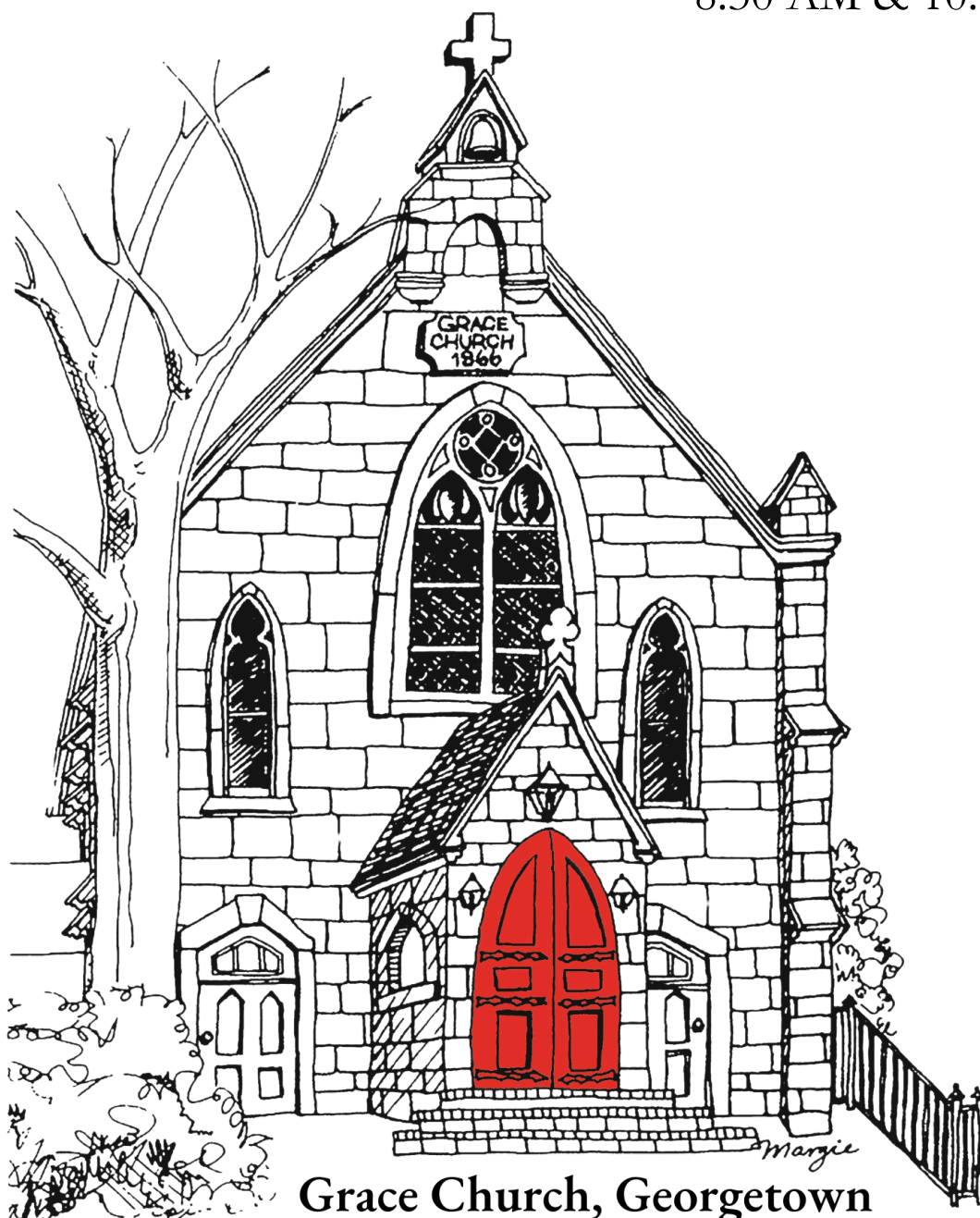


The Third Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist

March 8, 2026

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM



Grace Church, Georgetown

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Welcome to Grace Church

We are so glad that you are worshiping with us this morning! If you are visiting or want to know more about Grace, please visit our website for more information: gracedc.org.

Let this bulletin be your guide for the service; it includes everything you need.

