

Grace

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY | MARCH 29, 2026 | 8:00 AM SERVICE

“He saved others,” they said, “but he can’t save himself! He’s the king of Israel! Let him come down now from the cross, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, ‘I am the Son of God.’”

~ Matthew 27:42-43

Welcome to Grace Church

WELCOME!

Grace Church welcomes you on this special day: Palm Sunday. Today we celebrate what is called the Triumphal Entry: when Jesus humbly rode a donkey into the city of Jerusalem. The crowds greeted him waving palm branches and adorning him with praise, "Hosannah, save us! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." Indeed, Jesus saves us as we shout him out in our lives.

TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

Rite One Service | 8:00am
Coffee Hour | 9:00am | Parish House
Nursery | 9:00am | Nursery
WonderKids | 9:45am | Sunshine Room
StoryMakers | 9:45am | Wonder Room
Connect | 9:45am | Grace Hall
Palm Procession | 9:45am | Memorial Garden
Rite Two Service | 10:00am
Coffee Hour | 11:00am | Parish House

WHO ARE WE?

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

OUR BELIEF & PRACTICES

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

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

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THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Celebrant

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

MATTHEW 21:1-11

Deacon

When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

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LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The Liturgy of the Palms begins our service with the events of the Triumphal Entry.

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When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People

Hosanna in the highest.

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, of thy tender love towards

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

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mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same 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

ISAIAH 50:4-9A

Reader

The LORD God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

The LORD God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The LORD God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

It is the LORD God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

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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Reader
The Word of the Lord.

People
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

PSALM 31:9-16

Reader
The psalm for today is from Psalm 31, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; *
***my eye is consumed with sorrow,
and also my throat and my belly.***

For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
***my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.***

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my
neighbors, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
***they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.***

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. *
I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your hand; *
***rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.***

Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

THE PSALM

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

Reader

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

People

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

THE SECOND READING

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11

Reader

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death--

even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated

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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.

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Deacon

Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on

the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

please stand

Celebrant

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

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SERMON

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THE NICENE CREED

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.

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.

Celebrant

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

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

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

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

Please kneel as able

THE 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.

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...

CONFESSION

We recognize our sins before God as a church body, recognizing our humanity and our weekly, daily, momentary need for the Lord and the cleansing blood of Christ. You will notice after some months of confession and absolution that you start to feel clean throughout the week, as if you've been washed and renewed. The 16th-century reformers thought the proper way to approach God was via confession.

ABSOLUTION

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

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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.



COMMUNION

By taking Communion we obey the Lord's words to his disciples to remember his goodness to us and to proclaim that he is coming again. Jesus turns a simple earthy action - eating bread and drinking wine - into a magnificent celebration for his people. In Communion, Jesus is with us, and we are with each other. Sounds like a party!

THE PEACE

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY

The people are invited to offer their gifts to God.

Celebrant

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

Please stand

Celebrant

All things come of thee, O Lord.

People

Of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And with thy spirit.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks unto our Lord, God.

People

It is meet and right so to do.

Celebrant

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

The Celebrant offers a Preface, and concludes saying,

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

Celebrant and People

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

Please kneel as able

Celebrant

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

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

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

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee,

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the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

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

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most 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,

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Celebrant

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

People

Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant

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

People

Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant

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

People

Grant us thy peace.

THE 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.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

When you pray this prayer, the one Jesus taught his disciples, and that all Christians everywhere pray, reflect on the words, recognizing you are actually talking to your Heavenly Father. Pray it afresh, as if for the first time.

NO ALLELUIA'S

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

PRAYER TEAM

Praying with a friend or minister during Communion is a powerful way to experience the presence of Christ. Our clergy and prayer warriors invite you to ask for a breakthrough in your life. The Lord awaits the requests and prayers of his people.

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EUCHARIST INSTRUCTIONS

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

1. The ushers will dismiss each row, one at a time.
2. Walk up the center aisle.
3. When it is your turn to receive the Eucharist, kneel down or stand at the altar rail and extend your hands together, palm up. The priest will place a wafer into your hand.
4. The Chalice Minister will then come to you. You have two options; (1) drink from the chalice or (2) have your wafer intincted with wine. If you choose option 2, leave your wafer in hand so that Chalice Minister can place it back in the palm of your hand to consume. You may consume at the rail.
5. Return to your seat by the side aisle closest to you.

