



The Holy Eucharist, Rite 2



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, a.d. 2024 at 10:15 a.m.



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Welcome

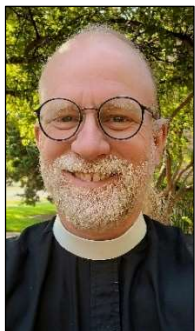
Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church. We are so delighted that you have chosen to worship in this place and in this community today. If you are new to Episcopal worship, this full-text bulletin has everything you need to participate.

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



The Liturgy of the Word

PRELUDE "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" Arr. by Lloyd Larson Played by Vonda McKenna
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WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL *stand*

"Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing" • Hymnal 182
Words: Brian A. Wren; Music: Lowell Mason

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.**

**Not throned above, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Savior with the Father reigns.**

**Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now
and conquer every place and time.**

**In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.**

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;**

**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. O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our
People: **And also with you.** faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work;
Celebrant: Let us pray. who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**
A moment of silence is observed.

THE FIRST LESSON *sit*

Acts 3:12-19

A Reading from Acts

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 4 *to be read in unison*

BCP 587

- 1 **Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**
- 2 **"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"**
- 3 **Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.**
- 4 **Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**
- 5 **Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.**

- 6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 John 3:1-7

A Reading from First John

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN *sit*

"Awake, arise, lift up your voice" • Hymnal 212

Words: Christopher Smart, Music: Richmond, melody Thomas Haweis

**Awake, arise, lift up your voice,
let Easter music swell;
rejoice in Christ, again rejoice,
and on his praises dwell.**

**Oh, with what gladness and surprise
the saints their Savior greet;
nor will they trust their ears and eyes
but by his hands and feet,**

**those hands of liberal love indeed
in infinite degree,
those feet still free to move and bleed
for millions and for me.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

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

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

THE SERMON

Father Ted Blakley

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

*The Deacon (or Celebrant) bids the people to proclaim their faith.
The Deacon begins the Creed and the people join in.*

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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
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 and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**



He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Colossians 1:17-20

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, Roger, Ann, Kelby, Kendra, Maddie, Andrea, Steve, Johnny, Lori, Tammy, and Jordan. 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, 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*

"Come, Risen Lord, and Dignify to Be Our Guest" • Hymnal 306

Words: George Wallace Briggs

**Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest;
nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
thyself at thine own board make manifest,
in thine own sacrament of bread and wine.**

**We meet as in that upper room they met;
thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand:
'This is my body': so thou givest yet;
faith still receives the cup as from thy hand.**

**One body we, one body who partake,
one church united in communion blessed;
one name we bear, one bread of life we break,
with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.**

**One with each other, Lord, for one in thee,
who art one Saviour and one living Head;
then open thou our eyes, that we may see;
be known to us in breaking of the bread.**

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.



DIGITAL OFFERING PLATE: THREE SIMPLE WAYS TO GIVE

- ✓ Go to www.tinyurl.com/Giving2Grace
- ✓ Scan the **QR Code** on the right.
- ✓ Text **GIVE** to **620-542-8024**.

OFFERTORY *sit* “Cello Suite No. 1 for Eb Saxophone” • Alto Saxophone Solo by Ava Waln
by J.S. Bach, arr. by Dahlke, ©2015 Ardmus Publishing

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*

BCP 364

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*

“Alleluia Alleluia Give Thanks to the Risen Lord” • Hymnal 178

Words: Donald Fishel, Music: Betty Pulkingham

*Alleluia, Alleluia,
Give thanks to the Risen Lord
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Give praise to his Name.*

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth
He is the King of creation.**

Refrain

**Spread the good news o’er the earth
Jesus has died and has risen.**

Refrain

**We have been crucified with Christ
Now we shall live forever.**

Refrain

**Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior.**

Refrain

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

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.**

BLESSING

**That Easter day with joy was bright:
The sun shone out with fairer light
When, to their longing eyes restored,
The apostles saw their risen Lord!**

**His risen flesh with radiance glowed;
His wounded hands and feet He showed;
Those scars their solemn witness gave
That Christ was risen from the grave.**

**O Jesus, King of gentleness,
With constant love our hearts possess
That we may give You all our days
The tribute of our grateful praise.**

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.

Alleluia!
Alleluia!

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 & 24



FELLOWSHIP HOUR

The 2024 Fellowship Hour sign up sheet is 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 build community.

Upcoming Date Available: April 21 & 28



THANK YOU

From the Rays

Thank you all for your prayers, thoughts and condolences at the passing of my Mom. We wish you could have known her. She got to spend Easter with Jesus and Dad. Nothing better than that!

Love,
Dn. Todd & Susie

UPDATE ON ANDREA

How to Pray

FROM A FACEBOOK POST

Martha Slater Farrell (4-10-24)

“Andrea gave me goosebumps today. ‘I want to live,’ she whispered to me with a glint in her eye. The mists parted for me. I had come to the hospital with a heavy heart. Sister Amy had talked to the hospital doctor this morning and learned the results of the MRI and CT scan. At some point Andrea has had a small stroke in the ‘upper pons,’ at the back of her brain.



This is why she can’t swallow; and one of her vocal cords is paralyzed.

The stroke was likely caused by the AFIB which took her to the doctor in the first place. ‘Time will tell,’ said the hospital doctor, about how completely she will recover. **So this is where you come in.** Dozens of you, from all of Andrea’s universes, are following these posts. You are family, childhood friends, college friends, knitters, downtown business people, CHICKS, public radio and television friends, musicians, Walnut Valley festival goers, historic theatre people, fellow church members and Kansas Sampler buddies. You come from many faiths. Some of you are pastors and deacons; you are prayer warriors, light workers and energy healers. Whatever your faith and spiritual connection, please work on Andrea for the greatest good. **SHE WANTS TO LIVE.** She needs to be able to swallow and speak. I could feel God in the room today. Please join us.”

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR ANDREA & STEVE

As we pray, there are several ways to support Andrea and Steve financially. Here are some:

- Purchase gas cards for Steve’s trips to and from Wichita
- Shop at The Wool Market
- Donate to their fund that has been established at The First National Bank. You can donate at any location. Just let them know that you are wanting to give to Andrea Springer’s Medical Fund.
- Donate to Grace with a check or through our digital offering plate online. Just select “Andrea Springer Medical Fund” from the pull-down menu.
- Donate to their GoFundMe account. *By the way, if you choose this option, you do not have to “TIP” at the level that comes preselected. You can move the slider down.*

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 —



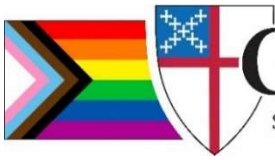
TODAY

April 14 • 9:00 to 9:45am

**YOUTH
BREAKFAST**

**SECOND SUNDAYS
BETWEEN THE SERVICES**





GRACE EPISCOPAL

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

Upcoming
EVENT**S**

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

OFFICE
HOURS

ONLINE PRAYER

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

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

MONDAY, APRIL 15

6:30 pm Vestry Zoom
7:00 pm Al-Anon

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

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 21

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 4

- Acts 4:5-12
- Psalm 23
- 1 John 3:16-24
- John 10:11-18



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