

Grace

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE GREAT VIGIL | APRIL 5, 2026 | 6:30 AM SERVICE

“Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.”

-John 20:15-18

Welcome to Grace Church

WELCOME!

Welcome to The Great Vigil Service. This is the first Service of Easter Day. The service begins in darkness, and consists of four parts: The Service of Light (kindling of new fire, lighting the Paschal candle, the Exsultet); The Service of Lessons (readings from the Old Testament interspersed with psalms, canticles, and prayers); Christian Initiation: the Renewal of Baptismal Vows; and the Eucharist. Through this liturgy, we participate in the ancient practice of keeping the Easter feast.

TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

The Great Vigil | 6:30am
Hot Cross Buns | 8:30am | Parish House
Nursery | 8:30am | Nursery
WonderKids | 8:30am | Sunshine Room
StoryMakers | 8:30am | StoryMakers Room
Easter Contemporary Service with Baptisms | 9:00am
Hot Cross Buns | 10:30am | Parish House
Nursery | 10:30am | Nursery
Easter Contemporary Service | 11:00am
Hot Cross Buns | 12:30pm | Parish House

WHO ARE WE?

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

OUR BELIEF & PRACTICES

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

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Celebrant

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Deacon leads the procession of the Paschal Candle, symbolizing the "Light of Christ," pausing three times and chanting...

Deacon

The Light of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

Deacon

Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout Salvation for the victory of our mighty King.

Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor, for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.

All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God the Almighty for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light; through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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At the opening of the Easter Vigil a "new fire" is lit and blessed. This represents the light of Christ coming into the world. As the light dispels the darkness, we can see how Christ's new life dispels death.

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Deacon

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Deacon

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Deacon

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us, that to redeem a slave, you gave a Son.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and man is reconciled to God.

Holy Father, accept our evening sacrifice, the offering of this candle in your honor. May it shine continually to drive away all darkness. May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever

burning- he who gives his light to all creation, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

Please be seated

THE STORY OF CREATION

THE LESSON

GENESIS 1:1–2:4A

Reader

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

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

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And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights - the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night - and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every

beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 136:1-9, 23-26

Reader

The response for this reading is Psalm 136, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

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

Give thanks to the God of gods, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

Give thanks to the LORD of lords, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

Who only does great wonders, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

Who by wisdom made the heavens, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

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Who spread out the earth upon the waters, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

Who created great lights, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

The sun to rule the day, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

The moon and the stars to govern the night, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

Who remembered us in our low estate, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

And delivered us from our enemies, *
for his mercy endures for ever;

Who gives food to all creatures, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

Give thanks to the God of heaven, *
for his mercy endures for ever.

Reader

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

People

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

Celebrant

Let us pray.

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

ISRAEL'S DELIVERENCE AT THE RED SEA

THE LESSON

EXODUS 14:10-31, 15:20-21

Reader

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers."

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the

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morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them:

"Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

CANTICLE 8

Reader

The response for this reading is Canticle 8, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

I will sing to the LORD, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.

The LORD is my strength and my refuge; *
the LORD has become my Savior.

This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.

The LORD is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.

The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been drowned in the Red Sea.

The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.

Your right hand, O LORD, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O LORD, has overthrown the enemy.

Who can be compared with you, O LORD, among the gods? *
Who is like you, glorious in holiness, awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?

You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.

With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to your holy dwelling.

You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,

The resting-place you have made for yourself, O LORD *
the sanctuary. O LORD, that your hand has established.

The LORD shall reign*
For ever and ever.

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Reader

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

People

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

Celebrant

Let us pray.

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A NEW HEART AND A NEW SPIRIT

THE LESSON

EZEKIEL 36:24-28

Reader

Say to the house of Israel, Thus says the LORD God: I will take you from the nations, and gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Reader

The response for this reading are Psalms 42 and 43, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

As the deer longs for the water-brooks, *
so longs my soul for you, O God.

My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; *
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my food day and night, *
while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"

I pour out my soul when I think on these things: *
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,

With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, *
among those who keep holy-day.

