

# Grace EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY | FEBRUARY 16, 2025 | 10:00 AM SERVICE

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." ~Luke 6:20b

# 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 | 11:00pm | 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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# **PRELUDE**

# **PROCESSIONAL**

Please stand

# **GOD SO LOVED**

Come all you weary,
Come all you thirsty.
Come to the well that never runs dry.
Drink of the water,
Come and thirst no more

Come all you sinners, Come find His mercy. Come to the table; He will satisfy. Taste of His goodness, Find what you're looking for.

## Refrain:

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us. Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions. Come lay them down at the foot of the cross. Jesus is waiting there With open arms.

## Refrain

The power of hell forever defeated, Now it is well, I'm walking in freedom. For God so loved God so loved the world.

Praise God, praise God, From whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, praise Him, For the wonders of His love.

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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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#### 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."

#### **COLLECT OF PURITY**

We start almost every Episcopal service with this prayer. It is succinct and powerful as it explores the depths of our hearts and our need before God. What better way to start a worship service than to tell God we are here for him, every aspect of our being, and want to become more like him because of our worship.

#### Refrain

Bring all your failures, Bring your addictions. Come lay them down at the foot of the cross. Jesus is waiting, God so loved the world.

#### Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

#### People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

# **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

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

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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.

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Please be seated

# THE FIRST READING

**JEREMIAH 17:5-10** 

Reader

Thus says the LORD:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD.

# 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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They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse--who can understand it?

I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

#### Reader

The Word of the Lord.

## People

Thanks be to God.

# THE RESPONSE

**PSALM 1** 

#### **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 1 which we will read responsively at the half verse:

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \* nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \* and they meditate on his law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \* everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked; \*
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \* nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

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For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \* but the way of the wicked is doomed.

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 CORINTHIANS 15:12-20

#### Reader

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

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# **GRADUAL HYMN**

# **BLESSED ASSURANCE**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

# Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior, all the day long; This is my story, this is my song, Praising my Savior, all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight! Visions of rapture now burst on my sight; Angels descending, bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

Perfect submission all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest; Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

Refrain

#### **GOSPEL READING**

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

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

# **THE GOSPEL**

**LUKE 6:17-26** 

#### Deacon

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

# People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

#### Deacon

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and

those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. LITURGICAL GUIDE

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich,

for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,

for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,

for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

# **SERMON**

JOSH REED

# THE NICENE CREED

## Celebrant

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

#### 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.

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.

#### Reader

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

# People

For those who teach and those who learn.

# 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.

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

You may add your own petitions

Reader

Hear us, Lord;

People

For your mercy is great.

Reader

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

You may add your own thanksgivings

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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.

#### 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.** 

# **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.

# MAY THE ROAD RISE TO MEET YOU

May the road rise to meet you.

May the wind be always at your back.

May the sun shine warm upon your face.

May the rains fall soft upon your fields,

And until we meet again

May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

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.

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#### **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!

#### 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 DUBAY

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

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

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

## People

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

## 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.** 

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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.

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.

#### 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**

# **BE NOT AFRAID**

You shall cross the barren desert
But you shall not die of thirst
You shall wander far in safety
Though you do not know the way
You shall speak your words to foreign men
And they will understand
You shall see the face of God and live

Be not afraid I go before you always Come, follow me and I will give you rest

If you pass through raging waters in the sea You shall not drown If you walk amid the burning flames

You shall not be harmed If you stand before the power of hell And death is at your side Know that I am with you through it all

Be not afraid I go before you always Come, follow me and I will give you rest

And blessed are your poor
For the kingdom shall be theirs
Blest are you that weep and mourn
For one day you shall laugh
And if wicked men insult and hate you
All because of me
Blessed, blessed are you

Be not afraid I go before you always Come, follow me and I will give you rest

# **BECAUSE HE LIVES**

I believe in the Son, I believe in the Risen One. I believe I overcome, By the power of His blood.

# Refrain:

Amen! Amen! I'm alive, I'm alive, because He lives. Amen! Amen! Let my song join the one that never ends. Because He lives.

I was dead in the grave, I was covered in sin and shame. I heard mercy call my name, He rolled the stone away.

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# EUCHARIST INSTRUCTIONS

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

- 1. The ushers will dismiss each row, one at a time.
- 2. Walk up the center aisle.
- 3. When it is your turn to receive the Eucharist, kneel down or stand at the altar rail and extend your hands together, palm up. The priest will place a wafer into your hand.
- 4. The Chalice Minister will then come to you. You have two options; (1) drink from the chalice or (2) have your wafer intincted with wine. If you choose option 2, leave your wafer in hand so that Chalice Minister can place it back in the palm of your hand to consume. You may consume at the rail.
- 5. Return to your seat by the side aisle closest to you.

If you cannot come to the rail to receive notify an usher to have communion brought to you in the pew.

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Refrain

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow. Because He lives, ev'ry fear is gone, I know He holds my life, My future in His hand,

Because He lives.

# NO LONGER SLAVES (I AM A CHILD OF GOD)

You unravel me with a melody, You surround me with a song Of deliverance from my enemies Till all my fears are gone.

Refrain:

I'm no longer a slave to fear -I am a child of God! I'm no longer a slave to fear -I am a child of God!

From my Mother's womb You have chosen me. Love has called my name. I've been born again into Your family; Your blood flows through my veins!

Refrain

You split the sea so I could walk right through it -My fears were drowned in perfect love. You rescued me so I could stand and sing -I am a child of God!

Refrain

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**

# **ALL THE PEOPLE SAID AMEN**

You are not alone if you are lonely. When you feel afraid, you're not the only. We are all the same, in need of mercy, to be forgiven and be free. It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need.

