

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

"The Mission of Grace Episcopal Church is to promote an atmosphere for the expression of God's love through Jesus Christ, which calls each of us to know God by reaching out to others and inwardly to ourselves."



**March 5, 2023**

**8:00a & 10:30a**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

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## GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. William Yagel

PRELUDE

*Andante No. 1*

C.H. Rinck  
(1770-1846)

*The People Stand*

PROCESSIONAL

*The God of Abraham Praise*

Hymnal 401

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Prayer Book 351

*Presider* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* His mercy endures for ever.  
Amen.

THE DECALOGUE

Prayer Book 350

*The People Kneel.*

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.*

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.*

*Presider:*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

*The People stand.*

KYRIE

*Lord Have Mercy*

Hymnal S-91

*Presider*        The Lord be with you  
*People*         And also with you  
*Presider*        Let us pray

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE OLD TESTAMENT

*The People Sit*

*Lector*         A reading from Genesis

GENESIS 12:1-4a

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

*Lector*                      The Word of the Lord.  
*All*                              Thanks be to God.

## THE PSALM

*The People Sit*

PSALM 121

### ***Levavi oculos***

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
 from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, \*  
 the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved \*  
 and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
 shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
 the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

## THE EPISTLE

*The People Sit*

*Lector*            A reading from Romans

ROMANS 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

*Lector*            The Word of the Lord.

*All*                Thanks be to God.

## THE GOSPEL

*The People Stand*

SEQUENCE HYMN

*I to the Hills Lift Mine Eyes*

Hymnal 668

*Presider*            The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
*People*              Glory to you, Lord Christ

JOHN 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

*Presider*            The Gospel of the Lord  
*People*              Praise to you, Lord Christ

SERMON

The Rev. William Yagel

## NICENE CREED

*The People Stand*

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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Form II)

Prayer Book 385

*The People may stand or kneel*

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

*Intercessor:* I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops Michael and Mark; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.  
Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Especially the people of Russia and Ukraine.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

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

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Anna Banker, Mimi Booker, Bettie Crosswhite, Kyleigh Croy, Sarah Donnely, Frann Felch, Gary, William Gregory, Conall Harvey, Elizabeth Harvey, Caroline Hellmer, Kathleen Horton, Nolen Hutchinson, Bill Jeffrey, Bud Jeffries, Shirley Jones, Bill and Valerie Johnston, Barbara Journell, Forest Kanode, Noel Lawson, Joanne Linenburg, Allison Martinsson, Boone Martinsson, Jim Mooney, Matthew Phillips, Sarah Pollach, Anthea Pugh, Chris Pugh, Jim Radford, Bob Relyea, Cara Rollins, Helen Roop, Connie Sedberry, Noah Sedberry, Bill Seyford, Mike Seyford, Thelma Shelor, Elijah Shomaker, Wilma Simpkins, Jim Slusher, Letitia Smith, Sam Smith, Marlene Webb, Robert Van Noy, Bill Zuti, and Greg.

We pray for those who are serving in harm's way: for medical personnel and support staff; for first responders; for those ensuring we have access to food, medicine and other necessities of life; for teachers and school staff; for our armed forces; and all others who put themselves at risk in the service of others.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

We pray for our young people who are away for their studies: Mason and Thor Sproule, India Black, Owen and Shea Himmell, Will Yagel, Abby Caldwell, and Emma Brockway.

Pray that they may find and be found by God.

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* I ask your prayers for the departed especially Gloria Piro.  
Pray for those who have died.



*Silence*

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.

*Silence*

*The Presider will add a concluding Collect.*

## PEACE

*The People Stand*

*Presider*           The Peace of the LORD be always with you.  
*People*             And also with you.

Prayer for Birthdays and Anniversaries

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Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## HOLY COMMUNION RITE II

## OFFERTORY

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Gnossienne No. 1*

Mason Gottschalk

## DOXOLOGY

Hymnal 380 v3

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

Prayer Book 361

*The People Stand*

*Presider*           The Lord be with you.  
*People*             And also with you.  
*Presider*           Lift up your hearts.  
*People*             We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*The Presider continues:*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 HYMN

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Hymnal S-125

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:

*In Unison:*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*Presider:*

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 for ever.

*Together in a loud voice, the people say: AMEN*

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

*All:*

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM

*Agnus Dei*

Hymnal S-161

*Presider*            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.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist. Communion, which is offered in both kinds. Consuming bread only is also considered full communion. Wine is offered by drinking from the common cup, or by dipping (intinction) in a smaller chalice. Notify an usher to have the elements brought to your pew. To receive a blessing come forward with those communing and place your hands across your chest. Gluten free wafers are available.*

COMMUNION HYMN	<i>Let Thy Blood in Mercy Pour</i>	Hymnal 313
POST COMMUNION PRAYER		Prayer Book 365
<i>Presider</i>	Let us pray.	
<i>All</i>	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.	
BLESSING		Rev. William Yagel
RECESSIONAL	<i>O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High</i>	Hymnal 448
DISMISSAL		Prayer Book 366
POSTLUDE	<i>Romance</i>	Cecile Chaminade (1857-1944)

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MARCH MISSION: UNITED THANK OFFERING (UTO)

The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. UTO is entrusted to receive the offerings, and to distribute the 100% of what is collected to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion.

UTO Blue Boxes may be picked up in the Grace Church Office or the stage in the Parish Hall.

**JOIN THE CHOIR**—New members of all ages and skill levels are welcome to join anytime! Every Sunday the Choir will rehearse starting at 9:45 in the Sanctuary! Reach out to our Music Director, Mason Gottschalk, with questions.  
[masongottschalk.music@gmail.com](mailto:masongottschalk.music@gmail.com) .

**NOONDAY EUCHARIST**—Please join us on Wednesdays at Noon for a time of prayer and community. Bring your own lunch for a meal following.

**LENTEN SERIES: EMBRACING EVANGELISM**—We will have a five part Lenten series every Thursday on a weekly basis through Lent. The program is entitled “Embracing Evangelism” from the Episcopal Church. This will be an opportunity to share experiences and learn about our faith journeys. There is a sign-up sheet to provide a light meal beforehand in the Parish Hall.

**RED DOOR**—We need food donations for the Blessing Box in front of Red Door. You may drop off food directly, place it in the red box on the stage at church, or make a donation specific to the food ministry, the last option provides the greatest buying power, but any is appreciated! If you would like to join the Red Door team, please contact Cathy Caldwell.

**GRACE NOTES**—Please sign up for our weekly e-newsletter to hear the latest about what is happening with Grace. Email Samantha to be **added** to the list at: [office@graceradford.org](mailto:office@graceradford.org) or just write your name and email on the “friendship form” and give it to an usher or drop it in the plate.

## February - March Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>LEM</b>	<b>Lector/Usher</b>	<b>Counter</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>
3/5/2023	Tim Walker	Lee Slusher	Kristi McCraw Sherri Carper	Lee Slusher Robbie Bester Diana Jordan
3/12/2023	Mark Carper	Robbie Nester	Terry Nester Terry McCraw	Lee Slusher Robbie Bester Diana Jordan
3/19/2023	Jack Brockway	Margaret Hrezo	Ann Walker Diana Jordan	Lee Slusher Robbie Bester Diana Jordan
3/26/2023	Mark Carper	Jennifer Hand	Lee Slusher Penny Sweet	Lee Slusher Robbie Bester Diana Jordan

**\*Morning Prayer service**

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