

# GRACE GRACE MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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*A parish for all people in the heart of the city.*

## ❖ THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ❖



❖ MARCH 1, 2026 ❖ 8:00AM & 10:00AM ❖

### **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.

### **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., opening prayer).

### **SERVICE TIMES AND LOCATIONS**

#### **Sundays in the Sanctuary**

8:00am - **Holy Eucharist Rite I**  
Spoken Service

10:00am - **Choral Eucharist Rite II\***

#### **Weekdays in the Chapel**

Thursdays 9:30am  
**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

#### **\* Hybrid Service**

*both in the Nave and on YouTube*

# ❖ THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ❖

8:00 AM ❖ HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I  
YEAR A

*Today's readings can be found at [www.Lectionarypage.net](http://www.Lectionarypage.net)*

*The Service begins on page 323 in the Book of Common Prayer found in the pew racks.*

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Opening Sentences	BCP pg. 323
The Collect of the Day	BCP pg. 166
First Reading	Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121	BCP pg. 779
Second Reading	Romans 4:1-5; 13-17
The Holy Gospel	John 3: 1-17
Sermon	Rev. Martin Elfert
Nicene Creed	BCP pg. 326
The Prayers Of The People	BCP pg. 328
Confession of Sin and Absolution	BCP pg. 330
The Peace	BCP pg. 332
Holy Eucharistic Prayer I	BCP pg. 333
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Ministration Of The Sacrament	BCP pg. 338
Prayer Of Thanksgiving	BCP pg. 339
The Blessing	BCP pg. 339
The Dismissal	BCP pg. 339



# ❖ THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT ❖

10:00 AM ❖ HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER - YEAR A

*Today's readings can be found at [www.Lectionarypage.net](http://www.Lectionarypage.net). The Service begins on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer found in the pew racks. The Online Book of Common Prayer can be found here: <https://www.bcponline.org/>. Hymns can be found in the blue Hymnal in the pew rack. The "S-numbers" are found in the front of the blue Hymnal.*

## ❖ THE ENTRANCE RITE ❖

PRELUDE ❖ *Lenten Bell Peal*

WELCOME ❖

OPENING HYMN 401 ❖ *The God of Abraham praise*

THE SALUTATION ❖

BCP pg. 355

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY ❖

*All* **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

TRISAGION ❖ *Holy God*

EOMI 55, BCP pg. 356

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,  
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, have mer - cy up - on us.

Setting: *Missa Oecumenica*, from the *Trinitatis Choral Review*, arr. Richard Proulx, after Alexander Archangelsky (1846–1924), © 1999 Oregon Catholic Press. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY ❖

BCP pg. 218

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

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.

*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 ❖

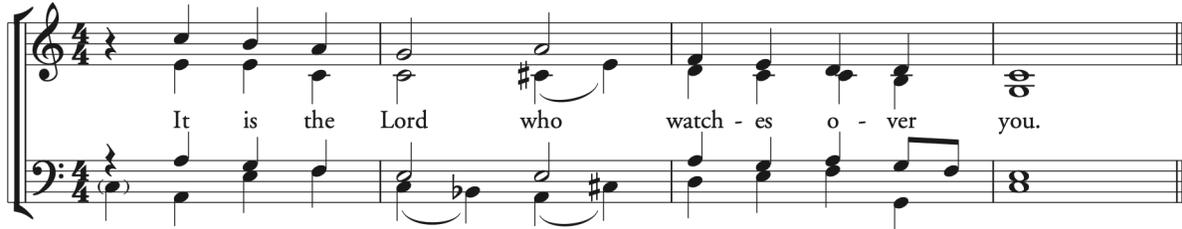
## FIRST READING ❖ *Genesis 12:1-4a*

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

## PSALM 121 ❖

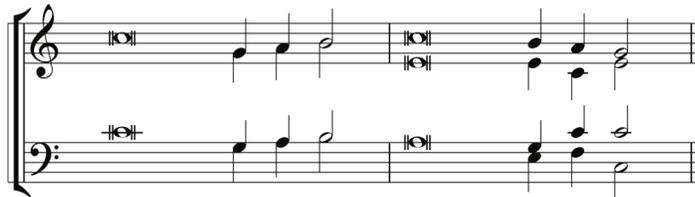
*Antiphon is sung once by the Choir, repeated by All.*

*BCP pg. 779; Psalter for Christian People  
SJMP, Setting 2*



It is the Lord who watch - es o - ver you.

