

# Grace

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT | MARCH 15, 2026 | 8:00 AM SERVICE

*"But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not consider his appearance or his height... People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.'"*  
~1 Samuel 16:7

# Welcome to Grace Church

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## WELCOME!

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

## TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

Rite One Service | 8:00am  
Coffee Hour | 9:00am | Parish House  
Nursery | 9:00am | Nursery  
New Testament Bible Study | 9:15am | Grace Hall  
WonderKids | 9:45am | Sunshine Room  
StoryMakers | 9:45am | Wonder Room  
Connect | 9:45am | Grace Hall  
Rite Two Service | 10:00am  
Coffee Hour | 11:00am | 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 WORD

## SILENT PROCESSION

*Please stand*

## THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant

Bless the Lord who forgiveth all our sins.

**People**

*His mercy endureth for ever.*

*Please kneel as able*

## THE DECALOGUE

Celebrant

God spake these words, and said: I am the Lord thy God who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have none other gods but me.

**People**

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Celebrant

Thou shalt not make to thyself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down to them, nor worship them.

**People**

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Celebrant

Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.

**People**

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

Celebrant

Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath day.

**People**

*Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.*

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### SILENT PROCESSION

Today, we observe a silent procession, creating space to gather our hearts before God, as we enter a time of solitude.

### THE WORD OF GOD

You are invited to voluntarily make the sign of the cross on your body - to cross yourself - as a means to tell God again, and remind yourself, that you belong to him. You can do this at any time it seems meaningful to you. Often we sign ourselves when the names of the Trinity are used, in reference to the resurrection of the dead, and when saying "blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

### THE DECALOGUE

As you hear each commandment one by one, ask for God's forgiveness for your disobedience, and lean on him for his mercy. Recognize that these Ten Commandments also represent God's desires for us more broadly.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## LITURGICAL GUIDE

Celebrant

Honor thy father and thy mother.

**People**

***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Celebrant

Thou shalt do no murder.

**People**

***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Celebrant

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

**People**

***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Celebrant

Thou shalt not steal.

**People**

***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Celebrant

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

**People**

***Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.***

Celebrant

Thou shalt not covet.

**People**

***Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.***

Celebrant

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

**People**

***Almighty and most merciful father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.***

***But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.***

Celebrant

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Please stand*

## THE TRISAGION

***Celebrant and People***

***Holy God, Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.***

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Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.***

***Holy God, Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.***

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### 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.

### THE TRISAGION

This hymn was sung in the early Church. It recognizes the utter, awesome, incomprehensible holiness of God.

# 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.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

**People**

***And with thy spirit.***

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## THE FIRST READING

## 1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

Reader

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made

Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

*Thanks be to God.*

## THE PSALM

## PSALM 23

Reader

The psalm for today is Psalm 23, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
*I shall not be in want.*

He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
*and leads me beside still waters.*

He revives my soul \*  
*and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.*

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
*for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
*you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.*

## 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.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,\*

*and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.*

Reader

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

**People**

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

## THE SECOND READING

## EPHESIANS 5:8-14

Reader

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!  
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

*Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand*

## THE GOSPEL

## JOHN 9:1-41

Deacon

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

**People**

*Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Deacon

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

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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 LITURGY OF THE WORD

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So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**

***Praise to thee, O Christ.***

## 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.*

**SERMON**

**FR. FRANS VAN SANTEN**

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## 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;*

*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.*

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### 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.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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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.*



Reader

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

### 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.***

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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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."

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### COMMUNION

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

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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, 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 LITURGY OF THE TABLE

## 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.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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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.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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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.**

## SILENT RECESSION

## THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### THE BLESSING

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

### THE 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 & EVENTS

## *Spires in the Sun Author Presentation*

**MARCH 15, 2026  
AT 2:00 P.M.  
GREEN CLOVER HALL  
319 SE 26<sup>th</sup> TERRACE  
OCALA, FL 34471  
MEMBERS - FREE  
NON-MEMBER TICKETS - \$5 cash**

Please join member Marylin Corsiglia at the Marion County Museum of History and Archeology to hear Jonathan Rich discuss his book *\*Spires in the Sun: The Carpenter Gothic Episcopal Churches of Florida\** and learn about Florida's historic Episcopal churches. Reception to follow!

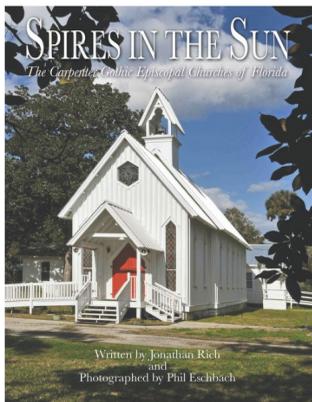


\*Please Note the Author Talk at Coffee Hour has been cancelled all are urged to attend the talk at the Museum!

## *Spires in the Sun Central FL Church Tour*

**MARCH 16, 2026  
MEET AT 10:00 A.M.  
ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH,  
LEESBURG TICKETS - \$35**

Your ticket includes author-led visits to two churches featured in the book: **St. James Episcopal Church, Leesburg & Holy Trinity Episcopal Church, Fruitland Park** PLUS a complimentary copy of the award-winning book *Spires in the Sun: The Carpenter Gothic Episcopal Churches of Florida*



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS, GO TO OUR WEBSITE  
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS & 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...")