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Psalm: To Come

Second Lesson: Frank Burgess

Prayers of the People: Rick Elgendy

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Greeter: To Come

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We are delighted that you are here to worship God with us this morning!

This worship bulletin contains the full text of the liturgy, including hymns, prayers, scripture readings, and some explanations and instructions at key points in our service. You are also welcome to use the Book of Common Prayer and Hymnals found at your seat if you prefer.

The Episcopal Church is part of the liturgical tradition, which has ancient roots in Jewish and early Christian worship. If this tradition is unfamiliar to you, please follow along as best as you are able and do not hesitate to ask someone nearby for assistance. For those who are familiar with our liturgy and how we navigate it, please keep an eye out for anyone among us who might need guidance and be prepared to offer them assistance and assurance. The God whom we come together to worship today is less interested in us ‘getting everything just right’ than in the attitude and inclination of our hearts. We believe that you are here because God has led you here today. Our intention is to welcome you as a beloved child of the living God, and make space for you to experience that love.

Our mission is simple and straightforward:

Grace Church manifests God’s love by offering a sacred space in Georgetown where diverse communities weave together their gifts and blessings.

We welcome each person as a beloved neighbor.

Welcome Home to Grace.

As we prepare for worship, we are invited to rest in God’s presence, stilling our hearts and quieting our minds

Liturgical Note:

- **Opening Dialogue** (“The Lord be with you...”),
- **Sanctus** (“Holy, holy, holy Lord...”),
- **Epiclesis**, the prayer asking the Holy Spirit to bless and sanctify the gifts,
- **Words of Institution**, recounting Jesus’ words at the Last Supper,
- **Anamnesis**, our remembrance of Christ’s death, resurrection, and coming again,
- **Memorial Acclamation** (“We remember his death...”), and then flows directly into the **Lord’s Prayer**.

We are in the season of Lent.

The Forty Days of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday. The Ash Wednesday Liturgy invites us “to an observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination, and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word.” As a result of the discipline we follow during this time of preparation, we consciously recognize that we are sinful and come to the awareness that we need to change (repent) and be changed. Our repentance becomes the way to a renewed relationship to God opening us up to accept God’s love, mercy, and peace.

Throughout the service the People read the words in **bold**.

PRELUDE

Sinfonia from Cantata 73
Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The Word of God

PROCESSIONAL HYMN H686

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

10:30 a.m. service only – All stand as they are able. Verses 1-3.

1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly

heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a

ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to

flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and

on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

All: **Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit; that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

KYRIE S91

James Healey Willan (1880-1968)

8:30 a.m. service, spoken:

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

People: **Christ, have mercy.**

Celebrant: Lord, have mercy.

10:30 a.m. service, sung:

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 17:1-7

Reader: A reading from the Book of Exodus.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He

called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 95

Reader: Let us recite the Psalm responsively by half verse.

The people read the words in bold.

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.*
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!
- 8 Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness *
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah,
when they tempted me.
- 9 They put me to the test, *

though they had seen my works.

10 Forty years long I detested that generation and said, *

**"This people are wayward in their hearts;
they do not know my ways."**

11 So I swore in my wrath, *

"They shall not enter into my rest."

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:1-11

Reader: A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN H685

Rock of Ages

10:30 a.m. service only – All stand as they are able.

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,
3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

All stand as they are able.

THE GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

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

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is

coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest?’ But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

THE SERMON

The Reverend Diana Edwards

Following the sermon we keep a period of silence for individual reflection

THE NICENE CREED

All stand as they are able.

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: Beloved in Christ, the God whom we serve always resists the proud, but never forsakes those who make their boast of the divine mercy; let us now lay our petitions and intercessions before the throne of grace.

Leader: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

People: **Have mercy upon us**

Leader: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

People: **Have mercy upon us.**

Leader: O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,

People: **Have mercy upon us.**

Leader: O holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, one God,

People: **Have mercy upon us.**

Leader: Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forebears; neither reward us according to our sins.