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?

Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

My soul is heavy within me; *
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.

One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; *
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.

The LORD grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; *
in the night season his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

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I will say to the God of my strength, "Why have you forgotten me? *
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?"

While my bones are being broken, *
my enemies mock me to my face;

All day long they mock me *
and say to me, "Where now is your God?"

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?

Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Give judgment for me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people; *
deliver me from the deceitful and the wicked.

For you are the God of my strength; why have you put me from you? *
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, *
and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling;

That I may go to the altar of God, to the God of my joy and gladness; *
and on the harp I will give thanks to you, O God my God.

Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? *
and why are you so disquieted within me?

Put your trust in God; *
for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Reader

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

People

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

Celebrant

Let us pray.

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

THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES

THE LESSON

EZEKIEL 37: 1-14

Reader

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O LORD God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the LORD God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the LORD God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

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Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the LORD God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 143

Reader

The response for this reading is Psalm 143, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

LORD, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; *

answer me in your righteousness.

Enter not into judgment with your servant, *

for in your sight shall no one living be justified.

For my enemy has sought my life; he has crushed me to the ground; *

he has made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.

My spirit faints within me; *

my heart within me is desolate.

I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds; *

I consider the works of your hands.

I spread out my hands to you; *
my soul gasps to you like a thirsty land.

O LORD, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me; *
do not hide your face from me or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.

Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in you; *
show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.

Deliver me from my enemies, O LORD, *
for I flee to you for refuge.

Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God; *
let your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

Revive me, O LORD, for your Name's sake; *
for your righteousness' sake, bring me out of trouble.

Of your goodness, destroy my enemies and bring all my foes to naught, *
for truly I am your servant.

Reader

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

People

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

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended,

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THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISM VOWS

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows highlights the Easter theme of death and rebirth with Christ by baptism. Since the Lenten observance has ended, you are now invited to renew the solemn promises and vows of baptism. As such, it is a renewal of your commitment to Jesus Christ.

to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

Please stand

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Celebrant

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People

I do.

Celebrant

Do you believe in God the Father?

People

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

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People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The candles at the altar are now lit from the Paschal Candle

Celebrant

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Please join in the ringing of the bells!

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!
unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated and blow out your candles

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

ACTS 10:34-43

LITURGICAL GUIDE

Reader

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

Reader

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

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

Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

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

THE FIRST READING

The First Reading is always an Old Testament passage. The OT forms a foundation for the New Testament and gives us many examples how God has led his people, displaying his essence and character.

THE PSALM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Reader

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GRADUAL HYMN

ALLELUIA, SING TO JESUS

HYMN 460

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone;
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by His blood.

Alleluia! bread of Heaven, thou on Earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of Sinners, Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

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

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THE GOSPEL

JOHN 20:1-18

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.

Deacon

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

People

Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Deacon

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

FR. FRANS VAN SANTEN

Please kneel as able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Reader

For all the people in their daily life and work;

People

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

Reader

For this community, the nation, and the world;

People

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

Reader

For the just and proper use of your creation;

People

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

Reader

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

People

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

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THE SERMON

God's Word is living and active, and cuts to the heart. That's why we read it, proclaim it, listen to it, meditate upon it, and take the time to make it understood.

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 WORD

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Reader

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People

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

Reader

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

People

For all who serve God in his Church.

Reader

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

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

You may add your own petitions

Reader

Hear us, Lord;

People

For your mercy is great.

Reader

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

You may add your own thanksgivings

Reader

We will exalt you, O God our King;

People

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Reader

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

You may add your own petitions

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People

Who put their trust in you.

THE PEACE

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Celebrant

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

HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE

ARR. VICTOR JOHNSON

Hail the day that sees Him rise, Alleluia!
To His throne above the skies! Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!

There for Him high triumph waits; Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
He hath conquered death and sin; Alleluia!
Take the King of Glory in! Alleluia!

Lo! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!
Yet He loves the Earth He leaves; Alleluia!
Thou returning to His throne, still, He calls mankind His own,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

See! He lifts His hands above; Alleluia!
See! He shows the prints of love; Alleluia!

