



# *Grace*

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER | APRIL 27, 2025 | 10:00 AM SERVICE

*“Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.”*

*~Revelation 1:7*

# 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 | 11:15am | 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 of God, and infuse His grace and truth into everything we do. Grace Episcopal Church is traditional and liturgical, and we care for our visitors by clearly explaining the heart and history behind our form of worship. We have found a family here, and we want this church to feel like a family for you, too.

## OUR BELIEF & PRACTICES

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

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

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# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## PRELUDE

*Please stand*

## PROCESSIONAL

## 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.

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.

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### PROCESSION

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

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*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.**

Celebrant

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People*

***The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!***

## **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**

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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.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

**People**

***And also with you.***

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please Be Seated*

## THE FIRST READING

Reader

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him

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### COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

## ACTS 5:27-32

### 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.*

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### THE PSALM

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

on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

***Thanks be to God.***

### THE PSALM

### PSALM 118:14-29

Reader

The Psalm for today is Psalm 118, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

The LORD is my strength and my song, \*  
***and he has become my salvation.***

There is a sound of exultation and victory \*  
***in the tents of the righteous:***

“The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! \*  
***the right hand of the LORD is exalted!***  
***the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!”***

I shall not die, but live, \*  
***and declare the works of the LORD.***

The LORD has punished me sorely, \*  
***but he did not hand me over to death.***

Open for me the gates of righteousness; \*  
***I will enter them;***  
***I will offer thanks to the LORD.***

“This is the gate of the LORD; \*  
***he who is righteous may enter.”***

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I will give thanks to you, for you answered me \*  
*and have become my salvation.*

The same stone which the builders rejected \*  
*has become the chief cornerstone.*

This is the LORD's doing, \*  
*and it is marvelous in our eyes.*

On this day the LORD has acted; \*  
*we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

Hosannah, LORD, hosannah! \*  
*LORD, send us now success.*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD; \*  
*we bless you from the house of the LORD.*

God is the LORD; he has shined upon us; \*  
*form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.*

"You are my God, and I will thank you; \*  
*you are my God, and I will exalt you."*

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; \*  
*his mercy endures for ever.*

Reader

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**People**

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

## THE SECOND READING

## REVELATION 1:4-8

Reader

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

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To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

*Please Stand*

## **GRADUAL HYMN**

### **HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US**

How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss.  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

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

I will not boast in anything:  
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:



His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

## THE GOSPEL

## JOHN 20:19-31

Deacon

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

**People**

*Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Deacon

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

## 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.*

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## SERMON

**JOSH REED**

## 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*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Reader

For all the people in their daily life and work;

**People**

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

Reader

For all schools, colleges, and universities and especially those in Marion County.

**People**

*For those who teach and those who learn.*

Reader

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People**

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

Reader

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People**

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

Reader

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People**

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

Reader

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**People**

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

Reader

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; and Justin, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**People**

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

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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.*

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Reader

For those who are unable to be present and who join in our worship from home;

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation;  
And for all those we name from our hearts.

*You may add your own petitions*

Reader

Hear us, Lord;

**People**

*For your mercy is great.*

Reader

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*You may add your own thanksgivings*

Reader

We will exalt you, O God, our King;

**People**

*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

Reader

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*You may add your own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People**

*Who put their trust in you.*

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**People**

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so*

## 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.*

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*uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY

Celebrant

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## NO DOUBT ABOUT IT

How does my broken heart  
Keep bringing me back to you again?  
Sometimes I fall apart,  
But you're always there just like a friend,  
Just like a friend.

*Refrain:*

There's no doubt about it:  
I'm on my way home.  
I'm not yet where I'm going,

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### ABSOLUTION

Having heard the Word of God proclaimed, which has led us to confess our sins, it is now time to receive some assurance that God has forgiven the sins of those who have put their trust in Jesus Christ. It is Christ's power that forgives, embodied by the pronouncement of the priest, that makes tangible the truth that God has removed the barrier between him and us.

### THE PEACE

Exchanging the peace is an ancient custom of God's people. We do it after Confession and Absolution which means we can give the same forgiveness to others that we have received from God. A demonstration that we have renewed relationships in Christ, it also prepares us to together receive Communion as the Body of Christ.

### OFFERTORY

What will you give to God? The money he gave to you? The time he has allotted for you today? The abilities with which you were born? Your next breath? Combine your offering with those around you, and see what God can do with and through our church.



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But I'm a long way from where I was.  
I hear a choir of angels  
Cheering me on.  
I'm not yet where I'm going,  
But I'm a long way from where I was.  
Oh, from where I was!

Imagine me in your arms;  
The only place I long to be.  
And when this life gets hard,  
One day I'll dance on golden streets  
And ride on angels' wings.

### *Refrain*

I'm not going back,  
Never going back.  
How amazing to know that  
We've only just begun,  
Yeah, we've only just begun.  
I'll keep pressing on.  
I'll keep going strong.  
I'll keep singing the same song.  
We've only just begun,  
Yeah, we've only just begun.

