



The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2



EASTER SUNDAY: THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION
MARCH 31, a.d. 2024 at 10:15 a.m.



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Welcome

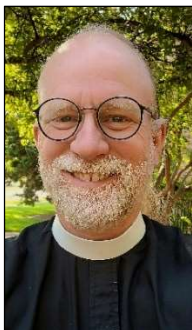
Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church. We are so delighted that you have chosen to worship in this place and in this community today. If you are new to Episcopal worship, this full-text bulletin has everything you need to participate.

Welcome Card. If you are new to Grace, we would love to have a record of your visit. There is a Welcome Card in the pew rack. Please fill out as much (or as little) information as you would like to share with us and place it in the offering plate when it comes by.

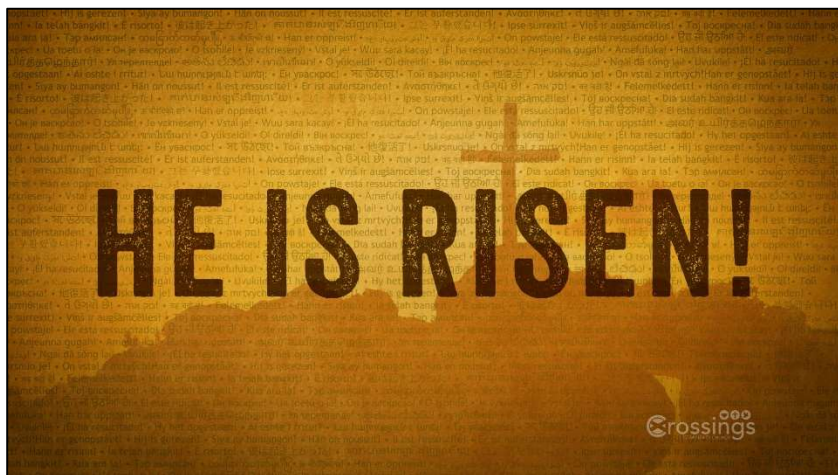
A Word about Communion. At the heart of our worship is Holy Communion, which we also call Holy Eucharist. We celebrate it every Sunday with bread and real wine. Please know that we practice an open table; *all Christians* (no matter what tradition you come from) are invited and encouraged to come forward and receive communion. On page 13, there are more details about how we practice communion at Grace.

Again, welcome! If you ever have any questions or thoughts feel free to call, text, or email me (620-314-7520; frted.grace@gmail.com).

Blessings,
Father Ted Blakley



Priest and Rector



PRELUDE

“Hallelujah Chorus” Arr. by Don Wyrzten

Played by Vonda McKenna

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WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL *stand*

**He is risen, he is risen!
Tell it out with joyful voice:
he has burst his three days' prison;
let the whole wide earth rejoice:
death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.**

**Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted,
with glad smile and radiant brow!
Death's long shadows have departed;
Jesus' woes are over now,
and the passion that he bore—
sin and pain can vex no more.**

EASTER ACCLAMATION

The Book of Common Prayer 355

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS *stand and sing together*

BCP 356 • Hymnal S-278

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;**

“He Is Risen, He Is Risen” • Hymnal 180
Words: Cecil Frances Alexander, Music: Joachim Neander

**Come, with high and holy hymning,
hail our Lord's triumphant day;
not one darksome cloud is dimming
yonder glorious morning ray,
breaking o'er the purple east,
symbol of our Easter feast.**

**He is risen, he is risen!
He hath opened heaven's gate:
we are free from sin's dark prison,
risen to a holier state;
and a brighter Easter beam
on our longing eyes shall stream.**

**you are seated at the
right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus
People: **And also with you.** Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of ever-
Celebrant: Let us pray. lasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day
of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death
of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON *sit*

Isaiah 25:6-9

A Reading from Isaiah

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food,
a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow,
of well-aged wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people
he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him,
so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 *to be read in unison*

BCP 760

- 1 **Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.**
- 2 **Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."**
- 14 **The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.**

- 15 **There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:**
- 16 **“The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!”**
- 17 **I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.**
- 18 **The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.**
- 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; *
he who is righteous may enter.”**
- 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 rejoice and be glad in it.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

**In the grave they laid Him, Love whom hate had slain,
Thinking that never he would awake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

**Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain;
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you, Lord Christ

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Father Ted Blakley

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

Celebrant: Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now that our Lenten observance is ended, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil
and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: **I do.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *kneel as you are able*

Form I • BCP 383

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishops, Michael, Mark, Mike, and Silvestre; for our parish clergy, Ted, Amy, Bill, Larry, Larry, Todd, and Shane. Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Joe our President and Laura our Governor, for our representatives and judges, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this city of Hutchinson, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth, which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Valarie, Abigail, Carson, Elise, Steve, Becki, Bob, Dallas, Kent, Rosalie, Trent, Christine, JD, Roger, Ann, Kelby, Christopher, Shea, Josh, Kendra, Maddie, Howard, Andrea, Steve, and Johnny. Are there others?

