

GRACE

GRACE MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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A parish for all people in the heart of the city.

❖ FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ❖



LENT

❖ FEBRUARY 18, 2024 ❖ 10:00 AM ❖



WELCOME TO GRACE!

We are glad you are with us!

Grace Memorial is part of the Jesus Movement in the Episcopal Way. We are a community of story, symbol, service, and song. We are a church of people with and without disabilities. Those who need to vocalize or move during the service are welcome to do so.

Please let us know that you are here by filling out a newcomer card and giving it to an usher or clergy person – or by saying “hi” in the YouTube chat.

COVID PROTOCOLS

There are high-quality (MERV-13) filters in Grace’s HVAC system. Grace strongly encourages vaccination. We support the choice to wear a mask.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children are welcome and expected throughout the service. For those families who would prefer it, nursery care is available beginning at 9am in the Nursery downstairs. For older children, Church School gathers in the Mason Burnham room after the service’s opening collect (i.e., prayer).

SERVING US TODAY

Presider & Preacher • The Reverend Martin Elfert
Curate • The Reverend Lara Halsey
Church School • Elyssa de la Cruz
Lectors • Zane Barlow, Yetunde Laniran
Intercessor • Robin Gault
Acolytes • Sam Schifferdecker, Zane Barlow, Frederick Gibson
Healing Ministry • The Reverend Dr. Corbet Clark & Myra Clark
Sacristans • Gillian Weisgram, Wolf
Ushers • Louise Tippens, Sally Fraser
Organist/Choir Director • Susan J. Jensen
Cantors • Kevin Walsh, Phoebe MacRae
Digital Verger • Evelyn Prater
Nursery Care • Jo Wiersma

UPCOMING SERVICES

Catechumenate & Evening Prayer

Wednesday, February 21

Session #1 – “Journeys & Wonder”

6:30pm – In the Ella Brown Room

Thursday, February 22

Holy Eucharist, Rt. II

9:30am – in the Chapel

The Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 25

8:00am – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00am – Nursery Care

*10:00am – ✧ Choral Eucharist, Rite II

10:00am – Church School

Catechumenate & Evening Prayer

Wednesday, February 28

Session #2 – “Jesus”

6:30pm – In the Ella Brown Room

Thursday, February 29

Holy Eucharist, Rt. II

9:30am – in the Chapel

The Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 3

8:00am – Holy Eucharist, Rite I

9:00am – Nursery Care

*10:00am – ✧ Choral Eucharist, Rite II

10:00am – Church School

Catechumenate & Evening Prayer

Wednesday, March 6

Session #3 – “Divine Gifts”

6:30pm – In the Ella Brown Room

Thursday, March 7

Holy Eucharist, Rt. II

9:30am – in the Chapel

***Hybrid Service** – in the Nave and on YouTube

✧ incense is used at this service

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

10:00 AM ❖ HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER, Page 355 – YEAR B

Today's readings can be found at www.Lectionarypage.net

❖ THE ENTRANCE RITE ❖

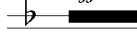
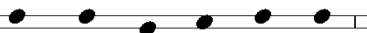
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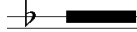
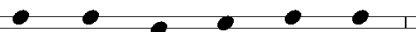
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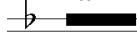

Reverend Martin Elfert, Rector



THE GREAT LITANY ❖

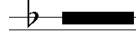
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Officiant  *People* 
O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, Have mer - cy up - on us.

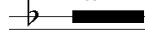
Officiant  *People* 
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, Have mer - cy up - on us.


Officiant  *People* 
O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faith - ful, Have mer - cy up - on us.


Officiant  *People* 
O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God, Have mer - cy up - on us.

Officiant 
Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy

People 
preserve us for ev - er. Spare us, good Lord.

Officiant 
From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the


devil; and from everlast - ing dam - na - tion,

People 
Good Lord, de - liv - er us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,
Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

People

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all humankind into thy kingdom,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to have mercy upon all humankind,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

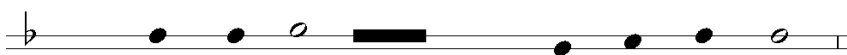
We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.



That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.





Officiant Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.



People Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

Officiant  *People* 


O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.
 O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Have mer-cy up-on us.

Officiant  *People* 

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.

Officiant  *People* 

O Christ, hear us. O Christ, hear us.



Officiant Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
People Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.
Officiant Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

SALUTATION ❖

Presider Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY ❖

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Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider 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.

