

GRACE GRACE MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

❖ PALM SUNDAY & SUNDAY OF THE PASSION ❖



❖ MARCH 29, 2026 ❖

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



❖ PALM SUNDAY ❖

8:00 AM ❖ HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

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

The Service begins on page 270 in the Book of Common Prayer found in the pew racks.



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everliving God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



The Liturgy of the Palms	BCP pg. 270
The Collect of the Day	BCP pg. 168
First Reading	Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	BCP pg. 760
Second Reading	Philippians 2:5-11
The Holy Gospel	Matthew 21:1-11
Sermon	The Reverend Lara Halsey
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THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Matthew 26:14-27:66



❖ PALM SUNDAY ❖

10:00 AM ❖ HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

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

The Service begins on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer found in the pew racks.

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 LITURGY OF THE PALMS

The people gather in the courtyard.

HYMN 153 ❖ *Blessed is the King*

Cantor or Celebrant

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord;

People

Peace in heaven and glory in the high - est.

THE COLLECT FOR THE LITURGY OF THE PALMS ❖

BCP pg. 270

Presider Let us pray.
 Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE BLESSING OVER THE BRANCHES ❖

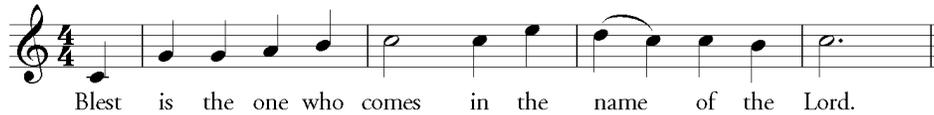
BCP pg. 271

Presider : The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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



- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, [who] is good; *
whose mercy en-[dures] for ever.
- 2 Let Israel [now] proclaim, *
"The mercy of the LORD en-[dures] for ever."
- 19 Open for me the [gates] of righteousness; *
I will enter them;...
I will offer [thanks to] the LORD.
- 20 "This is the [gate of] the LORD; *
those who are [righteous] may enter."

Antiphon

- 21 I will give thanks to you, [for] you answered me *
and have become [my] salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the [builders] rejected *
has become the [chief] cornerstone.
- 23 This is the [LORD'S] doing, *
and it is marvelous [in] our eyes.
- 24 On this day the [LORD] has acted; *
we will re-[joice and] be glad in it.

Antiphon

- 25 Hosanna, [LORD], hosanna! *
LORD, send us [now] success.
- 26 Blessed is the one who comes in the [name of] the Lord; *
we bless you from the [house of] the LORD.
- 27 God is the LORD,... who has [shined] upon us; *
form a procession with branches up to the [horns of] the altar.
- 28 "You are my God, and [I] will thank you; *
you are my God, and [I will] exalt you."
- 29 Give thanks to the LORD, [who] is good; *
whose mercy en-[dures] for ever.

Antiphon

SECOND READING ❖ *Philippians 2: 5-11*

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL ❖

Matthew 21:1-11

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

SERMON ❖

The Reverend Lara Halsey

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, Chelsey Horchy, Layla, Lee Ann Snyder, George and Judy Fleming, Pam Boston, Jo Bronson, Tom Hopkins, Cary Newell.

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 Anglican Church of Melanesia

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Hospital Chaplains and School & Campus Ministries

We remember the deceased: 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, Cabby Tennis, and Dawne Gerhart.

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.

❖ CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST ❖

THE OFFERING ❖

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

At the Offertory we give thanks for God's many blessings in our lives. We invite you to make a generous financial gift. You may place cash or a check in the offering plate, visit grace-memorial.org, or scan the adjacent QR code. If you give online or via another means, please place an offering card in the offering plate as a symbol of your gift.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM ❖ *Pueri Hebraeorum*

Tomás Luis de Victoria

Pueri Hebraeorum vestimenta

prosternebant in via,

Et clamabant dicentes:

Hosanna filio David:

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

The children of the Hebrews threw their garments
into the road,

And cried out, saying:

Hosanna to the Son of David:

Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD ❖

A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION ANTHEM ❖

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

FRACTION ANTHEM ❖ *Agnus dei*

EOMI 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.

The musical score is written in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: 'Lamb ____ of God, you take ____ a - way the sins of the world, have ____ mer - cy on us.' and 'Lamb ____ of God, you take ____ a - way the sins of the world, grant ____ us peace.' The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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.

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. Grape juice is available as an alternative to wine: please let a server know that you would prefer to receive juice. If you would prefer not to appear on the livestream, please come to the right side of the communion rail (i.e., the North side, opposite the organ).

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 HYMN 170 ❖ *To mock your reign*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER ❖

BCP pg. 365

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN 158 ❖ *Ah, holy Jesus*

❖ SENDING OUT OF THE DISCIPLES ❖

BLESSING ❖

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ❖

from the Gospel of Matthew 26:14-27:66

MUSIC MEDITATION ❖ *Spiegel im Spiegel*

*Arvo Pärt, 1978
Adaiha MacAdam-Somer, cello*

As we enter Holy Week, please leave in silence, reflecting upon God's mighty work of salvation in the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ.



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

Grace News

Easter Lily & Flower Remembrances

Today is the deadline to submit Easter flower remembrances for the Easter leaflets.