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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## COMING EVENTS

### **MARCH**

- 25 Noon Service  
Open Table: 6pm
- 26 Vestry Meeting: 5:30pm
- 28 Parish Quiet Day: 9am  
Palm Cross Workshop: 1pm

### **APRIL**

- 1 Noon Service  
Open Table: 6pm
- 2 Maundy Thursday  
Overnight Vigil
- 3 Morning Prayer  
Good Friday Service  
Prayer and Meditation  
Stations of the Cross
- 5 The Great Vigil, Hot Cross  
Buns & Coffee, Easter  
Services 9am & 11am
- 6 Easter Monday: Office  
Closed
- 8 Noon Service
- 9 Vestry Meeting: 5pm
- 12 DOK Discernment: 12pm
- 15 Noon Service  
Open Table
- 16 Vestry Meeting 5pm
- 19 DOK Discernment: 12pm  
Parish Picnic: 1pm

### **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

**03/22/26**

Nursery:  
Ligia Acosta & Sharon Romano

WonderKids:  
Erin van Santen, Volunteer  
Needed

Storymakers:  
Catie Hourigan & Geralyn  
Murphy

Connect:  
Clare Redrick, Volunteer  
Needed

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

Isaiah 43:16-21  
Psalm 126  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
John 12:1-8

## **FR. NIGEL'S BOOK SALE**

Fr. Nigel's books have finally arrived! If you would like to purchase one or more, there will be a table set-up at both Coffee Hour's this week. You can pay with cash, card, or check (made out to Oratory Press).

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## **PARISH QUIET DAY**

Quiet time alone with God is necessary if we want to hear His voice. This day is an opportunity to take time to open yourself to God as we prepare to enter Holy Week and to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior. Please gather in the church at 9:00am Saturday, March 28, before we begin the retreat of silence. We will then go off to places of individual contemplation and reconvene in the church at 11:30am.

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## **EASTER BAPTISMS**

Baptism is scheduled for Easter Sunday, April 20. 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.

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## **PALM CROSS WORKSHOP**

Saturday, March 28 we will have our Palm Cross Workshop, where women in the congregation come together to make the Palm Crosses we wear on Palm Sunday. The workshop will be in Parish House at 1:00pm.

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## IN THE COMING WEEK

**Sunday, March 15 - Office Closed**

- 8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream
- 9:00am: Coffee Hour, Parish House
- 9:00am: Nursery (0-3), Nursery
- 9:15am: New Testament Bible Study, Grace Hall
- 9:45am: Wonder Kids (4-6), Sunshine Room
- 9:45am: StoryMakers (7-9), Wonder Room
- 9:45am: Connect (10-13), Grace Hall
- 10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, Livestream
- 11:00am: Coffee Hour, Parish House
- 12:00pm: DOK Discernment, Grace Hall

**Monday, March 16**

- 12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

**Tuesday, March 17**

- 12:00pm: Bible Study, Zoom

**Wednesday, March 18**

- 12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church
- 1:00pm: Lenten Soup and Study, Grace Hall
- 6:00pm: Open Table, Parish House

**Thursday, March 19**

**Friday, March 20 - Office Closed**

**Saturday, March 21 - Office Closed**

**Sunday, March 22 - Office Closed**

- 8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream
- 9:00am: Coffee Hour, Parish House
- 9:00am: Nursery (0-3), Nursery
- 9:15am: New Testament Bible Study, Grace Hall
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## BIRTHDAYS

### MARCH

- 15 Gretchen Springer
- 16 Dianna Labeur
- 17 Don Feldman
- 18 Marilyn Brady
- 19 Ellis Nobles
- 22 Louise Rolle  
Bob Harris
- 23 Steven Miller
- 24 Peg Hamilton  
Susie Hetzel
- 25 Chris Melvin  
Marv Brickey
- 28 Lori Craig  
Cori Penuel
- 30 Mary Baggs
- 31 Donna Sloan

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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 Meagan Thompson at 352-622-7881 or [meagan@graceocala.org](mailto:meagan@graceocala.org)

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If you would like to meet or talk to our Children's Minister, Catie Hourigan, you can contact the church office at 352-622-7881; or by email at [catie@graceocala.org](mailto:catie@graceocala.org)

-- Grace Church Leadership -

**HEAD**

Jesus Christ

**BISHOP**

The Right Rev. Dr. Justin S. Holcomb

**WORSHIP TEAM**

The Rev. Frans van Santen: Rector  
The Rev. 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:** Sheryl White

**Reader:** Cookie Zeuch

**Chalice Minister:** Leslie Jones

**Prayer Team:** Deacon Susan Moorehead

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

**Flower Guild:** Carolyn Ayres, Lynda Peek, Lynn Nobles, Heather Hetzel,  
Molly Hetzel, Erin van Santen, Estella van Santen

**VPOD:** Amy Robertson

**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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