

The Fifth Sunday in Lent



6 April 2025

Choral Holy Eucharist: Rite II with
the Birthday Prayer and Blessing
10:00 AM

Grace Episcopal Church

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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. 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.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

Wonder, Love and Praise, #771

O God of gentle strength

Carlisle

The Gospel

John 12:1-8

Gospeller

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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 Prayers of the People

BCP, page 278

The Birthday Prayer

Those celebrating birthdays this month are invited to come forward.

Said by all

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Anthem at the Offering

Carlton Russell

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew
he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me;
it was not I that found, O Savior true;
no, I was found of thee.

Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold;
I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea;
twas not so much that I on thee took hold,
as thou, dear Lord, on me.

I find, I walk, I love, but oh, the whole
of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee;
for thou wert long beforehand with my soul,
always thou lovedst me.

Hymn at the Presentation

Hymnal 1982, #471

We sing the praise of him who died

Breslau

The Great Thanksgiving : Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982, S 124

New Plainsong

The Lord's Prayer

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The Fraction

The Hymnal 1982, S 159

Missa Mirialis

All are invited to reverently receive the Holy Sacrament.

Communion

There is a balm

The Hymnal 1982, #676

Balm in Gilead

Postcommunion Prayer

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Postcommunion Hymn

O love that casts out fear

The Hymnal 1982, #700

Moseley

Blessing and Dismissal

Voluntary

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— Worship Leaders —

The Reverend Deborah Phillips

Presider and Preacher

Mark Peterson

Organist and Choir Director

Joanne Moar

Vergers

Gavin Watson-Bertrand

Acolyte

Gavin Watson-Bertrand

Lector

Joanne Moar

Chalicer

Jason Barnes, Megan Salamida

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 prayer-list@gracechurchsalem.org by Tuesday at noon for publication in that week's e-news.

Next Sunday



Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the first day of Holy Week. During this service, we receive blessed palms and then re-enact the Palm Sunday procession when Jesus entered Jerusalem the final time. This event is depicted in the Gospels as a fulfillment of many prophecies and is juxtaposed to the triumphal entry of the governor of Judea, Pontius Pilate. We will process outside near the beginning of the service singing "All glory, laud, and honor."

The mood of the service quickly changes after we return to the building as we hear the Passion narrative read. (There is a sign up in the Lobby for those who wish to read a part). As we gather at the table for communion we are as one body who enter into these holy mysteries together.

Ongoing Weekly Events for All

Each week, there are four 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.

The reading of **Morning Prayer** takes place each Monday and Wednesday at 8:30 am. Please enter through the Chapel door.

Job Opening for Parish Administrator

Grace Church, a small, vibrant, welcoming, and inclusive Episcopal parish, seeks a part-time Parish Administrator who will serve an important role supporting the clergy, staff, and parish. Working with and for the Rector, the Parish Administrator is expected to ensure smooth office operations, manage communications, and handle essential administrative tasks while maintaining a warm, friendly, and positive manner with personal, telephone, and email contacts. Keeping confidentiality and being able to meet deadlines are crucial aspects of this position. We are looking for a part-time (9/10 hours per week) Parish Administrator to work three days a week, beginning May 5th.

If you or someone you know is interested, please have them contact Debbie at office@gracechurchsalem.org. The full posting is on the website.

Palm Sunday to Easter At Grace Church

Sunday April 13: Palm Sunday

10:00 am *Blessing and Processions of Palms
Reading of the Passion
Holy Eucharist*

4:00 pm *Celtic Evensong and Communion
With Palms*



Thursday 17 April: Maundy Thursday

7:00 pm *Proper Liturgy of the Day
Foot-washing
Institution of the Lord's Supper
Stripping of the Altar*



Friday 18 April: Good Friday

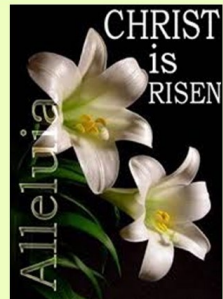
7:00 pm *Proper Liturgy of the Day
Reading of the Passion
Adoration of the Cross*

Saturday 19 April: The Great Vigil of Easter

7:00 pm *The Lighting of the New Fire
Holy Baptism
Easter Eucharist
"Sparkling" Reception*

Sunday 20 April: Easter Day

10:00 am *Festival Choral Holy Eucharist*





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



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— 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>
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Joanne Moar, Susan Tweed, Holly Willis	

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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.