People: **Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.**

Leader: From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil, and from everlasting damnation,

People: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all want of charity,

People: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,

People: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

People: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire and flood; from plague, pestilence and famine,

People: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

People: **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, the Mayor of the District of Columbia, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

People: **We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, you have promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in your Son's Name: We ask you mercifully to incline your ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications to you; grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to your will, may be obtained effectually, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **Most holy and loving God, we admit to you and to each other, that we are creatures who wilfully choose darkness instead of light.**

**We surrender to you our fears and proud opinions,
our short-sighted folly and our pompous wisdom,
our deep-seated sins, and our apathy toward change and
renewal.**

**Forgive the darkness and pain we have inflicted on others
and restore your light of love within our souls.**

**Trusting your grace, we earnestly pray: "Create in us a
clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us."**

Through Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen!

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised the forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE PEACE

All stand as they are able.

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

People: **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord. After which, the people sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For a full listing of announcements and volunteer opportunities, please turn to pages 25-27.

THE OFFERTORY & PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY

Sung By Choir

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)

The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.



Donate to Grace

Your offering gifts may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed around. All are also invited to support Grace Church's ministry of sharing God's love with the world by scanning this QR code: it takes you right to the Grace Church PayPal donation page. You may also contribute through our website at gracedc.org/give-to-grace, and through your regular contributions in-person or by mail.

Communion @ Grace

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. Communion will be distributed by the priest and communion minister standing below the altar steps, center aisle. Please approach the priest by the center aisle. The priest will place the bread in your hand. Gluten free wafers are available by request. If you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms over your torso for the priest to bless you. Please return to your seat by the side aisle.

Please stand as the peoples' offerings are carried forward

The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

All stand as they are able.

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 our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues...

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

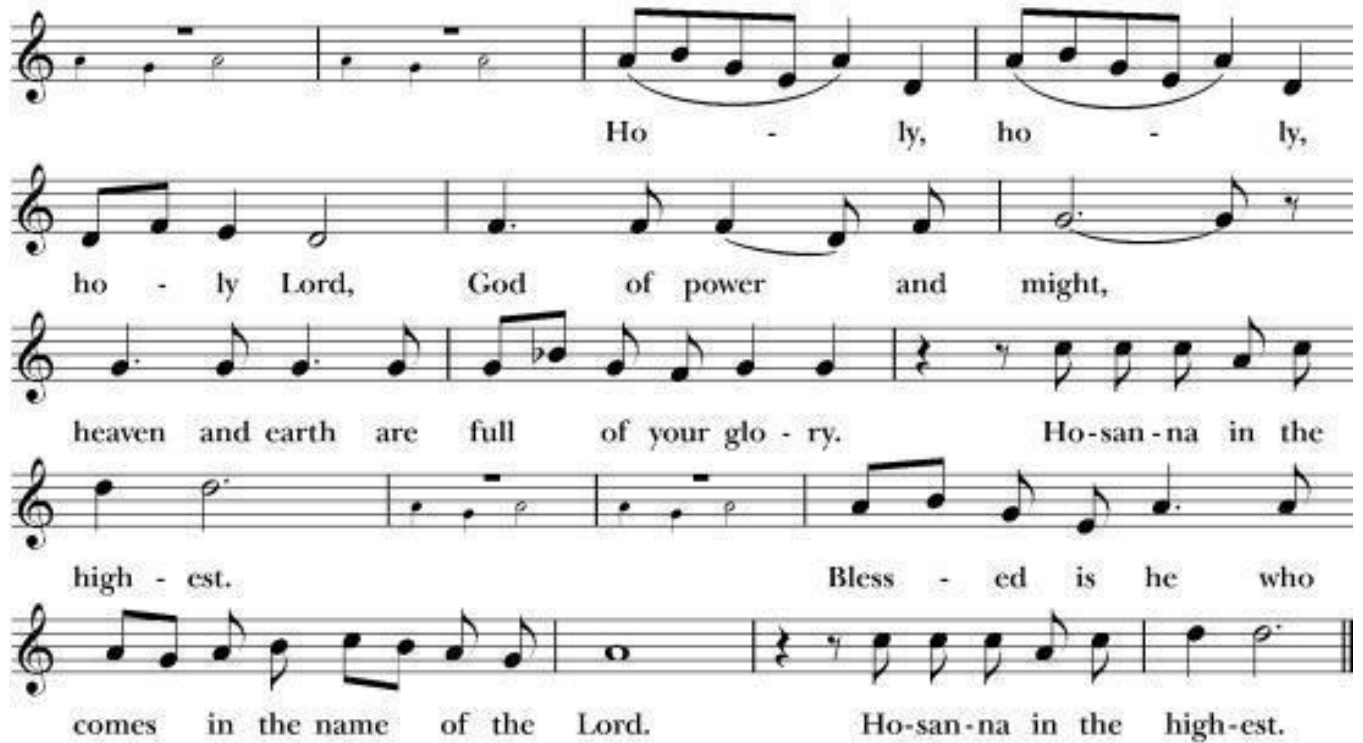
You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS S 128

William Mathias (1934-1992)

Spoken at 8:30 a.m. service. Sung at 10:30 a.m. service – Celebrant and People:



Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Celebrant continues...