Please consider making a donation toward the purchase of Easter Altar flowers and lilies. You may donate in the collection plate in the **Easter Flower envelope** found in the pew and write your name as well as the names to remember and honor. Or you may also donate on-line on our webpage with a memo to the church office marked "**Altar Guild Easter Flowers**". The flowers will adorn the church at the Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday morning, and during the season of Easter, as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Beloved Christ.

This Thursday: Join us at 6pm for a Maundy Thursday Agape Meal. Please let Rev. Lara know if you can help set up and help with it! All are welcome.

Altar Party Rehearsal this week: For Acolytes serving at the Triduum services (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil), there may be a rehearsal scheduled this week. Date and time TBD. Please contact Rev. Martin and Charles A. McGee II for more information.

C3: Coffee, Conversation & Connection

C3 gathers on Thursday (Maundy Thursday), April 2 @ 10 AM @ Woodblock Chocolate (NE 17th & Broadway). We will continue our conversation about the spiritual disciplines & practices that enrich our lives & extend beyond the Lenten season. "At table" for formal discussion is Psalm 119: 1-88, a celebration of God's instruction. We are encouraged to read; picture; ponder; pray on these verses! We will pick up on Psalm 119: 89-176 in May. 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 email Gwen Harvey at (919-619-1238 cell) or gph1220@gmail.com.

Maundy Thursday, April 2

9:30am - Maundy Thursday Service Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

6:00pm Agapé Dinner: Join us in community for our Maundy Thursday Agapé meal at 6pm.

7:00pm - Maundy Thursday Service Choral Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Sanctuary
This service includes the use of incense.

Good Friday Service, April 3

7:00pm in the Sanctuary

Holy Saturday, April 4

The Rite of Reconciliation: Confession by request. Please contact Rev. Martin Elfert.

Saturday, April 4 – The Great Vigil of Easter at 8pm

The service begins in darkness with the kindling of the new fire and the lighting of the Paschal candle and moves into a retelling of our sacred history with a service of lessons. The service culminates in the first Eucharist of Easter. This service includes the use of incense.

Easter Sunday - Sunday, April 5

8:00am Holy Eucharist, Rite I with hymns

10:00am Choral Eucharist, Rite II & Holy Baptism - This service includes the use of incense.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2026

SUNDAY, MARCH 29
PALM SUNDAY

8:00am
Holy Eucharist Rite I
10:00am * †
Choral Eucharist Rite II

SATURDAY, APRIL 4
THE EASTER VIGIL

8:00pm * †
Choral Eucharist Rite II

THURSDAY, APRIL 2
MAUNDY THURSDAY

6:00pm Agape Meal
7:00pm * †
Choral Eucharist Rite II

SUNDAY, APRIL 5
EASTER SUNDAY

8:00am - Holy Eucharist Rite I with hymns
10:00am * † - Choral Eucharist Rite II

FRIDAY, APRIL 3
GOOD FRIDAY

7:00pm *
The Good Friday Liturgy

* Live-streamed on YouTube at www.grace-memorial.org
† Incense will be used at this service.

SERVING US TODAY

Presider • The Reverend Martin Elfert
Preacher • The Reverend Lara Halsey
Curate • The Reverend Lara Halsey
8am Lector & Intercessor • Brother Andrew
10am Lectors • Gillian Weisgram, Phoebe MacRae
10am Intercessor • Gwen Harvey
Church School • The Rev. Martin Elfert
Crucifer • Chaz Guinan
Torchbearers • Martha Humphrey, Wolf Sieveking
Thurifer • Fred Gibson
Healing Ministry • The Rev. Dr. Corbet Clark, Myra Clark
Sacristans • Jennifer Yeast, Genevieve and Xavier
Ushers • Annie Gilligan, Jennifer Traeger
Organist/Choir Director • Susan J. Jensen
Cellist • Adaiha MacAdam-Somer
Digital Verger • Gillian Weisgram

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)

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CLERGY OFFICE HOURS

Rev. Martin Elfert
Wednesdays 9:30am – 11:30am
Thursdays 2pm – 4pm

Rev. Lara Halsey
Mondays 1pm – 5pm

GRACE CALENDAR

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

Sunday, March 29 @ 12noon

State of Grace in the Parish Hall

Sunday, March 29 @ 1pm – 4pm

Rose City Renaissance Workshop in the Parish Hall

Sunday, March 29 @ 5pm

Community Dinner

Tuesday, March 31 @ 9am

Tai Chi in the Parish Hall

Tuesday, March 31 @ 7:15pm

Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary

Wednesday, April 1 @ 6pm

Catechumenate meets in the Chapel

Wednesday, April 1 @ 8pm

Compline on zoom

Thursday, April 2 @ 6pm

Maundy Thursday Agape dinner

Thursday, April 2 @ 9:30am and 7pm

Maundy Thursday Eucharist

Friday, April 3 @ 7pm

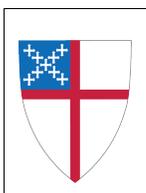
Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 4 @ 8pm

Easter Vigil service in the Parish Hall & Sanctuary

Sunday, April 5 @ 8am & 10am

Easter Sunday services



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