



Grace

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | JANUARY 7, 2024 | 10:00 AM SERVICE

“The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”
~ Mark 1:7-8

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

Coffee Hour | 9:00am | Parish House

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

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 10 -15.

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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

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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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

We start almost every Episcopal service with this prayer. It is succinct and powerful as it explores the depths of our hearts and our need before God. What better way to start a worship service than to tell God we are here for him, every aspect of our being, and want to become more like him because of our worship.

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE FIRST READING

GENESIS 1:1-5

Reader

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

PSALM 29

Reader

The psalm for today is Psalm 29, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

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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.

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

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.

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Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

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

ACTS 19:1-7

Reader

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GRADUAL HYMN

HOW DEEP THE FATHER’S LOVE FOR US

The 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.

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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.

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

MARK 1:4-11

Deacon

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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 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.

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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.

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.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Celebrant

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

HOLY WATER

God, I'm on my knees again.
God, I'm begging please again.
I need you.
Oh, I need you.

Walking down these desert roads,
Water for my thirsty soul,
I need you.
Oh, I need you.

Refrain:

Your forgiveness
Is like sweet, sweet honey on my lips,
Like the sound of a symphony to my ears,
Like Holy water on my skin.

Dead man walking, slave to sin,
I wanna know about being born again.
I need you.
Oh God, I need you.
So, take me to the riverside.
Take me under, baptize.
I need you.
Oh God, I need you.

Refrain

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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

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.

I don't wanna abuse your grace.
God, I need it every day.
It's the only thing that ever really makes me wanna change.

Refrain

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:

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SANCTUS

DUBAY

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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

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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.

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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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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CORPORATE SONGS DURING COMMUNION

WORD OF GOD SPEAK

I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay
The last thing I need is to be heard
But to hear what You would say

Refrain:

Word of God speak
Would You pour down like rain
Washing my eyes to see Your majesty
To be still and know
That You're in this place
Please let me stay and rest
In Your holiness
(Word of God speak)

I'm finding myself in the midst of You
Beyond the music beyond the noise
All that I need is to be with You
And in the quiet hear Your voice

I'm finding myself at a loss for words
And the funny thing is it's okay

AMAZING GRACE/ MY CHAINS ARE GONE

It came 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.

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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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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.

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.

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer.
There is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom,
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
For my life is wholly bound to his.
Oh how strange and divine. I can sing: all is mine!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken,
For by my side the Saviour, he will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
For in my need, his power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me.
Through the deepest valley he will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven,
The future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon,
And he was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated.
Jesus now, and ever, is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
For he has said that he will bring me home.
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus.
All the glory evermore to him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

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.**

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.

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.

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

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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!

ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Vicky Reamy Baker

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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 2024

2024 ALTAR FLOWER DONATIONS



If you would like to place flowers on the altar during the coming year please fill out a Flower Request Form and return it to the church office or scan the QR Code to fill the form our online. Weekly arrangements are made by the Flower Guild at a cost of \$65. You may send your check along with the form with “altar flowers” written on the memo line.

We have no control over events that arise during the year causing another donor to request your same date. If this happens you will be contacted and arrangements will be made to share the date or find an alternate date acceptable for both donors. We always appreciate donors willing to take any open date where flowers are needed.

This is a wonderful way to remember loved ones, celebrate birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions, or just give thanks and praise God.

No flowers are placed on the altar during Lent (February 14 – March 30), and only greens are used during Advent (December 1 – December 22)

If you have questions or need additional information please call Carolyn Ayres at (352) 629-1148 (home), or (352) 286-8536 (cell)

ALTAR FLOWER DATE REQUEST

NAME: _____
(As you wish it to appear in the bulletin – ie: Mr. and Mrs. John Doe, John and Jane Doe, the Doe Family, etc.)

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ Home
_____ Work/daytime

DATE(S) REQUESTED: _____
ALTERNATE : _____

MESSAGE: _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS



As we begin a new year, we invite you to join us for appetizers and wine at the Parish House of Grace Church. This will be a fun event of socializing, sharing, and preparing for the year ahead.

Jeanne and Jim, two of our newer parishioners, will guide us through a reflection of 2023 and our hopes for 2024.



Please scan the QR Code to register for this event, we need to have the RSVP's in no later than January 16.

