



Grace

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | APRIL 26, 2026 | 10:00 AM SERVICE

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-John 10:7-10

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

"How To Avoid Getting Scammed" | 9:15am | Parish House

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

"How To Avoid Getting Scammed" | Coffee Hour | Parish House

DOK Discernment | 12:00pm | Grace Hall

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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PRELUDE

Please stand

PROCESSIONAL

GATHER US IN

Here in this place, new light is streaming;
Now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
Brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in, the lost and forsaken-
Gather us in, the blind and the lame-
Call to us now and we shall awaken-
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a mystery;
We are the old, who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of history,
Called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in, the rich and the haughty-
Gather us in, the proud and the strong-
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly-
Give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water;
Here we will take the bread of new birth;
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters;
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion,
Give us to eat the bread that is you,
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

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PROCESSION

We start our services with a procession of ministers and servers who have chosen to serve God and his people in their act of corporate worship. The procession is led by the cross, reminding those serving and those worshipping that our lives have been set apart by the sacrifice of Christ, on our behalf, for the glory of God.

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Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining-
Now is the kingdom, now is the day.

Gather us in and hold us forever-
Gather us in and make us your own-
Gather us in, all peoples together-
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones.
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones.

Celebrant

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

COLLECT OF PURITY

Celebrant

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

Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

GLORIA

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Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand
of the Father:

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receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please Be Seated

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 2:42-47

Reader

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the LORD added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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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 usually 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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THE PSALM

PSALM 23

THE PSALM

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

Reader

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

1 PETER 2:19-25

Reader

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

GRADUAL HYMN

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

HYMN 707

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

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GOSPEL READING

Jesus is the Word of God made flesh, who made his dwelling among us. Reading his spoken words from the center of the congregation proclaims that grace and truth come through Jesus Christ.

When we make a little cross on our head, mouth and chest we are reminding ourselves that Jesus' gospel reforms our thinking, cleanses our speech and conforms our hearts to his truth and love.

**Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.**

THE GOSPEL

JOHN 10:1-10

Deacon

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

People

Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Deacon

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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SERMON

FR. JOSH REED

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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

We pray to you, O Lord.

People

Lord, have mercy.

Reader

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People

To you, O Lord our God.

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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CONFESSION

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

ABSOLUTION

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

THE 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.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.

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.**

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.

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

HYMN 645

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The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house for ever.

Please Stand

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.

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 of-
fering 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!

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

S125

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!

Please kneel as able

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Celebrant

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.**

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

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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.

PRAYER TEAM

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

THE 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

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.

CORPORATE SONGS DURING COMMUNION

SHEPHERD OF SOULS, REFRESH AND BLESS

**Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless
Thy chosen pilgrim flock
With manna in the wilderness,
With water from the rock.**

**We would not live by bread alone,
But by thy word of grace,
In strength of which we travel on
To our abiding place.**

**Be known to us in breaking bread,
And do not then depart;
Savior, abide with us, and spread
Thy table in our heart.**

**Lord, sup with us in love divine,
Thy Body and thy Blood,
That living bread, that heavenly wine,
Be our immortal food.**

FAITHFUL SHEPHERD, LEAD ME

Faithful Shepherd, feed me in the pastures green;
Faithful Shepherd, lead me where your steps are seen.

Hold me fast, and guide me in the narrow way;
So, with you beside me, I shall never stray.

Daily bring me nearer to the heavenly shore;
Make my faith grow clearer, may I love you more.

Hallow every pleasure, every gift and pain;
Be yourself, my treasure, though none else I gain.

Day by day prepare me, Lord, as you see best,
Then let angels bear me to your promised rest.

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us; for our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us learn thy will;
Do thou, Lord, our only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

Please kneel as able

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EUCCHARIST INSTRUCTIONS

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

- 1. The ushers will dismiss each row, one at a time.*
 - 2. Walk up the center aisle.*
 - 3. When it is your turn to receive the Eucharist, kneel down or stand at the altar rail and extend your hands together, palm up. The priest will place a wafer into your hand.*
 - 4. The Chalice Minister will then come to you. You have two options; (1) drink from the chalice or (2) have your wafer intincted with wine. If you choose option 2, leave your wafer in hand so that Chalice Minister can place it back in the palm of your hand to consume. You may consume at the rail.*
 - 5. Return to your seat by the side aisle closest to you.*
- If you cannot come to the rail to receive notify an usher to have communion brought to you in the pew.*

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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

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA!

HYMN 191

**Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heaven-ward raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He, who on the cross a victim, for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.**

**Christ is risen, we are risen! Shed upon us heavenly grace,
rain and dew and gleams of glory from the brightness of thy face;
that, with hearts in heaven dwelling, we on earth may fruitful be,
and by angel hands be gathered, and be ever, Lord, with thee.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia! to the Savior who has won the victory;
Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity:
Alleluia, alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.**

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.

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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!

ALTAR FLOWERS

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

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THE DISMISSAL

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

PERSONAL NOTES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



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:



Mother's Day Coffee Hour+

SUNDAY, MAY 10

Join us after the 10:00am service for Coffee Hour+ in the Parish Hall! Men, we would love for you to cook for the ladies in honor of Mother's Day—please bring a brunch dish to share as we enjoy food, fellowship, and great conversation together.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

OPEN TABLE | MAY 20 - JUNE 17 | 6:00PM - 7:30PM

Join us for our upcoming Confirmation Classes, held in an Open Table style where we gather for dinner, conversation, and meaningful learning together. Classes will meet weekly from May 20 through June 17, from 6:00–7:30pm, beginning each evening with a shared meal.