### *Refrain*

I know there's no doubt about it:  
I'm on my way home.  
No, I'm not yet where I'm going,  
But I'm a long way from where I was.  
And I hear a choir of angels  
They're cheering me on.  
I'm not yet where I'm going,  
But I'm a long way from where I was.

*Please Stand*

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## THE DOXOLOGY

HYMN 380, VERSE 3

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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

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!

## 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!*

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**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*

### **Celebrant**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

### **People**

***We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.***



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Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 for ever. **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.***

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 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.*

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### EUCHARIST INSTRUCTIONS

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

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

## CORPORATE SONGS DURING COMMUNION

### O COME TO THE ALTAR

Are you hurting and broken within?  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin?  
Jesus is calling.  
Have you come to the end of yourself?  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well?  
Jesus is calling.

*Refrain:*

O come to the altar!  
The Father's arms are open wide.  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes.  
Come today, there's no reason to wait.  
Jesus is calling.  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy.  
From the ashes, a new life is born -  
Jesus is calling.

*Refrain*

Oh what a Savior!  
Isn't He wonderful?  
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen!  
Bow down before Him  
For He is Lord of all.  
Sing hallelujah, Christ is risen!

*Refrain*

Come to me,  
Let the Spirit bring you life.

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## LIVING HOPE

How great the chasm that lay between us!  
How high the mountain I could not climb!  
In desperation, I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night.  
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul.  
The work is finished, the end is written -  
Jesus Christ, my living hope!

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame.  
The cross has spoken: I am forgiven.  
The King of kings calls me His own.  
Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever -  
Jesus Christ, my living hope!

*Refrain:*

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!  
You have broken every chain,  
There's salvation in Your name -  
Jesus Christ, my living hope!

Then came the morning that sealed the promise.  
Your buried body began to breathe.  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me!

*(Repeat)*

Jesus, Yours is the victory whoa!

*Refrain*

Jesus Christ, my living hope!  
Oh God, You are my living hope!

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### 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.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### CANVAS AND CLAY

In my mother's womb,  
You formed me with Your hands.  
Known and loved by You  
Before I took a breath.  
When I doubt it, Lord, remind me  
I'm wonderfully made.  
You're an artist and a potter;  
I'm the canvas and the clay.

*Refrain:*

You make all things work together  
For my future and for my good.  
You make all things work together  
For Your glory and for Your name.

There's a healing light  
Just beyond the clouds.  
Though I've walked through fire,  
I see clearly now.  
I know nothing has been wasted,  
No failure or mistake.  
You're an artist and a potter;  
I'm the canvas and the clay.

*Refrain*

When I doubt it, Lord, remind me  
I'm wonderfully made.  
You're an artist and a potter;  
I'm the canvas and the clay.  
And I know nothing has been wasted,  
No failure or mistake.  
You're an artist and a potter;  
I'm the canvas and the clay.

*Refrain*

*Please kneel as able*

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## 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*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and 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

### ALLELUIA SING TO JESUS

**HYMN 461**

Alleluia! sing to Jesus,  
His the scepter, His the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark, the songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
Jesus out of every nation  
Has redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
Flee to Thee from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### 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 LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### 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.*

**Alleluia! King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own:  
Alleluia! Born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool, Heaven thy throne:  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest:  
Thou on Earth both Priest and Victim  
in the eucharistic feast.**

### 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!***

# VISITOR INFORMATION FORM

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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

Have \_\_\_\_ children school age  
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

**Please join us for**

## *Mother's Day Tea & Fashion Show*

**Saturday, May 10, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Grace Parish House**

**Please bring your favorite tea cup & saucer  
along with your mother, grandmother,  
daughter, favorite aunt, etc.!**



**There is limited seating for this event so  
please register by scanning the QR Code or  
calling the church office.**



**Fashions and raffle items will be provided by our  
local boutiques and stores!**

**All profits will be donated to:**





# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

## *Stained Glass Window Tour*

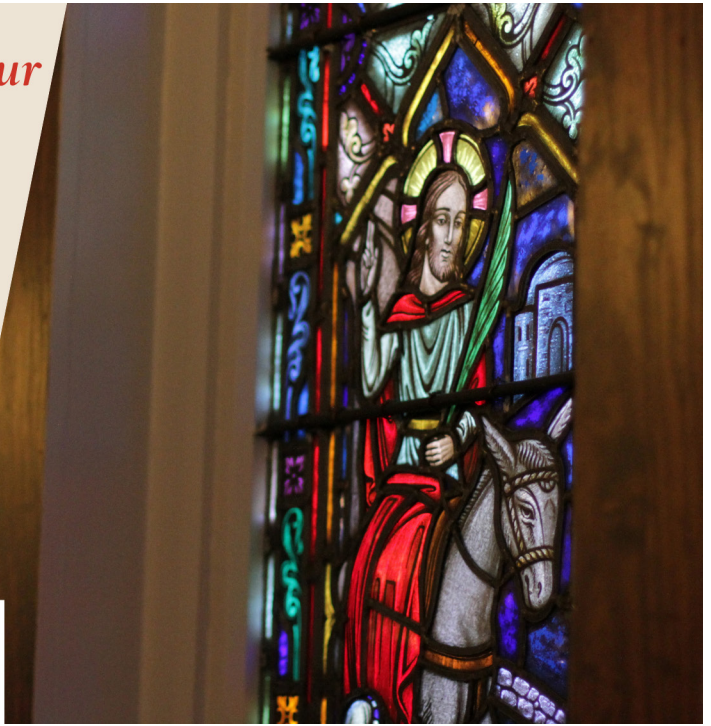
April 30, 2025

After the Midweek Service (12:05pm)