*tone: EIN FESTE BURG*



- 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.
- Antiphon*
- 3 The LORD will not let your [foot] be moved \*  
and the ONE who watches over you will not [fall] asleep.
  - 4 Behold, the ONE who keeps [watch o]-ver Israel \*  
shall neither [slumber] nor sleep;
  - 5 It is the LORD who [watch]-es 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.

*Antiphon*

- 7 The LORD shall preserve you [from] all evil; \*  
the LORD shall [keep] you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your [com]-ing in, \*  
from this time forth for [ev]-ermore.

*Antiphon*

SECOND READING ❖ *Romans 4:1-5, 13-17*

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

SEQUENCE HYMN 379 ❖ *God is Love*

*vv. 1 & 2 before the Gospel; 3 after*

THE HOLY GOSPEL ❖ *John 3:1-17*

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*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.*

THE NICENE CREED ❖

*from Enriching Our Worship I, pg. 53*

*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.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ❖

*People Response: Silence.*

*Remembering especially:* Rami, Mike, Dawne Gerhart, Chelsey Horchy, Layla, Jim Watkins, Kim Watkins, Claudia and Jim Frahm, Lee Ann Snyder, George and Judy Fleming, Stephanie Quigley, and Pam Boston.

For Donald, our President; Tina, our Governor; and Keith, our Mayor.

For peace and protection for the people of Venezuela, Sudan, Ukraine, Russia, Palestine and Israel.

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Diana, our Bishop; the clergy here at Grace Memorial and the clergy at our companion parish, Trinity Cathedral in Monrovia Liberia.

For Matt Haines, our seminarian.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Good Samaritan, Corvallis

*We remember the deceased:* Bill Gallup, Gene Baker, Karen Ormsby, Nick and Priscilla Cowell, Rosco, Rusty, Ruth Higgenbotham, Jorge Bergoglio, Sybil Grissom, Dan, Phyllis Moquist, Alta Acosta, Larry Snyder, Chris Maas, Alvin Ditty, Darryl Holland, William Thomas Harvey, Mary Walker, Randy Shelby, Hal Phillips, Bengt Ageros, John Conway, Peter J. Kelly, Jane Goodall, Stacey Hicks, Comfort Peabody, Maddie Harris, Jim Boston, and Cabby Tennis.

This week marks the first anniversary of Barbara Leighton's death. Today her name will leave the intercessions, and we will next hear Barbara's name spoken in prayer come All Souls' Day. Today, we remember Barbara and mourn for her in a new way. She is a year into her time among that great cloud of witnesses, a year into her time in your house where there are many dwelling places. We hold before you our gratitude for her life and our sorrow at her death. We give Barbara back to you ever more fully.

## 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.**

*Children return from Church school.*

## 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.*



We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving...  
 ...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 Je - sus Christ. By him and with him and in him,  
 in the u - ni - ty of the Ho - ly Spi - rit all ho - nor and glo - ry is yours,  
 Al - migh - ty Fa - ther, now and for ev - er. A - men.

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER ❖

*BCP pg. 364, S-119*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD ❖

*Presider* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

FRACTION ANTHEM ❖ *Agnus dei*

*EOMI, pg.57*

Lamb \_\_\_\_ of God, you take \_\_\_\_ a - way the  
 sins of the world, have \_\_\_\_ mer - cy on us.  
 Lamb \_\_\_\_ of God, you take \_\_\_\_ a - way the  
 sins of the world, grant \_\_\_\_ us peace.