Open Table Kids will be available for those who need childcare—our nursery will be open for ages 0–3, and children ages 4–12 will enjoy fun Movie Nights during class time.

RSVP now with the QR code
or call the Church Office (352) 622-7881



PENTECOST SUNDAY - MAY 24 - WEAR RED!

The word **Pentecost** means “the fiftieth day.” In the Old Testament, it referred to the Feast of Weeks, a celebration of the harvest and first fruits, observed fifty days after Passover. In the New Testament, Pentecost marks the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles (Acts 2:1), following Jesus’ death, resurrection, and ascension. This moment is understood as the fulfillment of Christ’s promise to send the Holy Spirit, giving life and power to the Church.

Pentecost is celebrated as the seventh Sunday after Easter and is one of the principal feasts of the Church year. It reminds us that the Church is the Body of Christ, brought together and sustained by the Holy Spirit, and sent out into the world to share the Gospel.

The traditional color for Pentecost is red, symbolizing the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Clergy will wear red vestments, and all are invited to join in this meaningful tradition by wearing red as well. Together, we celebrate the gift of the Spirit and the life of the Church!

Resource: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/pentecost>

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

MAY

- 6 Noon Service
- 7 Choir Rehearsal: 7:00pm
- 9 ECW Mother's Day Tea & Pop-Up Shop: 2-4pm
- 10 Coffee Hour+
- 13 Noon Service
- 20 Noon Service
 - Confirmation Class: 6pm
- 21 Choir Rehearsal: 7:00pm
- 27 Noon Service
 - Confirmation Class: 6pm
- 28 Vestry Meeting: 5:30pm

JUNE

- 3 Noon Service
 - Confirmation Class: 6pm
- 4 Choir Rehearsal: 7:00pm
- 9 Bible Study: Zoom, 12:00pm
- 10 Noon Service
 - Confirmation Class: 6pm
- 13 Fathers & Friars
- 14 DOK Business Meeting

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 05/03/26

Nursery:
Ligia Acosta, Alizon Morales

WonderKids:
Mollie Miranda, Volunteer
Needed

Storymakers:
Catie Hourigan, Volunteer
Needed

Connect:
Erin van Santen, Volunteer
Needed

Next Week's Bible Readings

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

2026 ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED

There are more than 20 weeks still available on the Altar Flower Calendar! If you would like to remember a loved one, celebrate a special event or just glorify God with a gift of flowers please consider signing up for one of these open weeks. Please scan the QR code to request an Altar Flower Date or you may also contact Carolyn Ayres at 352-286-8536 or mcdayres@gmail.com with any questions or to sign up.



BAPTISMS

Baptisms are scheduled for Pentecost Sunday, May 24. If you would like to be baptized or have children to be baptized, please contact the church office at (352) 622-7881 or email Meagan at meagan@graceocala.org so we can schedule your Baptism Prep Class.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

IN THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, April 26 - Office Closed

- 8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream
- 9:00am: Coffee Hour, Parish House
- 9:00am: Nursery (0-3), Nursery
- 9:15am: "How To Avoid Being Scammed", Parish House
- 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
"How To Avoid Getting Scammed", Parish House
- 12:00pm: DOK Discernment, Grace Hall

Monday, April 27

- 12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, April 28

- 12:00pm: Bible Study, Zoom

Wednesday, April 29

- 12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church

Thursday, April 30

Friday, May 1 - Office Closed

Saturday, May 2 - Office Closed

Sunday, May 3 - Office Closed

- 8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream
- 9:00am: Coffee Hour, Parish House
- 9:00am: Nursery (0-3), Nursery
- 9:15am: 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, Storymakers Classroom
DOK Business Meeting, Grace Hall

BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

- 24 Joe White
Sharon Whitehouse
- 26 Samantha Rauba
David Freudenburg
Tom Coleman
- 28 Shealy Harrell
Molly Hetzel
- 30 Jacob Crawford

MAY

- 1 Judy Volker
- 3 Joanne Penny
- 5 Walker Harrell
Victor Barone
- 6 Ellen Prosser
- 7 Stephanie Harrell
Barbarajean Garcia
- 8 Leslie Jones
Terri Nash
Gail Velten
Angela Reed
Eric Bryden

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 -

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 David Freudenburg
Cheryl Arnold Audrey Flechas Kirsten Clauss

SERVERS

Ushers: Paul Corrad, Darlene Trowbridge
Reader, First Reading/Psalm: Greg Harrell
Reader, Second Reading/PoP: Tyrus Clutter
Acolytes: Walker Harrell, Vivian Rauba, Whitney Rauba
Chalice Minister: Barbarajeane Garcia
Prayer Team: Carolyn Eckhart, Marilyn Sibons
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: Michael Owen

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery: Ligia Acosta & Sharon Romano
Wonderkids: Mollie Miranda, Alizon Morales
Storymakers: Catie Hourigan, Geralyn Murphy
Connect: Garret Bryden, Anissa Cunjie

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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