For those confined to home or care center, especially Mary, Julie, Ken, Fifi, Clarice, Jane, Virginia, and Wright.



For those whose names we received online: _____.
Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, especially Jennie, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach,
let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to
Christ our God. **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Silence, and then The Celebrant adds a concluding collect:

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with
you." Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of
that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for
ever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *stand*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

HYMN *stand*

"Welcome Happy Mornig" • Hymnal 179

Words: John Ellerton, Music: Arthur Seymour Sullivan

**"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say:
hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!
Lo! the dead is living, God for evermore!
Him their true Creator, all his works adore!**

"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say.

**Earth her joy confesses, clothing her for spring,
all fresh gifts returned with her returning King:
bloom in every meadow, leaves on every bough,
speak his sorrow ended, hail his triumph now.**

Refrain

**Months in due succession, days of lengthening light,
hours and passing moments praise thee in their flight.
Brightness of the morning, sky and fields and sea,
Vanquisher of darkness, bring their praise to thee.**

Refrain

The Liturgy of the Table

GATHERING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

In gratitude for who God is and what God does, we give back to God a portion of what God has given to us so that God's mission through this place and this people might flourish. What you give today represents your life and your labors, your loves and loyalties, your joys and thanksgivings, and God receives it with gladness.



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OFFERTORY *sit*

“Gaelic Alleluia” arr by Craig Courtney • Grace Women’s Choir

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THE PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS *stand*

Hymnal 380 (v. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Celebrant: All things come of Thee, O Lord.

People: **And of Thine own have we given Thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER D

BCP 372

Sursum Corda (“Lift up your hearts...”) *stand*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hymnal S-128

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs and matriarchs, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *kneel*

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And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD *kneel*

BCP 364

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept, in reverent thanksgiving for what Jesus has done for us.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

FRACTION ANTHEM

“My Flesh Is Food Indeed” • Hymnal S-169
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Cantor: My Flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed says the Lord.

People: **My Flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed says the Lord.**

Cantor: Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood dwell in me, and I in them.

People: **My Flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed says the Lord.**



THE INVITATION

This is the Banquet of the Lamb.
It is made ready for those who love God,
And for those who want to love God more.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
You who have been here often, and you who have not been here long,
You who have tried to follow, and you who have failed.

Come because it is the Lord who invites you.
It is Christ's will that those who want him should meet him here.

ONLINE: THE PRAYER OF ST. ALPHONSUS DE LIGUORI (1696–1787)

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Communion.

My Jesus,

**I believe that you are truly present
in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.**

I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul.

**Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.**

As though you have already come,

**I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you;
never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

IN-PERSON: HOLY COMMUNION IN ONE OR BOTH KINDS

*At this time, an usher will come forward and invite each row to go forward for communion. **Bread.** When it is your turn to receive communion simply extend your cupped hands forward, and a priest will place the wafer of bread in your hands. **Gluten Free.** If you would prefer a gluten-free wafer, extend your hands palms down. **Real Wine.** If you wish to receive the wine, you may drink from the chalice or you may dip the wafer into the chalice. **Two Stations.** You may choose to receive communion at the altar rail or at the station on the right side in front of the pulpit.*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation. **Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN *sit*

**Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness!
God hath brought his Israel
into joy from sadness:
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters,
led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.**

**'Tis the spring of souls today:
Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death
as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.**

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant 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.**

AN EASTER BLESSING

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain” • Hymnal 199

Words: John Mason Neale, Music: Arthur Seymour Sullivan

**Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendor,
with the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render;
comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesus' resurrection.**

**Neither might the gates of death,
nor the tomb's dark portal,
nor the watchers, nor the seal
hold thee as a mortal:
but today amidst thine own
thou didst stand, bestowing
that thy peace which evermore
passeth human knowing.**

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**Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!**

**Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!**

**But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
now above the sky he’s King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!**