Lunch will be provided in Grace Hall

The OASIS group proudly invites the entire congregation to a special stained glass window tour and luncheon. Please plan to join Fr. Brian as he explains the history and significance of each of the windows located in the Grace sanctuary.

Please RSVP by April 25 by scanning the QR code or by calling the church office at (352) 622-7881



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEXT WEEK 5/4/25

Nursery:

Teachers: Ligia Acosta & Sharon Romano



Wonder Kids:

Lesson: Easter: Tabitha (Acts 9)

Volunteer Needed

Storymakers:

Lesson: Easter: Tabitha (Acts 9)

Volunteer Needed



Connect:

Lesson: Unit 4: David (1 Samuel 16:4-13)

Volunteers Needed



# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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## COMING EVENTS

### MAY

4 Coffee Hour+  
Spires in the Sun Author Talk  
8 ECW Luncheon  
10 Tea & Fashion Show  
11 Mother's Day  
Coffee Hour  
12 Women's Bible Study  
18 Coffee Hour  
22 Vestry Meeting  
25 Coffee Hour  
26 Office Closed

### JUNE

1 Coffee Hour+  
8 Pentecost Sunday  
Coffee Hour  
13 Sunshine Service Squad  
Meet  
14 NPD Car Tour  
15 Father's Day  
Coffee Hour  
20 Sunshine Service Squad  
Meet  
22 Coffee Hour  
26 Vestry Meeting  
27 Sunshine Service Squad  
Meet  
29 Coffee Hour

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who served in any way during Holy Week, we could not do it without you!

And a special Thank you to the soup makers for this years Wednesday Lenten Study the soups were delicious!

Thank you to everyone who donated for the Easter Baskets for the Teen Group Homes!

## 2025 ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED

There are more than 20 weeks still available on the Altar Flower Calendar for 2025. If you would like to remember a loved one, celebrate a special event or just glorify God with a gift of flowers please consider signing up for one of these open weeks. Please scan the QR code to request an Altar Flower Date or you may also contact Carolyn Ayres at 352-286-8536 or mcdayres@gmail.com with any questions or to sign up.



## AUTHOR TALK & BOOK SIGNING

Please join us at either of our Coffee Hours on Sunday, May 4th for an author talk and book signing for "Spires in the Sun". About the book Spires in the Sun: The Carpenter Gothic Episcopal Churches of Florida Writer: Jonathan Rich and Photographer: Phil Eschbach Spires in the Sun, winner of the Florida Historical Society's 2024 Charlton Tebeau Award, weaves architecture, church, and Florida history into a richly illustrated hardbound volume. Now in its second printing, this book features vivid color photography, rare black-and-white images from the past, and over 500 pages of stories of the oldest surviving wood-frame Episcopal churches in Florida and Grace is one of them! To buy a copy of the book they are offering a special event price of \$65.

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## Next Week's Bible Readings

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)  
Psalm 30  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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## IN THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, April 27 - 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, April 28

12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, April 29

12:00pm: Gospel Bible Study, Zoom

Wednesday, April 30

12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church  
1:05pm: Stained Glass Window Tour, Grace Hall & Church  
7:00pm: Psalm Bible Study, Zoom

Thursday, May 1

Friday, May 2 - Office Closed

Saturday, May 3 - Office Closed

Sunday, May 4 - 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

### APRIL

22 Lawton Turner  
24 Donald Dormstetter  
Joe White  
Sharon Whitehouse  
26 Samantha Rauba  
David Freudenburg

### MAY

1 Judy Volker  
Abram Remington  
3 Joanne Penny

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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

**MUSICIANS**

Adam Pryor Sharon Mai Jessica Mongerio Jason Bartosic  
Cheryl Arnold Audrey Flechas David Freudenburg Jamille Brewster

**SERVERS**

**Ushers:** Greg Harrell, Frank Blasucci  
**Reader, First Reading/Psalm:** Tyrus Clutter  
**Reader, Second Reading/PoP:** Russ McCann  
**Acolytes:** Barbarajean Garcia, Joseph Hetzel, Will Rose  
**Chalice Ministers:** Lana Kuhn  
**Altar Guild:** Pae Barberie, Tammy Flanagan, Marilyn Corsiglia, Lynn Nobles, Amy Robertson  
**Flower Guild:** Carolyn Ayres, Lynda Peek, Lynn Nobles, Heather Hetzel, Molly Hetzel  
**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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