



Grace

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT | MARCH 15, 2026 | 10:00 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

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 forgives all our sins.

People

His mercy endures for ever.

Please kneel as able

THE DECALOGUE

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

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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.

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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.

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

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 CONFESSION

Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Please stand

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE TRISAGION

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy, Have mercy on us.

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy, Have mercy on us.

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy, Have mercy on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you 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

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THE TRISAGION

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

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.

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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.

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THE PSALM

PSALM 23

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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.

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

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.

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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

GRADUAL HYMN

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT HYMN 490

I want to walk as a child of the light;
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world;
The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain:

In him there is no darkness at all;
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God;
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God;
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,
And show me the way to the Father.

Refrain

I'm looking for the coming of Christ;
I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus.

Refrain

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 9:1-41

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Deacon

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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

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.

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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.”

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 you, Lord Christ.

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SERMON

FR. FRANS VAN SANTEN

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THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant

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

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please kneel or be seated as able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader

After each bidding, please offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Reader

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop Justin; for this gathering, and those worshipping at home; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

THE SERMON

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

THE NICENE CREED

If you are looking to unite around one set of beliefs for the Christian life, this would be it. It is broad enough to capture the essentials of our faith and narrow enough to be a definitive statement of biblical truth.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We pray these established prayers to ensure that we cover important aspects of our lives and the world with corporate prayer. Listen to each prayer carefully, saying the words silently, so that your spoken Amen will ring true in your heart and be added to the prayers of the saints.

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offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Reader

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Reader

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Reader

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, and a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Reader

I ask your prayers for the departed.
Pray for those who have died.

offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Reader

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Reader

Amen.

After the Prayers, please stand when instructed by the Celebrant

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THE PEACE

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Please be seated

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

Celebrant

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

PSALM 23 (SURELY GOODNESS)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In green pastures He makes me lie down.
He restores my soul and leads me on
For His name, for His great name.

Refrain:

Surely goodness, surely mercy
Right beside me all my days.
And I will dwell in Your house forever
And bless Your holy name.

You prepare a table right before me
In the presence of my enemies.
Though the arrow flies and the terror of night
Is at my door, I'll trust You, Lord.

Refrain

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.*



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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!

And even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death I will fear no evil.
And even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death You are on my side, oh.

Refrain

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:

SANCTUS

SPOKEN

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

Please kneel as able

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

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

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. ***Amen.***

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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.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

People and Celebrant

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant

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

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CORPORATE SONGS DURING COMMUNION

OPEN OUR EYES

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Savior,
And life more abundant and free!

Refrain:

Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
Look full in His wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
In the light of His glory and grace.

Thro' death into life everlasting,
He passed, and we follow Him there;
O'er us sin no more hath dominion--
For more than conquerors we are!

Refrain

His Word shall not fail you--He promised;
Believe Him, and all will be well:
Then go to a world that is dying,
His perfect salvation to tell!

Refrain

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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.*

BE THOU MY VISION

HYMN 488

Be Thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart.
Naught be all else to me
Save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought
By day or by night,
Waking or sleeping,
Thy presence, my light.

Be Thou my wisdom;
Be Thou my true Word.
I ever with Thee
And Thou with me, Lord!
Thou my great Father
I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling
And I with Thee one.

High King of heaven
When vict'ry is won,
May I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart,
Whatever befall,
Still be my vision,
O Ruler of all.

WE WALK BY FAITH

HYMN 209

We walk by faith, and not by sight;
no gracious words we hear
from one who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod,
yet in his promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found:

That when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are
in full and endless sight.

Please kneel as able

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

People

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

THE BLESSING

Celebrant

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.**

Please stand

RECESSIONAL

I SAW THE LIGHT

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin,
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in;
Then, Jesus came like a stranger in the night.
Praise the Lord! I saw the light!

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 LITURGY OF THE TABLE

LITURGICAL GUIDE

Refrain:

I saw the light, I saw the light.
No more in darkness, no more in night;
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight.
Praise the Lord! I saw the light!

Just like a blind man, I wandered along.
Worries and fears I claimed for my own.
Then, like the blind man that God gave back his sight,
Praise the Lord! I saw the light!

Refrain

I was a fool to wander and stray,
Straight is the gate and narrow the way.
Now I have traded the wrong for the right.
Praise the Lord! I saw the light!

Refrain

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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.

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...")

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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

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).

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.

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.

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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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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
- 9:45am: Wonder Kids (4-6), Sunshine Room
- 9:45am: StoryMakers (7-9), Wonder Room
- 9:45am: Connect (10-13), 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

If you would like to make a prayer request for either the weekly prayer list or the DOK private prayer list please email Deacon Susan at prayers@graceocala.org. And include which list you are requesting.

If you would like to meet with Fr. Frans or Fr. Brian please contact Meagan Thompson at 352-622-7881 or meagan@graceocala.org

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

- Grace Church Leadership -

HEAD

Jesus Christ

BISHOP

The Right Rev. Dr. Justin S. Holcomb

WORSHIP TEAM

The Rev. Frans van Santen: Rector
The Rev. Josh Reed: Associate Rector
The Rev. Carlos Cabrera: Deacon
The Rev. Susan Moorehead: Deacon
Adam Pryor: Worship Coordinator
Catie Hourigan: Children's Ministry Coordinator

VESTRY

Sanjit Nirmalanandhan - Senior Warden/Treasurer Michael Owen - Junior Warden
Cheryl Arnold Michael Ashley Chandler Sandy Todd Craig Kristin Dean
John Dozier Amy Robertson Leslie Jones

MUSICIANS

Adam Pryor Sharon Mai Jessica Mongerio Jason Bartosic
Cheryl Arnold Audrey Flechas Kirsten Clauss

Today's Servers

Ushers: Darlene Trowbridge, Frank Blasucci
Reader, First Reading/Psalm: Dave Rubin
Reader, Second Reading/PoP: Don Hooper
Acolytes: Gail van Deusen, Barbarajean Garcia, Klara Suarez
Chalice Minister: Vivian Barone
Prayer Team: Geralyn Murphy
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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery: Ligia Acosta, Sharon Romano
Wonderkids: Mollie Miranda, Alizon Morales
Storymakers: Catie Hourigan, Julie Kesselring
Connect: Mariah & Kaleb Williams

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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