People **Amen.**


*Children are invited to join Church School in the Mason Burnham room
 in the basement of the Parish Hall.*

❖ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ❖


FIRST READING ❖ *Genesis 9:8-17*

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Antiphon is sung once by the choir, repeated by all.

desc. 

Your paths are love and faith - ful - ness to those who keep your cov - e - nant.

Choir 

Your paths are love and faith - ful - ness to those who keep your cov - e - nant.

tone: ERHALT UNS, HERR



- 1 To you O LORD I lift up my soul; ... my God I [put] my trust in you;*
let me not be humiliated, ... nor let my enemies [tri]-umph over me.
- 2 **Let none who look to you be [put] to shame;***
let the treacherous be disappointed [in] their schemes.
- 3 Show me your [ways] O LORD,*
and [teach me] your paths.
- 4 **Lead me in your [truth] and teach me,***
for you are the God of my salvation; ... in you have I trusted [all the] day long.

Antiphon

- 5 Remember O LORD your com-[passion] and love,*
for they are from [ev]-erlasting.
- 6 **Remember not the sins of my youth and [my] transgressions;***
remember me according to your love, ...
and for the sake of your [goodness] O LORD.
- 7 Gracious and upright [is] the LORD;*
therefore he teaches sinners [in] his way.
- 8 **He guides the humble in [do]-ing right***
and teaches his [way to] the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the LORD are [love] and faithfulness*
to those who keep his covenant [and] his testimonies.

Antiphon

SECOND READING ❖ 1 Peter 3:18-22

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

vv. 1, 2 before the Gospel; v. 3, 4 after

1. Al - might - y Lord Most High draw near whose awe - some
 2. How mea - sure - less your mer - cies stand, the hope and
 3. From such a heart we bend the knee and all our
 4. So lift on high the Sav - ior's praise with all the

splen - dor none can bear; e - ter - nal God, in mer - cy hear,
 pledge of sins for - given; those sins, un - num - bered as the sand,
 sin and shame con - fess. Lord, your un - worth - y serv - ants see,
 hosts of heaven a - bove, and sing through ev - er - last - ing days

re - ceive once more the sin - ner's prayer; u - pon your
 that hide the ver - y stars of heaven; O God of
 and clothe us round with right - eous - ness; that loved and
 the God of glor - y grace and love. The Lord of

word of grace we call whose word of pow - er has or - dered all.
 grace, to us im - part a pen - i - tent and con - trite heart.
 par - doned, healed and blest, we taste your mer - cies man - i - fest.
 all let us a - dore, for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ❖ *Mark 1:9-15**Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.***Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON ❖

*The Reverend Martin Elfert**A time of silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

People

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 ❖

Intercessor

We pray for this community, especially for those who are suffering at this time. We pray for those on our prayer list: Kate, Jeanann Francis, Lexie Rosco, Hannah Miller, Janie, Robert, George, Ruth Higgenbotham, Greg Gabriel, Caden Teddleton, Carla Brown, Donna Lisa (Robbins), Dusty, Priscilla Anderson, Margaret Duryee, Rusty, Michael Curry, John, Lindsay Hoek, Niki, Kathleen, Ruth Haines, Larry S., Brandon Hoek, Rochelle Hoek, Anne Martin, Erin and Baby Wyatt, Staci Heuvel, Stanley Jackson, Elaine Toll, Claudia Frahm, LeRoy Patton, Jacquelyn Vittitow, Carl McNabb, Debbie McDuffee, Shirley Johnson, Darryl and Katharine Holland, George, Joanna Bailey, Lee Ann Snyder, Liz Gautier, Ricardo, Stephanie Hoffman, Trip Clark, Tony Gawf, Alta Acosta, Marilyn Goldsmith, Mitch Reiter, Olivier, Francis & Lu Abrao, and those whose needs are known to God alone.

All **Help us, O Lord.**

We pray for all those who have died. We remember especially Jonanna Calleton, Jessica, Matt Zimmerman, Allen Stakset, Ric Menegat, Stephen Whitney-Wise, Elisi, Jerry, Mike, Jack Cassidy, Roy Coulter, Jack Haines, Laura Hull, and Kate Boger.

All **Help us, O Lord.**

Intercessor

Please add your prayers of thanksgiving or need, that you would like this community to hold.

Joining our voices with the blessed Virgin Mary and with all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION ❖

Presider Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:
To the ways I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world.
People **May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**
Presider Amen.