If you cannot come to the rail to receive notify an usher to have communion brought to you in the pew.

Celebrant

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

THE SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING COMMUNION

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

THE SILENT PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING COMMUNION

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

Please kneel as able

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant

Let us pray.

People

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and 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.

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THE BLESSING

Celebrant

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and The blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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THE BLESSING

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

THE DISMISSAL

As if we haven't gotten the message yet from the rest of the service, the Deacon urges us to take our love for God and each other into the rest of the world. This can only happen if we walk through the red doors in the power of the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord.

PERSONAL NOTES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2

7:00pm - Service with foot washing (*Nursery Provided*)

8:00pm - Overnight Vigil ending in Morning Prayer

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3

9:00am - Morning Prayer

12:00pm - Good Friday Service (*Nursery Provided*)

1:00pm -3:00pm Prayer and Meditation

6:00pm - Stations of the Cross

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5

6:30am - The Great Vigil

8:30am - Hot Cross Buns & Coffee Hour

9:00am - Easter Eucharist (*Nursery & Children's Church Provided*)

10:15am: Hot Cross Buns & Coffee Hour

11:00am: Easter Eucharist (*Nursery Provided*)

12:30pm: Hot Cross Buns & Coffee Hour



Easter Lily Dedications

It is time to order Easter Lilies! If you would like to sponsor the lilies on the altar or the wall decorations, please complete this form and place it in the offering plate, or bring or send it to the Church Office by March 30. Please include payment. The lilies are \$20 each.

Name: _____

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

Number of Lilies: _____ \$20 each

Total Paid: _____

Please make check out to Grace Episcopal Church and note "Easter Lilies" on the memo line.

Message (E.g., "In memory of...", "In honor of...")

Annual Church Picnic

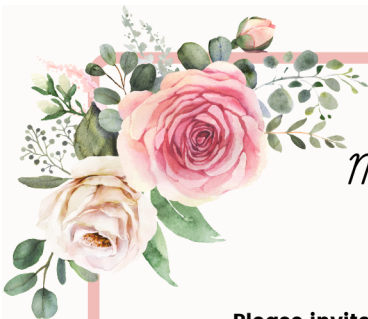
April 19, 2026

Join us at Coehadjoe Park for a spring picnic! We have rented pavilion 2! Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be provided, please bring a side dish to share. Enjoy a day of fun, food, and fellowship. All are welcome to participate. See you there!

Time: After the 10:00am Service

Place: Coehadjoe Park
4225 NE 35th St Ocala, FL 34479

Scan the QR Code to RSVP!



Please join us for

*Mother's Day Tea & Pop-up Shop**

Saturday, May 9, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Grace Parish House

Please invite your mother, grandmother, children, grandchildren, etc.!
Enjoy live music by Sharon Mai and Audrey Flechas

This Grace event, hosted by the ECW, has limited seating.
Please register by May 1 either by scanning the QR code or
by calling the church office at (352) 622-7881.

***Temporary retail shop curated with racks of new and gently loved spring,
summer clothing and accessories at thrift store prices!**

Proceeds benefit:
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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 6 Easter Monday: Office Closed
- 8 Noon Service
- 9 Vestry Meeting: 5pm
- 11 ECW Meeting 12pm
- 12 DOK Discernment: 12pm
- 15 Noon Service
Open Table
- 16 Vestry Meeting 5pm
- 19 Parish Picnic: 1pm
- 22 Noon Service
- 23 Vestry Meeting: 5:30pm
- 26 DOK Discernment: 12pm

MAY

- 3 DOK Discernment, DOK Business Meeting: 12pm
- 6 Noon Service
- 9 ECW Mother's Day Tea & Pop-Up Shop: 2-4pm
- 13 Noon Service

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

04/05/26

Nursery:
Ligia Acosta & Alizon Morales

Combined Classes:
Catie Hourigan & Mollie Miranda

Next Week's Bible Readings

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2,14-24
Colossians 3:1-4
John 20:1-18

EASTER BAPTISMS

Baptism is scheduled for Easter Sunday, April 5. If you would like to be baptized or have children to be baptized, please contact the church office at (352) 622-7881 or email Meagan at meagan@graceocala.org so we can schedule your Baptism Prep Class.