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*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

MINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT ❖

**Share the gifts**

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.

**Prayer and Laying On of Hands for Healing**

If you wish a particular prayer for yourself or for someone else, you are invited to go to the prayer station located to the right of the altar. Give your first name and share your prayer need, and the prayer team will quietly offer prayers. Anything you share is confidential.

COMMUNION MUSIC ❖ *Dialogue sur la Voix humaine*

*François Couperin*

COMMUNION HYMN 668 ❖ *I to the hills will lift mine eyes*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER ❖

*BCP 365*

*Presider  
and People*

**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 143 ❖ *The glory of these forty days*

DISMISSAL ❖

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

POSTLUDE ❖ *Fugue sur les jeux d'anches (from Messe pour les Paroisses)*

*François Couperin*

*Following the 10am service, join us in the Parish Hall for conversation and a cup of coffee or tea.*



**GRACE NEWS:** Please submit your announcements for the bulletin and Grace Notes to the Office by Tuesday at 5pm.

**Every Sunday @ 9am – Bible Study in the Chapel –** Come join us and take an in-depth look at the upcoming lessons of our lectionary. Join us for an enriching look into our readings from Sunday to Sunday.

**TONIGHT! Sunday, March 1 - Community Dinner at 5pm:** All are welcome! Come help be a part of this important ministry at Grace. Set up is at 4:00pm. See Rev. Lara for more information.

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***Incense during LENT at the 10am services***



Early Christian churches burned and used incense in their worship services to purify the sacred space and get ready for the presence of God.

During the season of Lent, at the 10am service, we will be using incense at specific points in our services and for very specific reasons. When you see the smoke filling the sanctuary during the procession, you know that the service has begun. When you see the altar being "censed" or the bread and wine, it is a cue to all your senses that we are all anticipating a bigger moment, a greater presence, and we are making the space ready for the divine. It is a way of seeing that God is here with us.

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***Easter Flower Remembrances***



***Easter Lilies & 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 our Easter lilies & flowers.** Donations of any amount may be made on-line (under GIVING) or by check/cash which may be placed in the ***Easter Flower envelopes*** in the collection plate.

Please label all donations "***Easter Flowers.***"

Please notify Nick Fox (at [nfox@grace-memorial.org](mailto:nfox@grace-memorial.org)) the names of the people that you are remembering/honoring. Remember to write the names of the people that you are remembering and honoring so that we can list your names in the Easter Vigil and Easter bulletins, if you wish.

All donations need to be made by **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** if you would like names to be inserted into our leaflets.

Our beautiful Easter flowers will adorn the church at the Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday morning, and the Sundays of the Easter season as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Beloved Christ.

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**Concert Series at Grace: Amadeus Chamber Orchestra - BAROQUE BY CANDLELIGHT** on Tuesdays! Tickets are \$35 and available at <https://www.amadeuspdx.org/> or at the door. *Arts for All* tickets are available too.

**Next concert: TUESDAY, March 10th:** JS Bach & Friends presented by Adam LaMotte, violin & Matthew Hudgens, oboe.

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**Catechumenate** continues this Wednesday. **Join us at 6pm – 9pm** in the Chapel on Wednesday evenings for a supper and then a time of wondering, learning, creating, and questioning – in short, a time of going deeper into discipleship and deeper into connection with other members of the Body of Christ.

After a soup supper, we'll share in conversation. Meets: **March 4**, March 11, March 18, March 25, and April 1.

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**Earth Justice Film Series 2026: Stories to inspire:** check out. For film info, details, dates, locations, and to register: <https://linktr.ee/earthjusticefilms>. *This is a film series recommended by the Grace Racial and Environmental Justice Team* Next movie (The Politics of Beauty): March 29. See Bill Cassidy for more information.

