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting,
God so loved the world.**

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

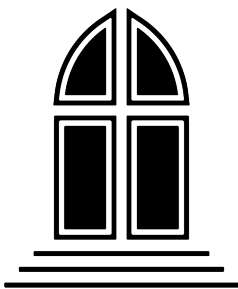
THE DISMISSAL

*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.*

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Hank and Sharyn Pliska in thanksgiving for their 40th anniversary.
"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness." - Galatians 5:22

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

MAY

25 Vestry Meeting
28 Pentecost Sunday
29 Office Closed

JUNE

4 Honoring our Graduates
10 Consecration of Bishop-
Elect Dr. Justin S. Holcomb
22 Vestry Meeting
29 ABC of Dementia
Workshop

JULY

4 Office Closed
9 Fr. Adam Young Preaches
27 Vestry Meeting

COFFEE HOUR

We will be having a Coffee Hour after the 10:00am Service today, May 21, please join us over in Parish House to fellowship and say our goodbyes to Sharyn and Hank Pliska.

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Don't forget to return your baby bottles by next Sunday, May 28th so they can be blessed and on their way to the Women's Pregnancy Center.

WEAR RED FOR PENTECOST

Don't forget to wear red for Pentecost next Sunday, May 28!

ST. MARY'S BUS TO CONSECRATION

St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Belleview has chartered a bus to drive to the consecration on Saturday, June 10th. If you would like to go, the cost is \$25.00 per person plus a tip for the bus driver. Please call St. Mary's at (352) 347-6422 if you want to ride on the bus.

LOOKING FOR OUR 2023 GRADUATES

We are looking for our class of 2023 graduates from high school or college. We would like to honor our graduates at the 10:00 am service on Sunday, June 4. Please contact the church office either by phone at (352) 622-7881 or email Catie at catie@graceocala.org with the graduate's name.

Next Week's Bible Readings

First Reading:

Acts 2:1-21

Psalms 104:25-35, 37

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

Gospel: John 20:19-23

CHOIR SURVEY

Would you be a part of our choir if we were to have one again? Being a part of a musical team is such a joy and we would love for you to have that experience.



Please scan this QR code and fill out the short survey if you are interested in having a choir again.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

IN THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, May 21 Office Closed

8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream
9:45am: Wonder Kids, Wonder Room
10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, Livestream
10:00am: Connect Youth, Grace Hall
11:15am: Coffee Hour, Parish House
12:00pm: Baptism Prep Class, Zoom
2:00pm: Boundaries Course, Grace Hall

Monday, May 22

12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, May 24

12:00 Noon: Wednesday Prayer Service, Church
7:00pm: Worship Team Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, May 25

12:00pm: Fr. Jonathan's Bible Study, Zoom
7:00pm: Vestry Meeting, Grace Hall

Friday, May 26 Office Closed

Saturday, May 27 Office Closed

Sunday, May 28 Pentecost Sunday - Office Closed

8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream
9:45am: Wonder Kids, Wonder Room
10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, Livestream
2:00pm: Boundaries Course, Grace Hall

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Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church Ocala, FL
Group Page: People of Grace



YouTube: Grace Episcopal Church Ocala



Website: [graceocala.org](#)

BIRTHDAYS

MAY

- 14 Albert Parra
- 15 Gary Simons
Diana Ananthan
- 16 Owen Cunjie
- 17 Mary Thomas
- 18 Sharyn Pliska
Andrew McCourt
Glee White
- 19 Stephen Ayres
- 20 Jimmy Collins
Michael Ashley
- 27 Michael Owen

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 -

HEAD

Jesus Christ

BISHOP

The Right Rev. Gregory O. Brewer

WORSHIP TEAM

The Rev. Jonathan French: Rector

The Rev. Frans van Santen: Associate Rector

The Rev. Mary Delancey: Deacon

The Rev. Susan Moorehead: Deacon

Adam Pryor: Worship Coordinator

Catie Hourigan: Children's Ministry Coordinator

Dave Rubin: Verger

VESTRY

Leslie Jones- Senior Warden Stephen Ayres - Junior Warden Carman Smith- Treasurer

Heather Hetzel Drick Heitman Lise Kent

Greg Harrell Sharyn Pliska

MUSICIANS

Adam Pryor Sharon Mai Audrey Flechas

Jessica Mongerio Shane Bass Victoria Sexton

TODAY'S SERVERS

Ushers: Wayne & Diane Taylor

Reader, First Reading/Psalm: Dave Rubin

Reader, Second Reading/POP: Sharyn Pliska

Acolytes: Gail van Deusen, Daniel Hart, Joseph Hetzel, Will Rose

Chalice Minister: Sanjit Nirmalandhan

Prayer Team: Deacon Susan Moorehead

Altar Guild: Lise Kent, Carman Smith, Lynda Peek,

Jeannie Piotrowski, James Perdue

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

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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