FLOWERING THE CROSS

On Easter morning we will be "Flowering the Cross" on the front steps of the Church. Everyone is encouraged to bring a flower to place on the cross.

LUNCH AND LEARN

All Grace ladies are invited to "Lunch and Learn" on Saturday, April 11 at 12pm in the Parish Hall hosted by the Episcopal Church Women (ECW).

- LUNCH served with delicious soups, sandwiches and desserts, all homemade by Grace ECW members
- PRAY together with a heartfelt devotion for our ministries.
- LEARN how "Arts in Health Ocala/Marion" helps healing through the Arts from guest speaker Patricia Tomlinson
- LEARN how "Arnette House" helps youth through counseling and group homes from guest speakers Morgan Nebel and Shannon Bailey.
- EVENT UPDATES on both the May 9 Mother's Day Tea and Nov 6-7 Holiday Bazaar
- JOIN a "Circle" of Gracers to create Holiday Bazaar gift items full of frequent fun & fellowship!
- LEARN more about ECW's mission, empowering women to do Christ's ministry.

RSVP to Lynn at 352-895-5887

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

IN THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, March 29 - Palm Sunday - 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: Palm Sunday Procession, Church Steps
- 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
- 12:00pm: DOK Discernment, Grace Hall

Monday, March 30

- 12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, March 31

- 12:00pm: Bible Study, Zoom

Wednesday, April 1

- 12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church

Thursday, April 2 - Maundy Thursday

- 6:30pm: Nursery (0-3), Nursery
- 7:00pm: Maundy Thursday Service, Church, Livestream
- 8:00pm: Overnight Vigil, Church, Livestream

Friday, April 3 - Good Friday - Office Closed

- 9:00am: Morning Prayer, Church
- 11:30am: Nursery (0-3), Nursery
- 12:00pm: Good Friday Service, Church, Livestream
- 1:00pm-3:00pm: Prayer & Meditation, Church
- 6:00pm: Stations of the Cross, Church

Saturday, April 4 - Office Closed

Sunday, April 5 - Easter Sunday - Office Closed

- 6:30am: The Great Vigil, Church, Livestream
- 8:30am: Hot Cross Buns & Coffee Hour, Parish House
- 8:30am: Nursery (0-3), Nursery
- 8:45am: Wonder Kids (4-6), Sunshine Room
- 8:45am: StoryMakers (7-9), Wonder Room
- 9:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, Livestream
- 10:00am: Hot Cross Buns & Coffee Hour, Parish House
- 10:30am: Nursery (0-3), Nursery
- 11:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, Livestream
- 12:00pm: Hot Cross Buns & Coffee Hour, Parish House

BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

- 2 Joan Wempe
Marian Guerrero
- 3 Jackson Owen
- 4 Sherri White
- 6 Anna Clements
- 7 Mary Baines
Lisa McGowan
- 8 Scott Wright
- 9 Fay Owings
- 10 Donna Schafer
Gretchen Vander Kamp
- 11 Emma Rose
- 12 Chip Merchant
- 13 James Taylor
- 14 Romell Gordon
Erin van Santen
- 15 Fr. Frans van Santen

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.

If you would like to meet with Fr. Frans or Fr. Josh please contact Meagan Thompson at 352-622-7881 or meagan@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: Rector

The Rev. Josh Reed: Associate Rector

The Rev. Carlos Cabrera: Deacon

The Rev. Susan Moorehead: Deacon

Adam Pryor: Worship Coordinator

Catie Hourigan: Children's Ministry Coordinator

VESTRY

Sanjit Nirmalanandhan - Senior Warden/Treasurer Michael Owen - Junior Warden

Cheryl Arnold Michael Ashley Chandler Sandy Todd Craig Kristin Dean

John Dozier Amy Robertson Leslie Jones

Today's Servers

Usher: Sherri White

Reader: Elizabeth Grant

Chalice Minister: Leslie Jones

Prayer Team: Wade White

Altar Guild: Pae Barberie, Marilyn Corsiglia, Tammy Flanigan, Lynn Nobles, Amy Robertson

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

VPOD: John Dozier

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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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00am to 3:30pm, Closed on Friday

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