People **Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness:
To the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world.**
Presider May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the spirit enable you to grow in love.
People **Amen.**

THE PEACE ❖

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**
The People greet one another in the name of Christ.

❖ CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST ❖

THE OFFERING ❖

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the Altar.

*At the Offertory, we return thanks for God's many blessings in our lives, and we invite you to give generously.
You may give an offering in the plate or by visiting our online link at www.grace-memorial.org.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM ❖ *Jesus, the very thought of thee*

*text: Bernard of Clairvaux, ca. 1091-1153;
trans. by Edward Caswall, 1814-1878*

Jesus, the very thought of thee,
With sweetness fills my breast.
But sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
nor can the memory find
a sweeter sound than Jesus' name,
the Saviour of mankind.

O hope of every contrite heart!
O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, How kind thou art!
How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find?
Ah! This nor tongue nor pen can show:
the love of Jesus, what it is,
none but who love him know.

Jesus, our only joy be thou,
as thou our prize wilt be,
in thee be all our glory now,
and through eternity.

PRESENTATION HYMN ❖ *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

Thomas Tallis (1505?-1585)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God, above, ye heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!

Presider *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Presider *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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.

Presider God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People **By his blood, he reconciled us.**

By his wounds, we are healed.

Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S-124 ❖

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Presider And so, Father, we who have been redeemed...

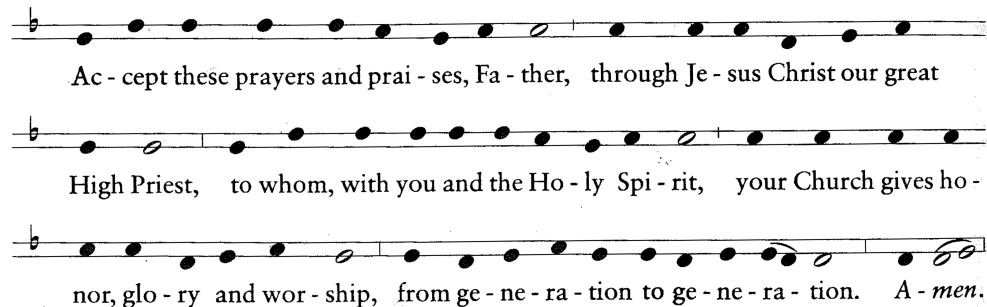
People Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Presider

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of our Mothers, God of Sarah, Rebecca, Leah and Rachel, and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.




Ac - cept these prayers and prai - ses, Fa - ther, through Je - sus Christ our great
High Priest, to whom, with you and the Ho - ly Spi - rit, your Church gives ho -
nor, glo - ry and wor - ship, from ge - ne - ra - tion to ge - ne - ra - tion. A - men.

Presider

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER ❖

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Unison or harmony
Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name, your king - dom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us
from the time of trial, and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom,

Slightly faster



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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD ❖

FRACTION ANTHEM ❖

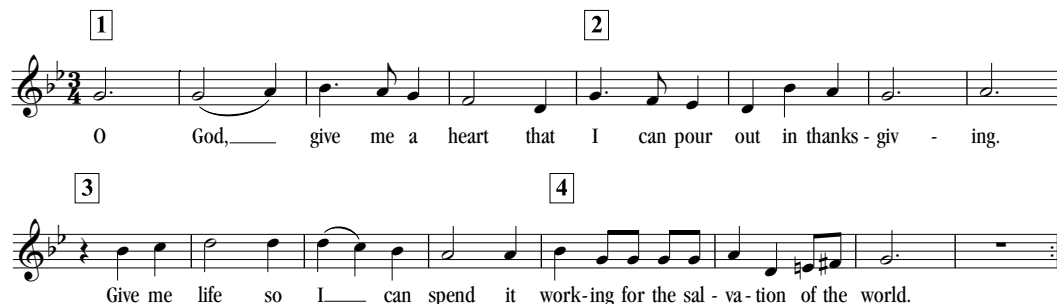
Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**
Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION ❖

If you know the brokenness of life, then you have participated in the broken body of Christ, and you are invited to share in the breaking of bread. If you desire to know the love of God that overcomes apathy, alienation, and despair, then you are invited to share in the cup of the new covenant. The bread is received in the open palm. It is usual Anglican practice to drink the wine from the common cup. Intinction (i.e., the practice of dipping the bread into the chalice) is not permitted. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. The bread is gluten-free at the 10am service.

Healing prayers are available by the icon in the right transept during communion. You may ask for prayers for yourself or someone else.

