

Grace

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | MAY 3, 2026 | 10:00 AM SERVICE

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him,

"Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." "

-John 14:1-7

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

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 | 11:15am | Parish House

DOK Discernment | 12:00pm | Storymakers Classroom

DOK Business Meeting | 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

WHO YOU SAY I AM

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me?
I was lost, but He brought me in.
Oh His love for me!
Oh His love for me!

Who the Son sets free,
Oh, is free indeed!
I'm a child of God,
Yes I am!

Free at last, He has ransomed me.
His grace runs deep.
While I was a slave to sin,
Jesus died for me -
Yes He died for me!

Refrain:

Who the Son sets free,
Oh is free indeed!
I'm a child of God,
Yes I am!
In my Father's house
There's a place for me.
I'm a child of God,
Yes I am!

Bridge:

I am chosen,
Not forsaken -
I am who You say I am!
You are for me,
Not against me -
I am who You say I am!

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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 worshiping that our lives have been set apart by the sacrifice of Christ, on our behalf, for the glory of God.

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I am chosen,
Not forsaken -
I am who You say I am!
You are for me,
Not against me -
I am who You say I am!
I am who You say I am!

Refrain

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

Refrain:
Glory to God in the highest,
And peace to His people on earth.
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 thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Refrain

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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, receive our prayer.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please Be Seated

THE FIRST READING

ACTS 7:55-60

Reader

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of

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

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 city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "LORD Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "LORD, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

Reader

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

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.

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

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

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 2:2-10

Reader

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner”,

and

“A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

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Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

GRADUAL HYMN

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

HYMN 525

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the word:
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood, he bought her, and for her life, he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great Church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in one,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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THE GOSPEL

JOHN 14:1-14

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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.

Deacon

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

People

Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Deacon

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

FR. FRANS VAN SANTEN

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.

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THE NICENE CREED

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

THE 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

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.

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Reader

For all schools, colleges, and universities and especially those in Marion County.

People

For those who teach and those who learn.

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.

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

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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

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People

Who put their trust in you.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

CONFESSION

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

ABSOLUTION

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

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THE PEACE

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

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

CORNERSTONE

**My hope is built on nothing less,
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name.**

Refrain:

**Christ alone. cornerstone.
Weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm, He is Lord.
Lord of all.**

**When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
My anchor holds within the veil.**

Refrain

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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.



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When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless stand before the throne.

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.

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:

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!

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of Your Glory.
Lord, we sing Your praise.

Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Lord, we sing Your praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!
Lord, we sing Your praise.

Please kneel as able

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

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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.

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

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.

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.

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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

THE CALL

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

I SPEAK JESUS

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over every heart and every mind.
'Cause I know there is peace within Your presence,
I speak Jesus.

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
'Til every dark addiction starts to break.
Declaring there is hope, and there is freedom,
I speak Jesus.

Chorus:

('Cause) Your Name is power,
Your Name is healing,
Your Name is life.

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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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Break every stronghold,
Shine through the shadows,
Burn like a fire.

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus
Over fear and all anxiety.
To every soul held captive by depression,
I speak Jesus.

Shout Jesus from the mountains,
Jesus in the streets,
Jesus in the darkness over every enemy,
Jesus for my fam'ly.
I speak the holy Name, Jesus.

MEMORIAL

Come to the feast
All you wounded and weak
Come and receive the bread of life,
the bread of life
Come to the feast
From the greatest to the least
Drink and believe the blood of life,
the blood of life
And the memory of who I was
Fades away in the arms of love
Watch my fears come undone like a thief on the run
From the unrelenting heart of God
Come to the table
All you broken and unabled
We're beggars to be made whole again, made whole again

And come to the table
Empty handed and grateful
Taste and see the goodness of the Lamb the great I am

And the memory of who I was
Fades away in the arms of love
Watch my fears come undone like a thief on the run

From the unrelenting heart of God
From the unrelenting heart of God

We're all dry bones longing for a savior
Waiting for the God of life to put us back together

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And the memory of who I was
Fades away in the arms of love
Watch my fears come undone like a thief on the run
From the unrelenting heart of God
From the unrelenting heart of God

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

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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RECESSIONAL

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.

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!

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!

THE DISMISSAL

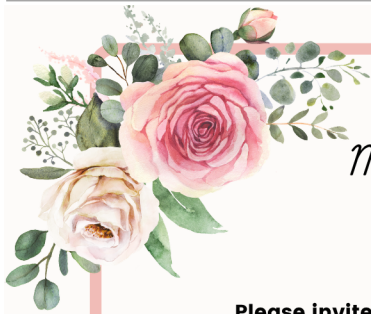
As if we haven't gotten the message yet from the rest of the service, the Deacon urges us to take our love for God and each other into the rest of the world. This can only happen if we walk through the red doors in the power of the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord.

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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

- 13 Noon Service
- 20 Noon Service
 - Confirmation Class: 6pm
- 21 Choir Rehearsal: 7:00pm
- 24 Pentecost
- 27 Noon Service
 - Confirmation Class: 6pm
- 28 Vestry Meeting: 5:30pm
- 31 Graduation Blessing

JUNE

- 3 Noon Service
 - Confirmation Class: 6pm
- 4 Choir Rehearsal: 7:00pm
- 9 Bible Study: Zoom, 12:00pm
- 10 Noon Service
 - Confirmation Class: 6pm
- 12 Sunshine Service Squad
 - Meet-Up: 1:00pm
- 13 Fathers & Friars
- 14 DOK Business Meeting
- 17 Noon Service
 - Confirmation Class: 6pm
- 18 Choir Rehearsal: 7:00pm

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 05/10/26

Nursery:
Ligia Acosta, Sharon Romano

WonderKids:
Mollie Miranda, Alizon Morales

Storymakers:
Catie Hourigan, Volunteer
Needed

Connect:
Tina Phillips, Volunteer Needed

Next Week's Bible Readings

Acts 17:22-31
Psalm 66:7-18
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

2026 ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED

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 the 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.

LOST & FOUND

Our Lost & Found is starting to look like a treasure chest! Missing a water bottle, glasses, jacket, or something else? Swing by the front office and see if your long-lost item is waiting to be reunited with you!

REALM UPDATE

Have you changed a phone number? Email address? Stopped paying for a phone landline? Please let the church office know so we can update your information in the on-line directory.



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Grace Episcopal Church Ocala



www.graceocala.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

IN THE COMING WEEK

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

Monday, May 4

12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, May 5

12:00pm: Bible Study, Zoom

Wednesday, May 6

12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church

Thursday, May 7

7:00pm: Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 8 - Office Closed

Saturday, May 9 - Office Closed

2:00pm: Mother's Day Tea & Pop-up Shop, Parish House

Sunday, May 10 - Office Closed - Mother's Day

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

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11:00am: Coffee Hour+, Parish House

BIRTHDAYS

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

11 Donald Stewart
Ruth Hines
Clare Redrick

12 Darryl Needels

15 Gary Simons
Diana Ananthan

16 Owen Cunjje

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: Frank Blascucci, Darlene Trowbridge
Reader, First Reading/Psalm: Lynda Peek
Reader, Second Reading/PoP: Matt Merchant
Acolytes: Michael Ashley, Elizabeth Hart, Barbara Resotko
Chalice Minister: Mary Stewart Lewis
Prayer Team: Robin Cesarone
Altar Guild: Pae Barberie, Marylin 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: Cheryl Arnold

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Nursery: Ligia Acosta & Alizon Morales
Wonderkids: Mollie Miranda
Storymakers: Catie Hourigan
Connect: Erin van Santen

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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