This event has no cost but donations are appreciated.
See you there!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

JANUARY

15 Office Closed
MLK March
18 Vestry Meeting
20 Sip and Share Event
21 Coffee Hour
28 Annual Meeting
Coffee Hour

FEBRUARY

4 Installation of New
Vestry Members
Coffee Hour
8:00am - Breakfast
10:00am - Potluck Brunch
8 ECW Meeting
10 Fr. Brian's Ordination to
the Priesthood
11 Confirmation & Reception
12 Women's Bible Study
13 Shrove Tuesday Pancake
Supper & Talent Show
14 Ash Wednesday
18 Coffee Hour
19 Office Closed
22 Vestry Meeting
25 Coffee Hour

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. And include which list you are requesting.

Next Week's Bible Readings

First Reading:
1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17
Second Reading:
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
Gospel: John 1:43-51

2024 GIVING ENVELOPES

If you signed up on your Pledge Card to receive 2024 giving envelopes they are in the back of the church and ready for you to pick up. If you did not request envelopes and would like a set, please contact the church office at (352) 622-7881 or stop by and pick them up.

MLK COMMEMORATIVE MARCH

For many years the members of Grace Church have joined with our community to walk in the Martin Luther King, Jr, Commemorative March. We will gather at the Downtown Square between 8 - 8:30am on Monday, January 15 to march to the Martin Luther King Jr Recreation Complex. Bring your family and friends and be part of the march.

WOMEN OF GRACE

Grace's ECW (Episcopal Church Women -- all are welcome) will meet on Thursday, Jan. 11, at 11:30 am in the Parish House. Please bring a covered dish; beverages will be provided. Our program will include a historical characterization from the Bible by local historian Dee Collier. Please join us as we start the new year with a renewed resolution to make this the best year ever for ECW! No RSVP required.

DO YOU FOLLOW OUR SOCIAL MEDIA?



Instagram: [grace_church_ocala](https://www.instagram.com/grace_church_ocala)



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



YouTube: Grace Episcopal Church Ocala



Website: www.graceocala.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

IN THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, January 7 - Office Closed

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

9:00am: Coffee Hour Breakfast, Parish House

9:45am: WonderKids, Wonder Room

10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, Livestream

10:00am: Connect Youth, Grace Hall

11:15am: Coffee Hour Potluck Brunch, Parish House

11:30am: Confirmation Class, Grace Hall

Monday, January 8 - Office Closed

12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

1:00pm: Women's Bible Study, Grace Hall

Wednesday, January 10

12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church

7:00pm: Worship Team Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, January 11

11:30am: ECW Meeting, Parish House

Friday, January 12 - Office Closed

Saturday, January 13 - Office Closed

Sunday, January 14 - Office Closed

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

9:00am: Coffee Hour Breakfast, Parish House

9:45am: WonderKids, Wonder Room

10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, Livestream

11:15am: Coffee Hour, Parish House

11:30am: Confirmation Class, Grace Hall

BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER

31 Mike Dean

Joan Mathis

JANUARY

1 Madeline Karr

2 Janie Rubin

Catie Hourigan

Judy Feldman

Paul Corrad

5 Susan Moorehead

Betty Anne Ayres

8 Lise Kent

9 Mary Chrisner

DJ Jenkins

Mila Nirmalanandhan

12 Lana Kuhn

13 Jaye Baillie

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If you would like to meet with Fr. Frans or Fr. Brian please contact Rosemary Grooms or Catie Hourigan at 352-622-7881 or rosemary@graceocala.org 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. Dr. Justin S. Holcomb

WORSHIP TEAM

The Rev. Frans van Santen: Priest In Charge

The Rev. Brian Stankich: 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 Carolyn Eckhart

MUSICIANS

Adam Pryor Sharon Mai Jessica Mongerio Jason Batosic

Cheryl Arnold Audrey Flechas Martha Stanton

TODAY'S SERVERS

Ushers: Frank Blasucci, Stephen Ayres

Reader, First Reading/Psalm: Matt Merchant

Reader, Second Reading/POP: Lynda Peek

Acolytes: Gail van Deusen, Daniel Hart, Elizabeth Hart

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

Flower Guild: Carolyn Ayres, Lynda Peek, Lynn Nobles

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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