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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.



THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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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!

**Hark! His gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!
Blessings on His Church below. Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE DOXOLOGY

HYMN 380, VERSE 3

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

People

We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

The Celebrant offers a Preface, and concludes saying,

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name;

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

Celebrant

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

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

People

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

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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Celebrant

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

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

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

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

Celebrant

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant

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

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

CORPORATE SONGS DURING COMMUNION

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! GIVE THANKS TO THE RISEN LORD

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.

Refrain

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.

Refrain

We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live for ever.

Refrain

Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour.

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

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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.

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In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

HE IS RISEN, HE IS RISEN

HYMN 180

He is risen, He is risen!
Tell it out with joyful voice:
He has burst His three days' prison;
Let the whole wide Earth rejoice:
Death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.

Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,
With glad smile and radiant brow!
Death's long shadows have departed;

Jesus' woes are over now,
And the passion that He bore -
Sin and pain can vex no more.

Come, with high and holy hymning,
Hail our Lord's triumphant day;
Not one darksome cloud is dimming
Yonder glorious morning ray,
Breaking o'er the purple east,
Symbol of our Easter feast.

He is risen, He is risen!
He hath opened heaven's gate:
We are free from sin's dark prison,
Risen to a holier state;
And a brighter Easter beam
On our longing eyes shall stream.

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

HYMN 473

Refrain:

Lift High the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred Name.

Led on their way
by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God
in conquering ranks combine.

Refrain

Each newborn servant
of the Crucified
bears on the brow
the seal of him who died.

Refrain

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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O Lord, once lifted
on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised,
draw the world to thee.

Refrain

So shall our song
of triumph ever be:
praise to the Crucified
for victory.

Refrain

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant

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

RECESSIONAL

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

HYMN 400

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,

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.

Pale silver moon that gently gleams,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
You clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

All you with mercy in your heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing now: Alleluia!
All you that pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God, and cast on him your care:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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!

POSTLUDE

**TRUMPET TUNE
EASTER FANFARE**

**HENRY PURCELL
JAMES MELBY**

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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Easter Lily Dedications

The Ayres Family

In Loving Memory of Ben Ayres

In Loving Memory of Wilma & Leslie Douglas

In Loving Memory of Thelma & Caesar Benincasa

In Loving Memory of Michael Booker

Jaye & Russell Baillie

In Memory of Fred & Margaret Sterchi

John and Noreen Baker

In Honor of our friend Gail Watson

Tom and Beth Coleman

In Memory of Harry Iler, Jr.

In Memory of Bill & Dot Coleman

Mary Garrepy

In Thankfulness for a loving family

Sharon Guenther & Debra Germann

In Memory of Bob, Penny, Charles and Iola

Jim, Jeanne & Juliana Henningsen

In Memory of George & Jeanne Chapman

In Memory of Harald Henningsen

In Honor of Janet Henningsen

The Annette Holland Family

In Memory of Frank Holland loving husband, father, grandfather, hero



Easter Lily Dedications

Don Hooper

In Thanksgiving for my Grace family for their prayers and visits and contributions during my extended hospitalism and recovery. Love you.

In Loving Memory of Barbarba Hooper (wife)

In Loving Memory of Virginia Watts (mother)

Karl & Lane Hop

In Memory of the Hop family

In Memory of the Bruce family

Lisa McGowan

In Loving Memory of her husband Thomas McGowan

Tom & Lynda Peek

In Memory of our parents, Gene & Buggie, Si & Ginger, our brother & sister, Albert & Barbara