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Parent of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

AMEN.

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

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

AGNUS DEI S158

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

10:30 a.m. service only - The people remain standing.

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. O Lamb of God, that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The people may be seated. The ministers deliver the Sacrament to the people.

COMMUNION MUSIC

*Adagio from the First Organ Sonata,
Opus 65*
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809-1847)

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty and everlasting God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out to do the work
you have given us to do, to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

During Lent in place of a seasonal blessing, a solemn Prayer over the People is used.

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

The people kneel or bow their heads as they are able.

Celebrant: Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your
great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore;
through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION HYMN H495

*Hail Thou Once
Despised Jesus*

10:30 a.m. service only – All stand as they are able.



1 Hail, thou once de - spis - ed Je - sus! Hail, thou Gal - i -
2 Pas - chal Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our sins on
3 Je - sus, hail! en - throned in glo - ry, there for ev - er
*4 Wor - ship, hon - or, power, and bless - ing thou art wor - thy



le - an King! Thou didst suf - fer to re - lease us;
thee were laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
to a - bid; all the heav - en - ly hosts a - dore thee,
to re - ceive; high - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing,



thou didst free sal - va - tion bring. Hail, thou u - ni - ver - sal
thou hast full a - tone - ment made. All thy peo - ple are for -
seat - ed at thy Fa - ther's side. There for sin - ners thou art
right it is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic



Sa - vior, bear - er of our sin and shame! By thy mer - it
giv - en through the vir - tue of thy blood: o - pened is the
plead - ing: there thou dost our place pre - pare; ev - er for us
spi - rits, all your no - blest an - thems raise; help to sing our



we find fa - vor: life is giv - en through thy Name
gate of hea - ven, re - con - ciled are we with God.
in - ter - ced - ing, till in glo - ry we ap - pear,
Sa - vior's mer - its, help to chant Em - man - uel's praise!

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE *Allegro vivace from the First Organ Sonata, Opus 65*
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have news, announcements, or updates you would like included in our weekly announcements, please email office@gracedc.org

Updates from Grace

Dan Meyer is Our Supply Organist Today!

Our many thanks to Dan Meyer today for his beautiful music and work directing our Grace Choir. Please be sure to welcome Dan following the service!!

Open Mic Nights @ Grace Church | March 30 @ 7 PM

We are having monthly Open Mic nights in the Sanctuary. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and share! Poetry, music, and original works encouraged; all are welcome to join!

Office Hours

The normal office hours are Monday - Friday, from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

The office can be reached by email at office@gracedc.org, and by phone at 202-333-7100.

Koinonia Groups

The Koinonia fellowship groups consist of small groups of people who meet periodically, either in members' homes or in another location of their choice, for food, conversation, and fun. For additional information contact Alecia Torres Valdez at aleciatorresv@gmail.com.

Virtual Gatherings Calendar

Tuesdays - Centering Prayer 12:15 p.m. (Questions? Email helen.buhr@gracedc.org)

(NOTE: Email office@gracedc.org to receive zoom links. All Sunday services will be in person. The 10:30 am service will also be live streamed when trained technical personnel are available. The service can be viewed on Grace's YouTube channel. Search for Grace Episcopal Church, Georgetown Washington, DC and subscribe to our channel.)

Pastoral Care and Pastoral Care Committee

The Pastoral Care Committee prays for members and friends, especially those feeling alone, even bereft. Email office@gracedc.org to let the committee know if someone needs a check-in, a listening ear, or special prayers. The committee also enjoys their continuing ministry of delivering meals to families with newborns!

