

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 19, 2023

8:00a & 10:30a

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

GRACE CHURCH STAFF

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GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. William Yagel

PRELUDE

Andante No. 3

C.H. Rinck
(1770-1846)

The People Stand

PROCESSIONAL

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah

Hymnal 460

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*

Presider:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

In unison:

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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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 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

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT

The People Sit

Lector A reading from First Samuel

1 SAMUEL 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." Jesse made

seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

The People Sit

PSALM 23

Dominus regit me

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE EPISTLE

The People Sit

Lector A reading from Ephesians

EPHESIANS 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
 Rise from the dead,
 and Christ will shine on you.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

The People Stand

SEQUENCE HYMN

Be not dismayed whate'er betide

LEVAS 183

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

JOHN 9:1-41

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” Jesus answered, “Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” Some were

saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

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: Mimi Booker, Dennis Cramer, Kyleigh Croy, Sarah Donnely, Frann Felch, Gary, Emmerson Gravatt, William Gregory, Conall Harvey, Elizabeth Harvey, Caroline Hellmer, Kathleen Horton, Nolen Hutchinson, Bill Jeffrey, Bud Jeffries, Shirley Jones, Bill and Valerie Johnston, Diana Jordan, Barbara Journell, Forest Kanode, Noel Lawson, Joanne Linenburg, Jim Mooney, Matthew Phillips, Sarah Pollach, Anthea 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 Danny Hughett.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

God's animals inhabit the skies, the land, and the sea; we share the earth with them, and like them we rely on God's blessing to sustain and preserve us. We give thanks for the companionship of our pets on this earthly journey. Guide us in your wisdom to care for them and for all of your creation.

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.

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. 3

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

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

Hymnal 339

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Prayer Book 365

Presider Let us pray.

All 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

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Hymnal 493

DISMISSAL

Prayer Book 366

POSTLUDE

Idylle

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 .

PALM SUNDAY SERVICES—We look forward to sharing a portion of the 10:30 Palm Sunday Procession with our friends at Radford Presbyterian Church. We will meet at 10:30 in the Garden of Grace, adjacent to the Vest Building.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES—I hope you will be able to join us for Holy Week services as we mark the death of our Lord. These are powerful services that mark the betrayal, suffering, and death of Christ as we prepare for the miracle of the resurrection on Easter. These services are challenging by design and can be uncomfortable, but they are important as they call us deeper into the Paschal Mystery. We will have a Maundy Thursday evening service at 6:00 on Thursday 4/6. This will be a Eucharist service that will include the stripping of the altar but will not include foot washing this year. On Good Friday, 4/7, we will have the church open all day for individual prayer and contemplation with stations of the cross set up for your use. We will also have a service at noon on Friday to mark that holy hour.

NOONDAY PRAYER ON WEDNESDAY-- The service of Noonday Prayer this Wednesday will be led by Will Harris. No Eucharist will be offered. Please plan to come and bring your own lunch as is our custom.

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.

CHANGES TO OUR PRAYER LIST: Beginning on Easter Sunday we will change the way we track individuals on our Parish Prayer list. Every prayer request will remain on our list for a minimum of one month and can remain on the list as long as you like. We will add any names as they are received and at the beginning of each month Samantha will refresh the list of names, removing those names that have not been updated. There is not limit to how long a name may be refreshed and that person remain on the list. This is an effort to keep the list current and dynamic, not to limit the prayers of this congregation! In the coming weeks please provide the office with any names that you would like to keep on the list through then end of April, as the current name will be refreshed for Easter Sunday. Please call the office at (540) 639-3494 or email Samantha at admin@graceradford.org to update or add names to the list.

LEM AND ACOLYTE TRAINING: We will have Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM) and Acolyte training on Saturday April 1. LEM training will begin at 10:00 and Acolyte Training will begin at 10:45. Please plan to attend if you would like to serve in this way at Grace!

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 or just write your name and email on the “friendship form” and give it to an usher or drop it in the plate.

March Schedule

Date	LEM	Lector/Usher	Counter	Altar Guild
3/19/2023	Jack Brockway	Margaret Hrezo	Ann Walker Diana Jordan	Lee Slusher Robbie Nester Diana Jordan
3/26/2023*	Mark Carper	Jennifer Hand	Lee Slusher Penny Sweet	Lee Slusher Robbie Nester Diana Jordan
4/2/2023 Palm Sunday	Tim Walker	Cathy Caldwell	Sherri Carper Kristi McCraw	Eve Yagel Judy Bethea
4/9/2023 Easter	Jack Brockway	Ann Walker	Terry Nester Terry McCraw	Eve Yagel Judy Bethea

***Liturgy of the Word - No Eucharist**

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