

# The Third Sunday in Lent



**23 March 2025**

**Choral Holy Eucharist: Rite II  
10:00 AM**

**Grace Episcopal Church**

385 Essex Street + Salem + Massachusetts 01970  
(978) 744-2796

Email: [office@gracechurchsalem.org](mailto:office@gracechurchsalem.org)

Web: [www.gracechurchsalem.org](http://www.gracechurchsalem.org)

---

## Greetings!

### **Welcome to those of you here. Here's some information:**

Most Sundays, we have Church School at 10:00 am with trained teachers. The classroom is located through the door at the front right of the chapel and down the hall; please ask if you need help finding it. The children will join us in church at the Peace and for Communion. All baptized children of any age are welcome to receive communion.

**Please join in the singing!** Hymnals are located in the pew and the numbers are listed in the leaflet. **“S”** numbered hymns are found in the front of the *Hymnal 1982*. The *Book of Common Prayer* may also be found in the rack in front of you.

**This is a self-supporting congregation**, so when the plate is passed in the middle of the service, please be generous. Today's collection will support our ministries to the community.

**At the communion, God welcomes all to the heavenly banquet.** The Episcopal Church offers the sacraments to anyone baptized in any denomination who, through prayer and thoughtful consideration, desires them. Please come to the communion rail to receive the bread whether you are an Episcopalian or not, or to receive a blessing.

**When coming to the rail for communion**, please kneel or stand at the rail from right to left until the rail is full. You may receive the wafer, receive the wine after consuming the wafer (no indicting) or may ask for a blessing. Please let the priest know if you need **gluten free**.

**The priest, Debbie, is available** after the service to answer any questions you might have. Please let her know your thoughts about today's service.

**If this is your first time here, please sign the book at the entrance of the church.** If you want more information, our website is [www.gracechurchsalem.org](http://www.gracechurchsalem.org). Our weekly newsletter, called Grace Notes, can be found there. If you wish to receive the newsletter, simply go to the website, open Grace Notes and subscribe.

**May we all find the service meaningful** and the embrace of the community inviting. It is a joy to worship together, wherever we are in our journey.



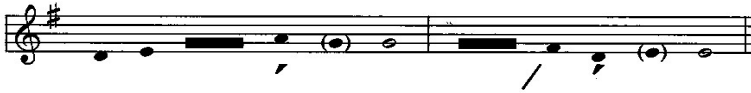
---

God. Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

---

**Psalm 63***Deus, Deus meus**Tone II.1*

- 1 *O God*, you are my God; eagerly I *séek* you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is / no wáter.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your *hóly* place, \*  
that I might behold your power and / your glóry.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than *lífe* itself; \*  
my lips / shall *gíve* you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I *líve* \*  
and lift up my hands / in *yóur* Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and *fátness*, \*  
and my mouth praises you / with *jóyful* lips,
- 6 When I remember you *upón* my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the / night *wáches*.
- 7 For you have been my *hélper*, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings / I *wíll* rejoice.
- 8 My soul *clings* to you; \*  
your right / hand *hólds* me fast.

**The Second Lesson****1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These

---

things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **The Sequence Hymn**

*The Hymnal 1982, #674*

“Forgive our sins as we forgive”

*Detroit*

### **The Gospel**

**Luke 13:1-9**

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Luke.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **The Sermon**

The Reverend Deborah Phillips

### **The Nicene Creed**

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 358*

The Peace

**The Holy Communion**

**Anthem at the Offering**

Charles Wood

*Never weather-beaten sail more willing bent to shore.  
Never tired pilgrim's limbs affected slumber more,  
Than my wearied sprite now longs to fly out of my troubled breast:  
O come quickly, sweetest Lord, and take my soul to rest.*

*Ever blooming are the joys of Heaven's high Paradise.  
Cold age deafs not there our ears nor vapour dims our eyes:  
Glory there the sun outshines whose beams the blessed only see:  
O come quickly, glorious Lord, and raise my sprite to thee!*

**Hymn at the Presentation**

*Hymnal 1982, #144*

Lord Jesus, Sun of righteousness

*Cornhill*

**The Great Thanksgiving : Eucharistic Prayer A**

*page 361*

**Sanctus**

*The Hymnal 1982, S 124*

*New Plainsong*

**The Lord's Prayer**

*page 364*

**The Fraction**

*The Hymnal 1982, S 159*

*Missa Mirialis*

*All are invited to reverently receive the Holy Sacrament.*

**Communion**

*The Hymnal 1982, #691*

My faith looks up to thee

*Olivet*

**Postcommunion Prayer**

*page 365*

**Postcommunion Hymn**

*The Hymnal 1982, #699*

Jesus lover of my soul

*Aberystwyth*

---

## Blessing and Dismissal

**Voluntary** Wir danken dir Herr Jesu Christ

J. S. Bach

### **Permissions for livestreaming**

Permission to podcast / stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license A-401113, from St James Music Press with license number 7273, and from RiteSong. All other music used in this service is in the Public Domain.