Marilyn Sibons

In Thanksgiving for my wonderful Savior

Larry Davis & Joan Wempe

In Honor of our children and grandchildren

In Honor of Grace Church and our Worship team

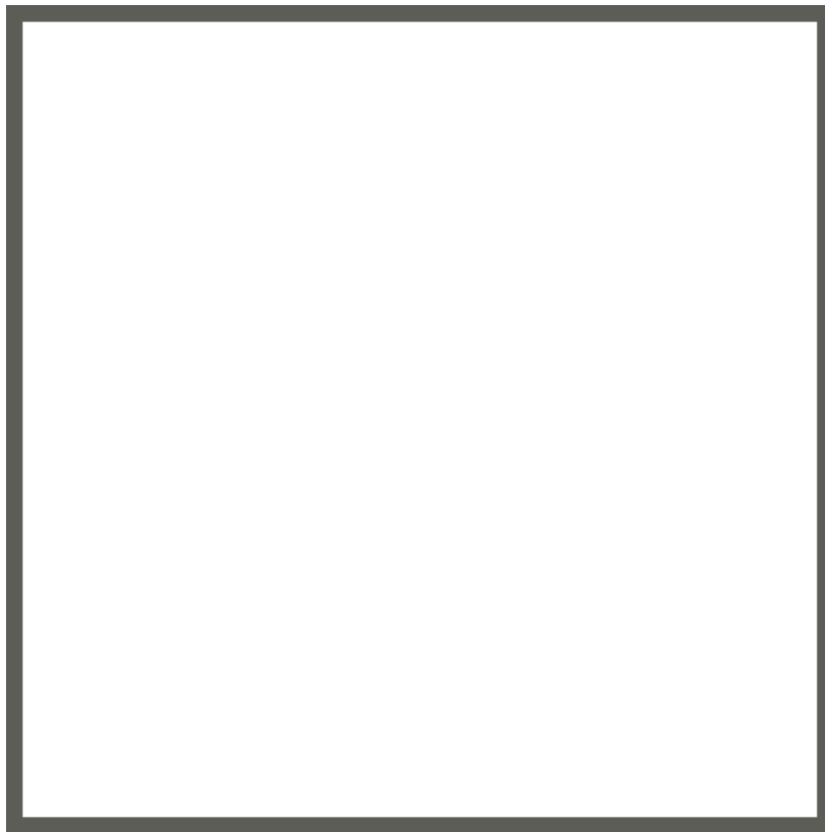
In Honor of all our friends at Grace Church

In Memory of our parents and sisters now with the Lord

In Honor of our extended family and friends

EASTER PRAYER REQUESTS

Please use this sticky note to write down your prayer requests and place them in the offering plate as it passes. We will be praying with you throughout the week. Happy Easter!



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:



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

APRIL

- 6 Easter Monday: Office Closed
- 8 Noon Service
- 11 ECW Meeting 12pm
- 12 DOK Discernment: 12pm
- 15 Noon Service
- 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 04/12/26

Nursery:
Ligia Acosta & Sharon Romano

WonderKids:
Mollie Miranda, Alizon Morales

Storymakers:
Catie Hourigan

Connect:
Mariah & Kaleb Williams

Next Week's Bible Readings

Acts 2:14a,22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

OFFICE CLOSED

The Church office will be closed on Monday, April 6 and reopen on Tuesday, April 7.

THANK YOU!

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

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

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, 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

Monday, April 6 - Office Closed

- 12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, April 7

- 12:00pm: Gospel Bible Study, Zoom

Wednesday, April 8

- 12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church

Thursday, April 9

Friday, April 10 - Office Closed

Saturday, April 11 - Office Closed

- 12:00PM: ECW Lunch & Learn, Parish House

Sunday, April 12 - 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

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, Fr. Josh or Fr. Carlos 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 -

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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

MUSICIANS

Adam Pryor Sharon Mai Jessica Mongerio David Frudenburg
Cheryl Arnold Audrey Flechas Kirsten Clauss

SERVERS

Ushers: Paul Corrad, Greg Harrell, Elizabeth Grant
Vigil Readers: Greg Harrell, Adam Pryor, Catie Hourigan, Tammy Flanagan
Reader, First Reading/Psalm: Elizabeth Grant
Reader, Second Reading/PoP: Greg Harrell
Acolytes: Michael Ashley, Barbara Resotko, Gail van Deusen
Chalice Minister: Stephanie Harrell
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: Chandler Sandy

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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