#### Refrain:

And all the people said, "Amen."
And all the people said, "Amen."
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.
And all the people said, "Amen."

If your rich or poor, well, it don't matter.
Weak or strong, we know love is what we're after.
We're all broken, but we're all in this together.
God knows we stumble and fall,
And He so loved the world, He sent His Son to save us all.

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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.

## 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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Refrain

Blessed are the poor in spirit
Who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people longing for another start,
For theirs is the Kingdom,
The Kingdom of God.

Refrain

# **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!

# Personal Notes

# Personal Notes



# Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church Visitor Information Card Please fill out this card and place in the offering plate or mail it

back to us. We look forward to getting to know you.

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Name:				
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Would you like to be signed	ed-up for	our Grace	To You	
Weekly Newsletter?	_Yes	No		
How may we contact you	? Ph	one T	ext	Email





# Announcements and Events



# **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEXT WEEK 2/23/25**



# Nursery:

Teachers: Ligia Acosta, Susan Pattie

## Wonder Kids:

Lesson: Treasure Hunt (The story of the hidden treasure)
Volunteer: Kristen Rose

# Storymakers:

Lesson: The Flood: Pinky Promise (Genesis 7) Volunteer: Anissa Cunjie

## Connect:

Lesson: Unit 2: Joseph (Genesis 41:14-16, 39-40)
Volunteers: Mariah & Kaleb Williams





# Announcements and Events

#### **COMING EVENTS**

#### March

2 Coffee Hour+

- 4 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Talent Show
- 5 Ash Wednesday 7:30am Service 12:00pm Service 6:00pm Service
- 9 Coffee Hour Lenten Soup & Study 10 Women's Bible Study 12 Lenten Soup & Study 13 ECW Meeting

16 Coffee Hour Lenten Soup & Study 19 Lenten Soup & Study 23 Coffee Hour

Lenten Soup & Study 26 Lenten Soup & Study

27 Vestry Meeting 29 ECW Yardsale

30 Coffee Hour Lenten Soup & Study

#### APRIL

2 Lenten Soup & Study 68:00am Coffee Hour Annual Church Picnic 9 Lenten Soup & Study 10 ECW Meeting 13 Palm Sunday Cofee Hour 14 Women's Bible Study

# **ECW YARDSALE**

Grace ECW's Yard Sale will return on Saturday, March 29, 2025, in the church parish house. It won't be a sale without your STUFF! Luckily, it's the time of year we vow to clean out closets, the attic, the garage. ECW requests that you box items and label them "Yard Sale" with a generic description of contents, if possible. You can bring your items to the church for storage or, if you have a carful, we have remote storage available. We're looking for small furniture, bikes, household items, décor, wall art, garden tools, jewelry, books, toys, small kitchen appliances, linens. We are NOT selling clothes, shoes, etc. Call or text Elaine Heitman if you have questions. 704-840-6897. Money raised at the yard sale helps support local missions for women and children.

# CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, February 17 for President's Day and will reopen for normal business hours on Tuesday. February 18.

# **ASH WEDNESDAY**

For our Ash Wednesday Services this year we will offer three services on Wednesday, March 5 at 7:30am, 12:00pm and 6:00pm!



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# **Next Week's Bible Readings**

Genesis 45:3-11, 15 Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50 Luke 6:27-38

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# IN THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, February 16 - 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

Monday, February 17 - Office Closed for President's Day

12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, February 18

12:00pm: Gospel Bible Study, Zoom

Wednesday, February 19

12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church 6:00pm: Alpha, Parish House, Grace Hall 7:00pm: Psalm Bible Study. Zoom

Thursday, February 20

5:30pm: Vestry Meeting, Grace Hall

Friday, February 21 - Office Closed

Saturday, February 22 - Office Closed

Sunday, February 23 - Office Closed

8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream

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#### BIRTHDAYS

#### **FEBRUARY**

- 9 Danielle Dyals
- 10 Tyrus Clutter
- 11 Emily Remington
- 14 Reynaldo Gordon Heather Hetzel
- 15 Louise Anderson
- 17 Craig Baggs
- 19 Carolyn Ayres
- 20 Peter Halsall

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 Catie Hourigan at 352-622-7881 or catie@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. Brian Stankich: Associate Rector
The Rev. Mary Delancey: Deacon
The Rev. Susan Moorehead: Deacon
Josh Reed: Director of Ministry
Adam Pryor: Worship Coordinator
Catie Hourigan: Children's Ministry Coordinator

Dave Rubin: Verger

#### **VESTRY**

Greg Harrell - Senior Warden Michael Owen - Junior Warden Sanjit Nirmalanandhan - Treasurer Cheryl Arnold Michael Ashley Stephen Ayres Todd Craig Kristin Dean Lise Kent Amy Robertson

#### **MUSICIANS**

Adam Pryor Sharon Mai Jessica Mongerio Jason Bartosic Cheryl Arnold Audrey Flechas David Freudenburg Jamille Brewster

#### **SERVERS**

**Ushers:** Victor & Vivian Barone

Reader, First Reading/Psalm: Matt Merchant, Liam Sanchez Reader, Second Reading/PoP: Jim Henningsen

**Acolytes:** Gail van Deusen, Daniel Hart, Elizabeth Hart **Chalice Ministers:** Meg Spurlock, Mary-Stewart Lewis

Prayer Team: Noreen Baker

Altar Guild: Lise Kent, Lynda Peek, James Perdue, Jeannie Piotrowski
Flower Guild: Carolyn Ayres, Lynda Peek, Lynn Nobles, Heather Hetzel, Molly Hetzel
VPOD: Stephen Ayres

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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