COMMUNION HYMN ❖ *Give me* Carson P. Cooman; text by Khwaja Abdullah Ansari (1006–1088)



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER ❖

BCP 365

Presider Let us pray.
All **Almighty and everliving God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
 And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
 to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THANKSGIVINGS ❖

THANKSGIVING HYMN, WLP 824 ❖ *God grant them many years*

God grant them ma - ny years! God grant them ma - ny years!

God grant them ma - ny years!

BLESSING ❖

CLOSING HYMN ❖ *Forty days and forty nights*

Hymnal 150

1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
 2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
 3 Then if Sa - tan on us press, Je - sus, Sa - vior, hear our call!
 4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
 5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

1 for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
 2 fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
 3 Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, grant we may not faint nor fall!
 4 round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
 5 that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

Words: George Hunt Smytton (1822-1870), alt. Music: *Aus der Tiefe rufe ich*, melody att. Martin Herbst (1654-1681), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889).

DISMISSAL ❖

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE ❖

Following the 10am service, join us in the Parish Hall for a cup of coffee or tea!

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Grace News

Your Grace Liturgical Team meets weekly to review, plan and develop all the details that go into our worship services. This Lent, we are shortening the bulletin (per your suggestion) to save paper by resuming the old-school practice of using the Hymnal (as needed). We will be trying out two separate bulletins for the 8am and 10am services. The same announcements will be in both leaflets. Just by doing this we are saving approximately 12,650 pieces of paper a year. We also are returning to our pre-pandemic practice of not printing the Prayers of the People, but the names that we hold in Prayer will remain in the bulletin and will be listed in a new order (not alphabetically but listed as they are added). We also have an online form for submitting prayers now. And lastly, during Lent it is also our practice to use incense at the 10am service, during the Triduum, and then on Easter Day. As always, we appreciate your ideas and welcome your feedback.

Easter Altar Flowers

Easter Flower Remembrances

Easter Lilies and Easter Flowers are a lovely way to remember loved one or to honor a loved one at the altar during the season of Easter. Please consider making a \$25 flower donation toward the purchase of an Easter Lily. The money can be donated on-line or by check/cash which may be placed in the collection plate in an Easter Flower envelope. Please label all donations "**Altar Guild Easter flower ministry**". Please notify Kris Doty (at kdoty@grace-memorial.org) the names of the people that you are remembering/honoring. Easter flower envelopes will be available next Sunday.

Community

C3 (Coffee, Conversation, Connection)

meets the First Thursday of every month. **Our next gathering is Thursday, March 7.** "At the table" in March will be the Book of Psalms. During Lent we "ponder our humanity; grieve our sinfulness; give thanks for Christ's gift". Theologian John Calvin called the Psalms "an anatomy of all parts the soul". Please choose 2-3 penitential Psalms to share & reflect upon. Examples are Psalms 1; 6; 8; 13; 18; 32; 38; 51; 102; 130 and 143.

The C3 agenda is simple. We have our coffee, engage in conversation, and connect over scripture. We explore the written Word together, in dialog & discovery. To prepare we are encouraged to read and/or listen to a preferred translation. Credible podcasts, audio visuals, and commentaries are additional resources widely available. Please

remember C3 is not a class; it's a conversation. Engagement; not education.

Listening; learning in a safe place as we "test-drive" ideas and inspiration.

All women are welcome. Attendance is by choice, on the calendar, yes, we hope; but not compulsory! Come as you are and come when you can. For more information, please see Gwen Harvey: gph1220@gmail.com or 919-619-1238.

Hale's Fellowship Group meets the First Wednesday of Every Month. **Our next gathering is March 6 at 5:00pm at McMenamins**, 1504 NW Broadway, Portland, Oregon, 97232. Please contact Charles A. McGee II at charlesamcgeeii@yahoo.com for more information.

Grace Opportunities

Catechumenate 2024

"Going Deeper into Faith"

February 21 through March 27

6:30pm – 8pm in the Ella Brown Room

Join us for six Wednesdays in Lent for a time of wondering, learning, creating, and questioning – in short, a time of going deeper into discipleship of Jesus and deeper into connection with other members of the Body of Christ.

We'll begin with a meal at 6:30pm – 7pm, share in conversation and reflection 7:00pm – 7:45pm, and end with Evening Prayer.

February 21 Journeys and Wonder

Why do you think you are here? What led you to this place and this moment? Where might you have seen God on the journey?

