

# Grace

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | JANUARY 28, 2024 | 8:00 AM SERVICE

*“Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves  
God is known by him.”  
~ 1 Corinthians 8:2-3*

# 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

Annual Meeting | 9:00am | Parish House

WonderKids | 9:45am | Wonder Room

Nursery | 9:45am | Nursery

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 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

## THE PROCESSION

*Please stand*

**Celebrant**

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

**People**

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

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Celebrant**

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

## THE KYRIE ELEISON

**Celebrant**

Lord have mercy upon us.

**People**

*Christ have mercy upon us.*

**Celebrant**

Lord have mercy upon us.

## THE GLORIA

*Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace,  
good will towards men.  
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.  
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,  
have mercy upon us.*

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### 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.

### 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.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### 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*

***For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

**People**

***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and in our time grant us thy peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## THE FIRST READING

## DEUTERONOMY 18:15-20

Reader

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

***Thanks be to God.***

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE PSALM

## PSALM 111

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### Reader

The psalm for today is Psalm 111, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, \*  
***in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.***

Great are the deeds of the LORD! \*  
***they are studied by all who delight in them.***

His work is full of majesty and splendor, \*  
***and his righteousness endures for ever.***

He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; \*  
***the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.***

He gives food to those who fear him; \*  
***he is ever mindful of his covenant.***

He has shown his people the power of his works \*  
***in giving them the lands of the nations.***

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; \*  
***all his commandments are sure.***

They stand fast for ever and ever, \*  
***because they are done in truth and equity.***

He sent redemption to his people;  
he commanded his covenant for ever; \*  
***holy and awesome is his Name.***

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; \*  
***those who act accordingly have a good understanding;***  
***his praise endures for ever.***

### 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.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## LITURGICAL GUIDE

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

## 1 CORINTHIANS 8:1-13

Reader

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

*Thanks be to God.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please stand

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### THE GOSPEL

### MARK 1:21-28

Deacon

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

**People**

*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Deacon

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**

*Praise to thee, O Christ.*

### SERMON

FR. FRANS VAN SANTEN

### THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant

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

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

### 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.*

### 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.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### 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.*

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

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

*Please kneel as able*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.  
*The reader leads the people in a series of prayers to which the people respond.*

Reader

Lord, in thy mercy

**People**

***Hear our prayer.***

Reader

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## People

*Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Celebrant

Almighty God our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Celebrant

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him...

## THE PEACE

### Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

### People

*And with thy spirit.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

## THE OFFERTORY

*The people are invited to offer their gifts to God.*

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### 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 LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### 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.*



### 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.*

### Celebrant

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

*Please stand*

### Celebrant

All things come of thee, O Lord.

### People

*Of thine own have we given thee.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

### People

*And with thy spirit.*

### Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

### People

*We lift them up unto the Lord.*

### Celebrant

Let us give thanks unto our Lord, God.

### People

*It is meet and right so to do.*

### Celebrant

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*The Celebrant offers a Preface, and concludes saying,*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

### Celebrant and People

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

*Please kneel as able*

## Celebrant

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ,

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### REAL PRESENCE

*"He was the Word that spake it, he took bread and brake it, and what that Word did make it, I do believe and take it."*

*Hymn 322, John Donne*

*The elements of the Eucharist of bread and wine are not mere signs or symbols. Christ's body and blood really become present and are really given. They are present so that, in receiving them, believers may be united in communion with Christ the Lord.*

### EPICLESIS

*At this moment, the priest invokes the active presence of the Holy Spirit in the Eucharistic prayer so that the bread and wine may become the body and blood of Christ. The term is based on the Greek word that means "to call upon," "to invoke."*

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### 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.*

and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

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

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

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People**

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

Celebrant

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

**People**

***Have mercy upon us.***

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Celebrant

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

**People**

*Have mercy upon us.*

Celebrant

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

**People**

*Grant us thy peace.*

## THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**People**

*We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.*

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## THE SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING COMMUNION

*Be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.*

## THE SILENT PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

*O Lord Jesus Christ, who in a wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of your passion: Grant us, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of your redemption; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

*Please kneel as able*

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### 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.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray.

**People**

*Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.*

### THE BLESSING

Celebrant

The blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

### 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!*

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### ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by  
Pae Barberie in thanksgiving for His many blessings.

### THE BLESSING

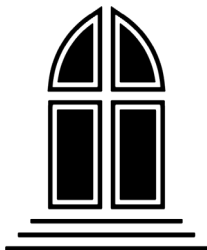
*When you bless someone, you give them life-changing words. The priestly blessing will impact your day with heaven's power. Be sure to receive it with an open heart.*

### THE DISMISSAL

*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.*

# 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





## WHAT IS ALPHA?

Alpha offers everyone the opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open, and informal environment.

- What is my purpose?
- What happens when I die?
- Why is there suffering?

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**Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

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**EXPLORE LIFE'S BIG QUESTIONS**

**FEB. 20 - APR. 30**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

# Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Talent Show

February 13 | 5:30pm | Parish House

Please scan the QR code below to RSVP and register to participate in the talent show!



