



Grace

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT | MARCH 9, 2025 | 10:00 AM SERVICE

“For, ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”
-Romans 10:13

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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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

SILENT PROCESSION

Please stand

THE PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People

His mercy endures for ever.

Please kneel as able

THE DECALOGUE

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

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

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

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

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

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SILENT PROCESSION

Today, we observe a silent procession, creating space to gather our hearts before God, as we enter a time of solitude.

THE WORD OF GOD

You are invited to voluntarily make the sign of the cross on your body - to cross yourself - as a means to tell God again, and remind yourself, that you belong to him. You can do this at any time it seems meaningful to you. Often we sign ourselves when the names of the Trinity are used, in reference to the resurrection of the dead, and when saying "blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."

THE DECALOGUE

As you hear each commandment one by one, ask for God's forgiveness for your disobedience, and lean on him for his mercy. Recognize that these Ten Commandments also represent God's desires for us more broadly.

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CONFESSION

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

ABSOLUTION

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

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

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

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

Celebrant

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

THE CONFESSION

Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People

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

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant

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

Please stand

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THE TRISAGION

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

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

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

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE FIRST READING

DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11

Reader

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which

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THE TRISAGION

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

COLLECT OF THE DAY

This prayer is a moment to catch the theme of the service today. If you grasp it, your participation in worship will be enhanced, and you'll see God connecting the pieces of the gospel with your life.

THE FIRST READING

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

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you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16

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 from Psalm 91, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

He shall say to the LORD,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."

Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,

There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

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

ROMANS 10:8B-13

Reader

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the

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heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GRADUAL HYMN

ON EAGLES WINGS

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in his shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "my refuge,
my Rock in Whom I trust!"**

Refrain:

**And He will raise you up on eagles wings,
Bare you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm Of His hand.**

**The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear:
Under His wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield.**

Refrain

**You need not fear the terror of the night,
Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you,
Near you it shall not come.**

Refrain

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 4:1-13

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Deacon

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Deacon

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

GOSPEL READING

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

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

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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.

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

FR. FRANS VAN SANTEN

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant

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

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

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

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

Please kneel or be seated as able

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader

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

Reader

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

Pray for the Church.

offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Reader

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

Pray for justice and peace.

offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Reader

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Reader

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, and a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Reader

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

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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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Reader

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Reader

Amen.

After the Prayers, please stand when instructed by the Celebrant

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.

LORD, WHO THROUGHOUT THESE FORTY DAYS

HYMN 142

Lord, who throughout these forty days
for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins,
and close by thee to stay.

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.*



As thou with Satan didst contend
and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight,
in thee to conquer sin.

As thou didst hunger bear and thirst,
so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self, and chiefly live
by thy most holy word.

And through these days of penitence,
and through thy Passion-tide,
yea, evermore, in life and death,
Jesus! with us abide.

Abide with us, that so,
this life of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last!

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...

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!

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

SANCTUS

SPOKEN

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

Please kneel as able

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.

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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,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People

Therefore, let us keep the feast.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

People and Celebrant

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

When you pray this prayer, the one Jesus taught his disciples, and that all Christians everywhere pray, reflect on the words, recognizing you are actually talking to your Heavenly Father. Pray it afresh, as if for the first time.

NO ALLELUIA'S

During Lent, we omit the use of "alleluia" during Eucharist and the dismissal, preferring to be more subdued and penitential. This practice also helps us to build anticipation for its reintroduction on Easter.

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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.

and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant

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

CORPORATE SONGS DURING COMMUNION

ABIDE WITH ME

HYMN 662

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide;
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
Heaven's morning breaks, and Earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

HYMN 699

Jesus, Lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:

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hide me, O my Savior, hide,
till the storm of life be past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me!
All my trust on thee is stayed;
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head
with the shadow of thy wing.

Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cleanse from every sin;
let the healing streams abound,
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
freely let me take of thee:
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

LORD JESUS, SUN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

HYMN 144

Lord Jesus, Sun of Righteousness,
shine in our hearts, we pray;
dispel the gloom that shades our minds
and be to us as day.

Give guidance to our wandering ways,
forgive us, Lord, our sin;
restore us by your loving care
to peace and joy within.

Lord, grant that we in penitence
may offer you our praise,
and through your saving sacrifice
receive your gift of grace.

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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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Now nearer draws the day of days
when paradise shall bloom,
when we shall be at one with you,
Lord, risen from the tomb.

The universe your glory show,
blest Father, Spirit, Son;
we shall acclaim your majesty,
eternal Three in One.

BE THOU MY VISION

HYMN 488

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

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

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

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

SERVANT SONG

Won't you let me be your servant?
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey.
We are travelers on the road.
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
In the night time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you;
Speak the peace you long to hear.

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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I will weep when you are weeping.
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

Won't you let me be your servant?
Let me be as Christ to you.
Pray that I might have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE DISMISSAL

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

PERSONAL NOTES

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VISITOR INFORMATION CARD



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.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

How did you hear about Grace Church (Check all that apply)

____ Friend/Family ____ Internet Search ____ Social Media

Other: _____

Your age group: (please circle) 18-34 35-59 60-up

____ First time visitor

Have ____ children school age
or younger (please circle)

____ New in community

Ages: 0-3 K-3 4-8 9-12

____ Would like clergy to call

Would you like to be signed-up for our Grace To You

Weekly Newsletter? ____ Yes ____ No

How may we contact you? ____ Phone ____ Text ____ Email

Annual Church Picnic

April 6, 2025

Join us at the Ocala Regional Sportsplex for a spring picnic and volleyball tournament! Hamburgers and Hotdogs will be provided. Enjoy a day of fun, food, and friendly competition. All are welcome to participate. See you there!