February 28 Jesus

Who is Jesus? What does it mean to be Christian?

March 6 Divine Gifts

What is prayer? How do we pray?

March 13 Stump the priest!

Bring your questions and watch us squirm.

March 20 Guiding Love

What is the Episcopal tradition?

March 27 Awe & Resurrection

The cusp of the Triduum: What now?

Please let Rev. Martin or Rev. Lara know if you would like to participate. We'd love to see you there.

Grace Camps

Grace Institute Spring Break Camp

March 25, 26 and 27, 2024

Esteemed storyteller, Will Hornyak, returns to entrance campers with a Chinese tale about the healing power of patience, courage, and love called The Tiger's Whisker. Taking inspiration from The Tiger's Whisker, campers will rotate through a variety of arts studios, including Fibre Arts, Music & Dance, Podcasting, Printmaking, Visual Arts and more!

For more information: <https://grace-institute.org/2024/01/19/spring-break-camp-2024/>

Camp Magruder The All-Parish Retreat!

April 26-28, 2024

17450 Old Pacific Hwy, Rockaway Beach, OR, 97136. All ages are encouraged to come! Parishioners are invited to join us for a weekend of fun, festivities and reflection at Camp Magruder. This is an experience for all ages!

Go to <http://www.campmagruder.org/> to see what Camp Magruder has to offer. Email the church office if you would like to attend!

Grace Institute Summer of Aloha:

Celebrating All Things Hawai'i

We're excited to feel the island energy at Grace Art Camp this summer. Welcoming Culture Keepers in music, dance, storytelling, and culinary arts, campers will cruise through Grace Art Camp with an easy-going, joyful, judgement-free togetherness that we've come to appreciate is a part of Hawai'i. This year we will have six 5-day sessions, and three 3-day sessions. In order to provide the Grace Art Camp experience to as many families as possible, we only permit one session per camper (either 5-day or 3-day).

Join the wonderful group of Volunteers at Grace!

The following ministries at Grace welcome your help and joyful participation. Learn a new skill!

Ushering & Welcoming • contact Sally Fraser

Singing in the Choir • contact Susan Jensen

Serving on the Altar Guild • contact Jennifer Yeast

Reading the Lessons (Lectors) • contact Bob Hansler

Learn how to be an Acolyte • contact Jeff Ewen

VESTRY

Co-Senior Wardens:

Charles A. McGee II, (Vestry Chair)

Kevin Walsh (2026), (Rector's Advisor)

David Waldow (2025) Junior Warden

Warren Burkholder Jr., Treasurer

Alicia Lehrle, Clerk

Keri Beck (2025)

Roosevelt Carter (2026)

Cameron Denney (2025)

Sally Fraser (2025)

Yetunde Laniran (2026)

Nora McLaughlin (2027)

Sam Schifferdecker (2027)

Stephen Weeks (2027)

Lisa Westarp (2027)

Jennifer Yeast (2026)

Grace Calendar

Tuesday, February 20 @ 9am

Tai Chi meets in the Parish Hall

Tuesday, February 20 @ 6pm

Vestry meeting

Wednesday, February 21 @ 9am

Safety & Security meeting (on zoom)

Thursday, February 22 @ 9:30

Holy Eucharist in the Chapel of the Nativity

Thursday, February 22 @ noon

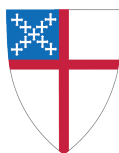
St. Mary's Guild meets (Mason Burnham room)

Sunday, February 25 @ 11:45am

State of Grace - after the 10am service

Hear exciting updates from your Vestry on the Grace Commons Project.

<https://grace-memorial.org/campus-calendar/>



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The Rt. Rev. Doctor Diana Akiyama,
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The Rev. Martin Elfert • Rector

The Rev. Lara Halsey • Curate

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Klein • Deacon

The Rev. Dr. Corbet Clark • Associate Priest

The Rev. Canon Dr. Richard Toll • Associate Priest

Kris Doty • Parish Manager

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Lukas Sherman • Campus Steward

Evelyn Prater • Digital Production Specialist

Jo Wiersma • Nursery Care Coordinator

Demetria Keck • Office Volunteer

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Reverend Martin Elfert

Wednesdays 9:30am – 11:30am

Thursdays 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Reverend Lara Halsey

Sundays 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Mondays 3:00pm – 5:00pm

Reverend Dr. Liz Klein

Wednesdays 11:00am – 1:00pm

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mondays - Fridays 9:00am – 3:00pm

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