### **— Worship Leaders —**

The Reverend Deborah Phillips

*Presider and Preacher*

Mark Peterson

*Organist and Choir Director*

Joanne Moar

*Verger*

Gavin Watson-Bertrand

*Acolyte*

Faith Aroko

*Lector*

Lisa Duffy

*Chalicer*

Jason Barnes, Jim Duffy

*Ushers*

### **Our Prayers are Offered for**

Reny Sparapani, Gary Young, Amy, Paul, Chuck Brown, Heather and Prescott, Ariana, Sheridan, Javy, Faith Aroko and Family, Jesse Hurst and Family, Neal and Maureen Joyce, Arthur, Deb Young, Cindy Rhodes, Ron, Gerald Tucker, Allison Mascolo, Melissa Glassman, Max Joyce, Marc Britt, those battling cancer, especially Faith's friend and the Princess of Wales, for Mel, Corey MacNeil, Dianne, Michael Towey, Jenny, Loretta and Kris, Priscilla Lemons, Deb Papps, Derek Fuller and Family, the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and their ministries; the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem, the Salem Public Schools and for an end to racism, war, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, gun violence and oppression. In thanksgiving, we pray for this community of faith, for God's grace and forgiveness, for those with the courage to stand up to tyranny, for creation, for the diversity of people, and for all the blessings of this life.

If you have additions or deletions to the prayer list, please email [prayerlist@gracechurchsalem.org](mailto:prayerlist@gracechurchsalem.org) by Tuesday at noon for publication in that week's e-news.



---

## Ongoing Weekly Events for All

Each week, there are three different groups that meet regularly where everyone is invited to be a participant.

Every Tuesday at 7:00 pm, the **Knitting Group** gathers in the Common Room at Grace Church. The items made are then donated to various organizations that support children in Salem and beyond. Whether you knit or not, you are welcome to spend some time with others who care about the needs of our neighbors.

Each Wednesday at 5:00 pm, **Bible Study** takes place on Zoom. Come whenever you can. This is a chance to encounter the upcoming Gospel and relate it to your current circumstance, making it come alive for you and building community with the others present.

At 7:30 on Wednesday evenings, the **Choir** has rehearsal. Not only is this a chance to sing wonderful music, you will be part of a community dedicated to their faith and one another.

## Morning Prayer

In many times and places, daybreak has been a time of prayer. Jews prayed in their synagogues at sunrise as well as at other times each day. This Jewish pattern of prayer formed the basis of the Christian monastic Daily Office, with its prayers or “hours” at seven times in each day. Thomas Cranmer’s revision of the Daily Office for the first English Prayer Book (1549) reduced the number of services to two—one for morning (Matins) and one for evening (Evensong or vespers). In the Second English Prayer Book (1552), the morning service was given its present name, Morning Prayer.

Many elements of Morning Prayer come from the monastic hours of matins, lauds and Prime. Psalms were recited at every one of the offices, with the whole Psalter recited once a week.

The reading of Morning Prayer will resume each Monday and Wednesday at 8:30 am throughout Lent. Please know that everyone is welcome to come and start your day with Morning Prayer.

Defy Gravity  
and join us for a

# Movie and Sing-Along

with Costume Contest



**Friday, 4 April**  
**7:00 pm**

\$5 per person

Grace Episcopal Church  
385 Essex Street | Salem MA



<https://www.ticketleap.events/tickets/grace-church/>



**Grace Church**  
**Annual Plant Sale**  
**Saturday, May 10**  
**9am - 12pm**



Grace Episcopal Church  
385 Essex Street, Salem MA  
[www.gracechurchsalem.org](http://www.gracechurchsalem.org)



## — Grace Episcopal Church —

*A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts*

The Most Reverend Sean Rowe	<i>Presiding Bishop</i>
The Right Reverend Julia Whitworth	<i>Bishop Diocesan</i>
The Reverend Deborah A. Phillips	<i>Rector</i>
The Reverend E. Clifford Cutler	<i>Assisting Clergy</i>
The Reverend Manny Faria	<i>Assisting Clergy</i>
Mark N. Peterson	<i>Music Director</i>
Tom and Karen Tucker	<i>Property Stewards</i>

### — Vestry —

Ryan Patten	<i>Senior Warden</i>
Lisa Duffy	<i>Junior Warden</i>
Joanna Troy	<i>Clerk</i>
Melissa Barnes	<i>Treasurer</i>
Javy Awan, Marianne Cannon, Kai Freyleue	<i>Members of Vestry</i>
Joanne Moar, Susan Tweed, Holly Willis	

## Grace Episcopal Church



385 Essex Street  
Salem, Massachusetts 01970  
(978) 744-2796

*E-mail: [info@gracechurchsalem.org](mailto:info@gracechurchsalem.org)*  
*Web: [www.gracechurchsalem.org](http://www.gracechurchsalem.org)*

*The Mission of Grace Church is to unconditionally invite all people to join us in building a faithful Episcopal congregation that goes out into the community and through prayer, presence, and partnering improves the quality of life by bringing everyone closer to God.*