Note on Communications from the Rector

The Rector will never solicit financial gifts or gift cards via text message or email. If you receive such a communication please report it to your internet or cell service provider and delete the message. If you receive any other unusual communication purporting to be from our clergy or the church, please first verify that it was sent from the clergy's cell phone number or their official @gracedc.org email addresses. If you are still uncertain of the origins of the communication, please contact the church office directly! Thank you.

Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in Volunteering at Grace Church?

We need Readers – Eucharistic Ministers – Coffee Hour Hosts – and especially Broadcast Technicians! Contact Helen Buhr, at helen.buhr@gracedc.org, to get involved!

Georgetown Ministry Center:

Want to help volunteer with GMC or want to donate items? Contact info@gmcgct.org or (202) 338-830.

Grace's Table / Saturdays 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Grace's Table is a Saturday morning feeding ministry for the unhoused and those living on the margins. We are so grateful for our wonderful volunteers and are hoping to expand our team, which would allow us to share the responsibilities more broadly. Please consider providing some portion of the meal or helping serve and assist with set up & clean up. Come join us! Please contact Beth Lee at gracetable@gracedc.org for more info or to volunteer.

Georgetown Village

Georgetown Village Square, 1801 34th St. NW

Are you looking to help others in our local community? Georgetown Village, a nonprofit organization committed to helping older adults thrive while aging in place, is in need of volunteers to meet a number of important needs, such as driving older adults to medical appointments, making friendly visits, providing tech support, and more. This is a great opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of your neighbors! Reach out to info@georgetown-village.org for more information.

Beyond the Gates of Grace

God's Call: Exploring Lay and Ordained Ministry | March 14

This learning day explores the role of laity, deacons and priests in our denomination, and specifically, in our diocese. If you are interested in exploring ways to deepen your ministry as a lay person, this offering is for you. If you sense a call to ordained ministry, this offering is for you. If you are not sure where you are called but think you might like to explore, you are welcome too! For more information and to register, visit <https://edow.org/event/gods-call-exploring-lay-and-ordained-ministry/>

Voices from the Holy Land Film Salon | March 15 @ 3 PM

Hey! It's Worse than You Think! Ethnic Cleansing! Settler attacks against Palestinians, supported by Israeli security forces, have surged dramatically. Why? What can we do? Register at Tinyurl.com/VFHL-March2026 and join the Voices From the Holy Land Online Film Salon at 3:00pm ET on Sunday, March 15.

The Fairfax Choral Society Presents: An Afternoon with MOZART | March 22 @ 4 PM

An Afternoon with Mozart invites you to experience the profound emotional power of Mozart's Requiem, performed by the Symphonic Chorus and guest musicians. This concert also features Mark Irchai playing Mozart's Concerto No. 20. Register at <https://tickets.chorusconnection.com/sym/events/1594>

Grace's Mission Statement

Grace Church manifests God's love by offering a sacred space
in Georgetown where diverse communities weave together their gifts and blessings.
We welcome each person as a beloved neighbor.

Upcoming Events

- Sunday, March 15th** 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist, *Contemplative Service*
The Fourth Sunday in Lent 9:30 AM Adult Forum, in the Parish Hall
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist with music & live-streamed
Coffee Hour after 10:30 service
- Sunday, March 22nd** 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist, *Contemplative Service*
The Fifth Sunday in Lent 9:30 AM Adult Forum, in the Parish Hall
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist with music & live-streamed
Coffee Hour after 10:30 service
- Sunday, March 29th** 8:30 AM Holy Eucharist, *Contemplative Service*
The Sunday of the 9:30 AM Adult Forum, in the Parish Hall
Passion: Palm Sunday 10:15 AM Prayers for the Fallen, the Nation, and the World, at
the Memorial Cross
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist with music & live-streamed
Coffee Hour after 10:30 service
- Thursday, April 2nd** TBA
Maundy Thursday
- Friday, April 3rd** 7:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy
Good Friday

Recurring Events

- Last Monday 7 PM Open Mic Night, in the Sanctuary
of each Month
- Tuesdays 12:15 PM Virtual Centering Prayer
- Saturdays 11 AM - 12:15 PM Grace's Table Feeding Ministry
Contact Beth Lee at gracetable@gracedc.org for more info.
- Office Hours 9 AM - 2 PM Monday - Friday
(The Rector's regular day off is Friday)



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