## Lenten Studies

How To Hear God by Praying the Bible

### Sundays:

Starting February 18 - March 17  
starting at 11:45 in Parish House

### Wednesdays:

Starting February 21 - March 20  
after the Wednesday Noon Service in  
Parish House. Soup will be served.

### Online:

Wednesday Evenings at 6:00pm via  
Zoom

Please register by scanning the QR Code!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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## COMING EVENTS

### **FEBRUARY**

- 8 ECW Meeting
- 10 Fr. Brian's Ordination to the Priesthood
- 11 Confirmation & Reception  
10am Service Only
- 12 Women's Bible Study
- 13 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Talent Show
- 14 Ash Wednesday
- 18 Coffee Hour  
Lenten Study
- 19 Office Closed
- 20 Alpha Starts
- 21 Lenten Study with Soup  
Online Lenten Study
- 22 Vestry Meeting
- 25 Coffee Hour  
Lenten Study
- 28 Lenten Study with Soup  
Online Lenten Study

### **MARCH**

- 3 8am Coffee Hour Breakfast  
10am Coffee Hour Potluck  
Lenten Study
- 6 Lenten Study with Soup  
Online Lenten Study
- 9 Grace Workshop Event
- 10 Coffee Hour  
Lenten Study
- 11 Women's Bible Study
- 13 Lenten Study with Soup  
Online Lenten Study
- 14 ECW Meeting
- 17 Coffee Hour  
Lenten Study
- 20 Lenten Study with Soup  
Online Lenten Study

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

First Reading:  
Isaiah 40:21-31  
Psalm 147:1-12, 21c  
Second Reading:  
1 Corinthians 9:16-23  
Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

## **COFFEE HOUR BREAKFASTS**

Join us for a delightful start to the month on February 4 for our Coffee Hour Breakfasts, which will be every first Sunday! At 8 am, relish a scrumptious breakfast, and at 10 am, indulge in a potluck brunch. Bring your favorite dish to share and enjoy the fellowship of our church family. There will be a special table for the preacher to discuss the sermon, providing a chance for those of us who want to ask questions and learn more. We look forward to seeing you there!

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## **THANK YOU**

Deacon Mary wants to thank Fr Frans and all of Grace Church for dedicating this Human Trafficking Prevention Month to bringing awareness to our church and wider community. As well as sponsoring and attending the events this month, through this church's generosity, we have been able to fund a "Restoration Box" which provides the cost of one year of trauma-focused therapy to a survivor of trafficking, like Ruby in the story in Grace to You. At the back of the church there are prayer cards that you can use as a reminder to pray for courage and healing of children like Ruby, for wisdom and perseverance of IJM staff and caregivers, and for a change of heart and repentance of perpetrators.

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## **EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN**

Ladies: mark your calendars and plan to attend the February meeting. ECW will meet Thursday, February 8, at 11:30 in the Parish House. Lunch will be potluck. There will be a report from the steering committee and a brief overview of plans for the coming months. ALL women of the Episcopal Church are members of ECW, so please plan to attend, invite a friend and enjoy this time of fellowship with other women of Grace.

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## **2024 ALTAR FLOWERS**

We still have flower openings for the year! Please consider contributing to this special ministry by giving flowers in memory of loved ones, in celebration of special events or simply in thanksgiving for God's blessings.



The cost for the 2 altar arrangements is \$65 and it is tax deductible. Please scan the QR Code to fill out the donation form.

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## IN THE COMING WEEK

**Sunday, January 28 - Office Closed**

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

9:00am: Annual Meeting - Coffee Hour, Parish House

9:45am: WonderKids, Wonder Room

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

11:15am: Coffee Hour, Parish House

**Monday, January 29**

12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

**Wednesday, January 31**

12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church

7:00pm: Worship Team Rehearsal, Church

**Friday, February 2 - Office Closed**

**Saturday, February 3 - Office Closed**

**Sunday, February 4 - Installation of New Vestry Members**

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

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## DO YOU FOLLOW OUR SOCIAL MEDIA?



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



YouTube: Grace Episcopal Church Ocala



Website: [www.graceocala.org](http://www.graceocala.org)

## BIRTHDAYS

### JANUARY

21 Christine Halsall

24 Carol Drouillard

Aaron Crawford

Heather James

Susan McCann

Robert Zubieta

25 Jeremiah Hetzel

26 Todd Craig

Anne Lang

27 Jonah Crawford

Cynthia Roberge

29 Jeff Shealy

Tonya Ashley

Cheryl Arnold

30 Jerry Jones

31 Paulette Johnson

### FEBRUARY

1 Joe Bryant

Cookie Zeuch

3 Robert Hart

Edward Agostini

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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 Rosemary Grooms or Catie Hourigan at 352-622-7881 or [rosemary@graceocala.org](mailto:rosemary@graceocala.org) [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: 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

### **Today's Servers**

**Usher:** Carman Smith

**Reader:** Peg Hamilton

**Chalice Minister:** Leslie Jones

**Prayer Team:** Deacon Susan Moorehead

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

**Flower Guild:** Carolyn Ayres, Lynda Peek, Lynn Nobles

**VPOD:** Leslie Jones

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

**Sunday 8:00am—Rite I**

**Sunday 10:00am—Rite II with music**

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

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