Time: After the 10:00am Service

Place: Ocala Regional Sportsplex
3500 SW 67th Ave, Ocala, FL 34474

Scan the QR Code to RSVP!



Epic Theatres of Ocala

4414 SW College Road

Part 1

Saturday, March 29, 1:55pm

Part 2

Saturday, April 5, 2:50pm

Part 3

Saturday, April 12, 3:10pm



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEXT WEEK 3/16/25



Nursery:

Teachers: Ligia Acosta, Sharon Romano

Wonder Kids:

Lesson: Running Away (The Story of the Lost Son)

Volunteer: Josh Reed

Storymakers:

Lesson: Lent: Kingdom (John 3:1-17)

Volunteer:



Connect:

Lesson: Unit 3: Exodus (Exodus 14:21-30)

Volunteers: Aaron & Emily Remington



WE NEED CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS!

Dear Gracers,

Our Children's Ministry is looking for volunteers to assist with our WonderKids (ages 4-6) and Storymakers (ages 7-9) classes! If you're interested in helping on Sundays, we offer a flexible schedule to fit your availability.

To learn more or sign up, please contact Catie Hourigan at (352) 622-7881 or by email at catie@graceocala.org.

Thank you for your support!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

MARCH

10 Women's Bible Study
12 Lenten Soup & Study
13 ECW Meeting
16 Coffee Hour
19 Lenten Soup & Study
23 Coffee Hour
26 Lenten Soup & Study
27 Vestry Meeting
29 ECW Yardsale
30 Coffee Hour

APRIL

2 Lenten Soup & Study
6 8:00am Coffee Hour
Annual Church Picnic
9 Lenten Soup & Study
10 ECW Meeting
13 Palm Sunday
Coffee Hour
14 Women's Bible Study
17 Maundy Thursday 7:00pm
Overnight Vigil 8:00 -
9:00am
18 Morning Prayer 9:00am
Good Friday 12:00pm
Prayer 1:00 - 3:00 pm
Stations of the Cross 6:00 pm
20 Easter Sunday

ECW

All Ladies of Grace: Please join ECW for a lunch gathering on Thursday, March 13, at 11:30 am in the Parish House. We will have special guests from Ambleside School, which shares our campus. Join us to learn about the school, its program, and meet some of the wonderful teachers and students. We will also be finalizing plans for the ECW Yard Sale later this month and signing up to help. A soup and salad lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Carolyn Ayres at 352-286-8536 or mcdayres@gmail.com so that we know how much to prepare. Invite a friend and join with other Grace ladies for this time of Christian fellowship.

ECW YARD SALE

Lots of great stuff has come in for our annual yard sale on March 29! Now we have another challenge: We'd like to have at least one table, maybe two or three, of sports paraphernalia: Mugs, jerseys, hats/visors, flags, T-shirts, etc. Until the week of the sale, bring your items to the church and leave them on the stage in the Parish House or drop them off in the office. The week of the sale, you can drop off anything on Wednesday or Thursday morning at the Parish House. Please be sure they are protected by packing them in a (labeled) box or a secure plastic bag. Thanks again for your support. Questions, call or text Elaine Heitman at 704-840-6897.

GRACE ONLINE DIRECTORY

As of March 1st access to the online Grace Member Directory from the Grace Website is no longer available. To access the new directory you will need to set up an account in Realm, our church database. All Grace members have been sent email with a link to set up an account. If you would like help setting up your account or if you would like the email resent, please contact Deacon Mary at mary@graceocala.org.

Next Week's Bible Readings

Genesis 15:1-12,17-18
Psalm 27
Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35



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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

IN THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, March 9 - 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, March 10

- 12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline
- 1:00PM: Women's Bible Study, Grace Hall

Tuesday, March 11

- 12:00pm: Gospel Bible Study, Zoom

Wednesday, March 12

- 12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church
- 1:00pm: Lenten Soup and Study, Parish House

Thursday, March 13

- 11:30am: ECW Meeting, Parish House

Friday, March 14 - Office Closed

Saturday, March 15 - Office Closed

Sunday, March 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
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BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

- 1 Charlene McCraney
- 3 Mary Jane Allison
Santina Kingsley
Fr. Brian Stankich
- 4 David Schipper
- 5 Adam Pryor
- 6 Lindsey Turner
- 7 Malcom Shaw
- 8 Joan Canzoneri
- 9 John Allsop
- 10 Mike Rose
- 11 Ned Davis
- 12 Liz Jarrett
- 13 Beth Collins
Pattie Gilman
- 14 Meg Spurlock

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: Russ McCann, Paul Corrad

Reader, First Reading/Psalm: Lynda Peek

Reader, Second Reading/PoP: Don Hooper

Acolytes: Gail van Deusen, Barbarajeane Garcia, Nevaeh Nirmalanandhan, Clara Owen

Chalice Ministers: Sanjit Nirmalanandhan

Prayer Team: Michelle Curry

Altar Guild: Pae Barberie, Marylin Corsiglia, Tammy Flanagan, Lynn Nobles, Amy Robertson

Flower Guild: Carolyn Ayres, Lynda Peek, Lynn Nobles, Heather Hetzel, Molly Hetzel

VPOD: Greg Harrell

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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