THE DISMISSAL AND SENDING FORTH

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**



EASTER EGG HUNT • TODAY AFTER 10:15 SERVICE

**For Newcomers & Inquirers & The Curious
For Those Seeking Confirmation & Membership**

FOLLOWING JESUS **THE EPISCOPAL WAY**

An introduction to the Episcopal
Branch of the Jesus Movement



TUESDAYS • 6:30 – 8:00 pm

STARTING TUESDAY, APRIL 16 • 5 WEEKS

When Jesus began his public ministry, Jesus called men and women to follow him, that is, to be his apprentices who would spend time with him, learning his words and ways and becoming equipped to participate in his mission to proclaim the gospel of God's Kingdom and to reconcile all people to God and to one another. Jesus also calls us into apprenticeship. He says, "Follow me." *But what does following Jesus mean for you and me today? What does it look like, and where do we find the resources to live it out?*

We find those resources in the Church that God created through the giving of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit. But as we all know, there are many branches of the Church—Methodist, Baptist, Roman Catholic, Quaker, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Episcopal, and many more. These different branches of Christianity have their own ways of thinking through and living out the call to follow Jesus. And they offer some similar and some different resources to help persons live out their Christian identity and vocation. So, what resources does the Episcopal Church provide? How has the Episcopal Church structured its communal life so that its people are equipped to follow Jesus and to participate in what he is doing in the world?

During the Easter Season, these are some of the questions we will explore, **starting Tuesday, April 16**. This class is open for anyone who is curious about these questions. In particular, it serves as preparation for those wishing to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church when our Assistant Bishop, **The Right Reverend Silvestre Romero, visits us on Pentecost Sunday (May 19th)**.

We will look at *The Book of Common Prayer* and the Sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist. We will look at the history of the Episcopal Church. We will look at the ministries of lay persons, deacons, priests, and bishops. We will take a walking tour of the church and sanctuary, considering the meaning and significance of its architecture and space. We will also talk about the Liturgy and our participation in worship: when and why we stand, sit, and kneel, when and why we bow or cross ourselves.

— *Everything is* —
BETTER
— **WHEN YOU BRING YOUR FRIENDS** —



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—Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

YOUTH GROUP DINNERS

Sign up to bring dinner for our youth groups. Meals can be simple. Drinks and desserts are appreciated, but not required. We eat at 6:30 pm, and we invite those who prepare the meal to join us for dinner. It is a great way to get to know our youth!

Upcoming Dates Available: April 17 and 24



FELLOWSHIP HOUR

The 2024 Fellowship Hour sign up sheet is now posted in the Narthex. If you would be willing to host a Sunday please sign up. This is a good way for people to connect and reconnect.

Upcoming Date Available: April 7, 14, 21, & 28

GRACE COMMUNITY FREEZER

*Show you care!
Raid the freezer!*





GRACE EPISCOPAL

Serving Christ by Ministering to the Needs of the Community & the Parish

Upcoming EVENTS

Mondays thru Thursdays
9:00 am to 1:00 pm



ONLINE PRAYER

- 9:00 pm • Every Night Compline Online at Nine (FB LIVE)
- 12:30 pm • Mondays & Wednesdays Centering Prayer (FB LIVE)

EASTER SUNDAY, MARCH 31

- 8:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 • Spoken
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:15 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 • Music
- After 10:15 am Service Easter Egg Hunt

MONDAY, APRIL 1

- 7:00 pm Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

- 9:30 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite 1
- 10:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Elementary and MS/HS Youth Groups

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

- 8:00 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 • Spoken
- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:15 am The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 • Music
- After 10:15 am Service Fellowship Hour



SCRIPTURES FOR NEXT SUNDAY • EASTER 2

- Acts 4:32-35
- Psalm 133
- 1 John 1:1-2:2
- John 20:19-31



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- Mary Adams..... In thanksgiving of family and friends
- Bill & Kris Anshutz..... In thanksgiving for Ben & Marie Ekberg, Rachel & Woody Anshutz
- Jennifer BarberIn memory of Gary, Jim, and Loren Snell
- Julie Beal..... In thanksgiving of family and friends
- Bob & Judy CarsonIn memory of Sharon Carson
- Kelly CurryIn thanksgiving of family
- Cece East.....In thanksgiving and memory of family and friends
- Harold Henry.....In memory of Shirley Henry
- Warren & Sharon Hixson In thanksgiving of family and friends
- Edna Keeler.....In thanksgiving of family
- Rob Kline & Sally Russell In thanksgiving of family and friends
- Kim MillerIn thanksgiving for family
- Mike & Kathy Milliken..... In thanksgiving for great grandson Jackson
- Larry & Diane SteadmanFor blessings for Heather
- Roger & Delta Sullivan In thanksgiving for kids and grandkids
- Bob Summers.....In memory of Charlotte
- Bob Summers..... In memory of Walter, Sylvia, Charles, Elizabeth, Richard & Virginia
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