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**FROM OUR DIOCESE: Lots of wonderful things happening in our Diocese!** Check out all the Opportunities and News in their weekly newsletter at [ecwo.org](http://ecwo.org).

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**NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON at 4pm**

**Join us for a Music at Grace Concert: Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> @ 4pm**



Phoebe MacRae, *soprano*  
& Andy D'Antonio, *piano*

Featuring **Samuel Barber's song cycle "Hermit Songs"**  
& other musical gems by Hildegard, Mozart, Haydn, Berio, & Rameau.

"Hermit Songs" is a song cycle for voice and piano by Samuel Barber. Written in 1953, it takes a collection of anonymous poems written by Irish monks and scholars from the 8<sup>th</sup> century to the 13<sup>th</sup> centuries, in translations by W.H. Auden, Chester Kooman, Howard Mumford Jones and others. These songs are small poems, thoughts or short observations, some very short, and speak in straightforward, witty, and often surprisingly modern terms of the simple life they led - close to nature, their animals, and God.

Suggested donation at the door: \$25 adult.

Proceeds will benefit all the wonderful happenings at Grace.  
Students & children free!

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## SERVING US TODAY

Presider • The Reverend Lara Halsey  
Preacher • The Reverend Martin Elfert  
Curate • The Reverend Lara Halsey  
Church School • The Reverend Lara Halsey  
8am Lector & Intercessor • Kevin Walsh  
10am Lectors • Nora McLaughlin, Gillian Weisgram  
Crucifer & Torchbearers • The Acolyte Guild  
Healing Ministry • The Rev. Dr. Corbet Clark, Myra Clark  
Sacristans • Jennifer Yeast, The Altar Guild  
Ushers • The Usher Guild  
Organist/Choir Director • Susan J. Jensen  
Digital Verger • André Pruitt

## CLERGY & STAFF AT GRACE

The Rt. Rev. Doctor Diana Akiyama • Bishop  
The Rev. Martin Elfert • Rector  
The Rev. Stephen V. Schneider • Rector Emeritus  
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  
Nick Fox • Parish Manager  
Susan J. Jensen • Organist/Choir Director  
Lukas Sherman • Campus Steward  
Evelyn Prater • Digital Verger  
Jo Wiersma • Nursery Care Coordinator  
Demetria Keck • Office Volunteer

## VESTRY

Nora McLaughlin (2029), Co Senior Warden  
Stephen Weeks (2029), Co Senior Warden  
Marissa Cheplick (2028), Treasurer  
Alicia Lehrle, Clerk  
Kirstin Greene (2029)  
Martha Humphrey (2027)  
Shannon Jones (2028)  
Yetunde Laniran (2029)  
Kathleen Park-Lindsay (2029)  
Andre Pruitt (2029)  
Jennifer Traeger (2028)

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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[www.grace-memorial.org](http://www.grace-memorial.org)

## CLERGY OFFICE HOURS

**Rev. Martin Elfert**  
Wednesdays 9:30am – 11:30am  
Thursdays 2pm – 4pm  
**Rev. Lara Halsey**  
Mondays 1pm – 5pm  
**Rev. Dr. Liz Klein**  
Wednesdays 11am – 1pm

## GRACE CALENDAR

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

### **Sunday, March 1, 2026 @ 5pm**

Community Dinner

### **Tuesday, March 3 @ 9am**

Tai Chi in the Parish Hall

### **Wednesday, March 4 @ 6pm**

Catechumenate meets in the Chapel

### **Wednesday, March 4 @ 8pm**

Compline on zoom

### **Thursday, March 5 @ 9:30am**

Holy Eucharist in the Chapel & coffee

### **Thursday, March 5 @ 10:00am**

C3: Coffee, Conversation & Connection

### **Thursday, March 5 @ 12noon - 3pm**

St. Mary's Guild meets in the Mason Burnham Room

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