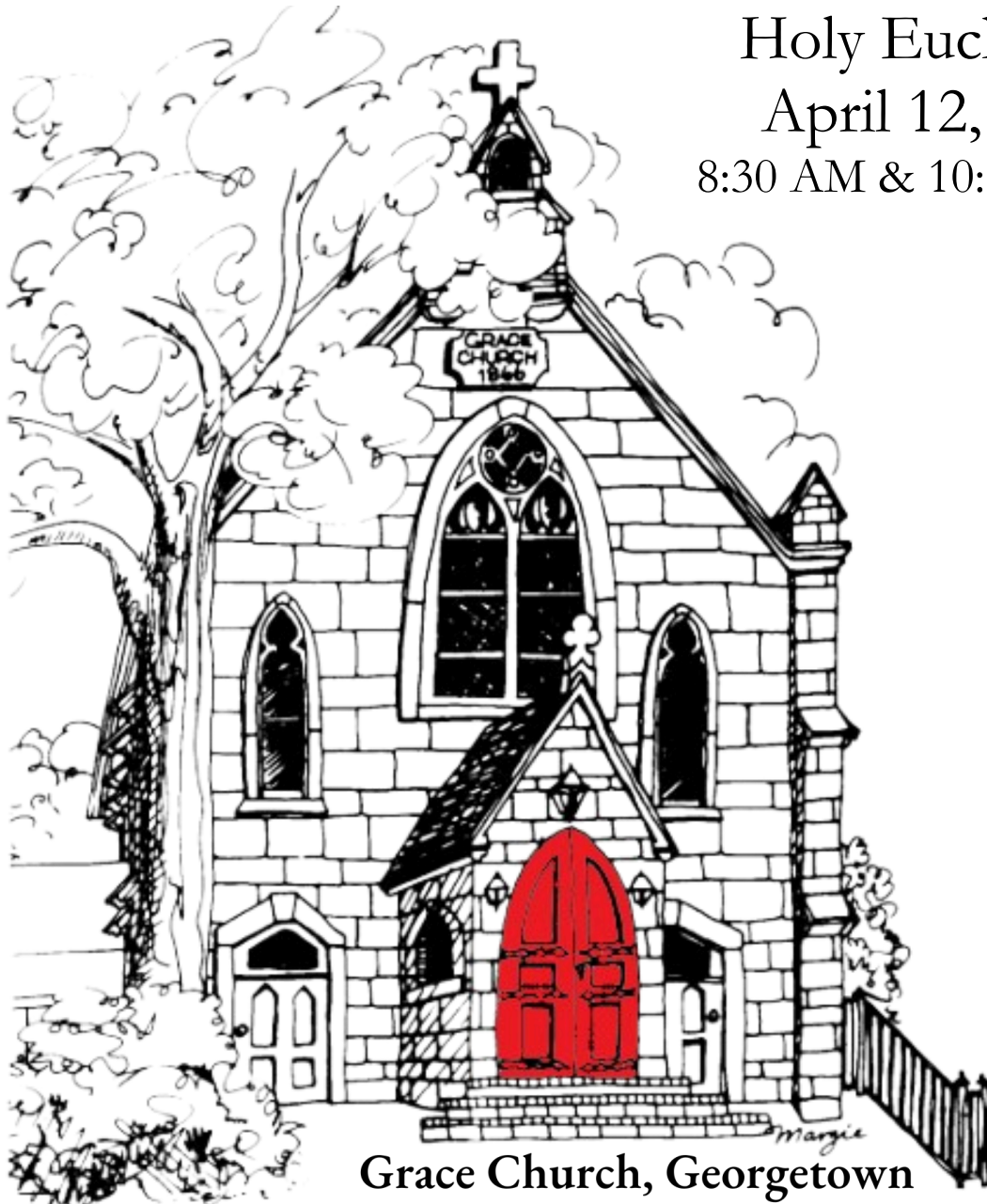


The Second Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist

April 12, 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

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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**.

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

PRELUDE

*Prelude from the Offertory
from the Mass for the Convents*
François Couperin (1668-1733)

The Word of God

OPENING HYMN H205 *Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*

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

1 Good Chris - tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the
*2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Sing songs of
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that
4 Your Name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -
5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, to God the

1 tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 2 praise a - long his way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
 3 life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 4 day with one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
 5 Spi - rit, al - ways One, we sing for life in us be - gun:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

All remain standing as they are able.

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

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.

GLORIA S280

Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Spoken at 8:30 a.m. service. Sung at 10:30 a.m. service.



1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.
You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 16

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

The people read the words in bold.

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
**I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."**
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
**in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of

your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN H178

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of staves. The first system begins with a *Descant* section. The second system is the *Refrain*. The third system continues the melody. The fourth system includes a first ending marked '1-4' and a *Final Ending* section.

Descant
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

Refrain
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give

1-4 *Final Ending*
Praise to his Name. Name.

Praise to his Name. Name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
 4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en. Al - le -
 Now we shall live for ev - er. vior.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

Repeat Refrain

The descant may be sung after stanzas 3 and 4.

THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

All stand as they are able.

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE HOMILY

The Reverend David C. Wacaster

Following the homily 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ: in this radiant season, on which our Lord Jesus Christ rose out of the darkness of death into the light of life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in prayer, praise, and rejoicing.

Leader: Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels;

People: **Sound the trumpets of Salvation; proclaim the Savior's victory.**

Leader: Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth, bright with a glorious splendor;

People: **Darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.**

Leader: Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church;

People: **Let your courts, in radiant light, resound with the praises of your people.**

Leader: O God, you led your ancient people by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night;

People: **Bring us to that heavenly Jerusalem where all tears are wiped away.**

Leader: You have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit;

People: **Give the water of life to us who thirst for you.**

Leader: By the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life;

People: **Inspire our witness to the mighty works you have wrought.**

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(Please add your own prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings)

Celebrant: Almighty God, redeem all our days by the great victory we celebrate during this Easter season. Forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 23-26.

THE OFFERTORY & PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY

Sung By Choir

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!

Melody Anonymous 1623

Accompaniment Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

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 B

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 God 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.

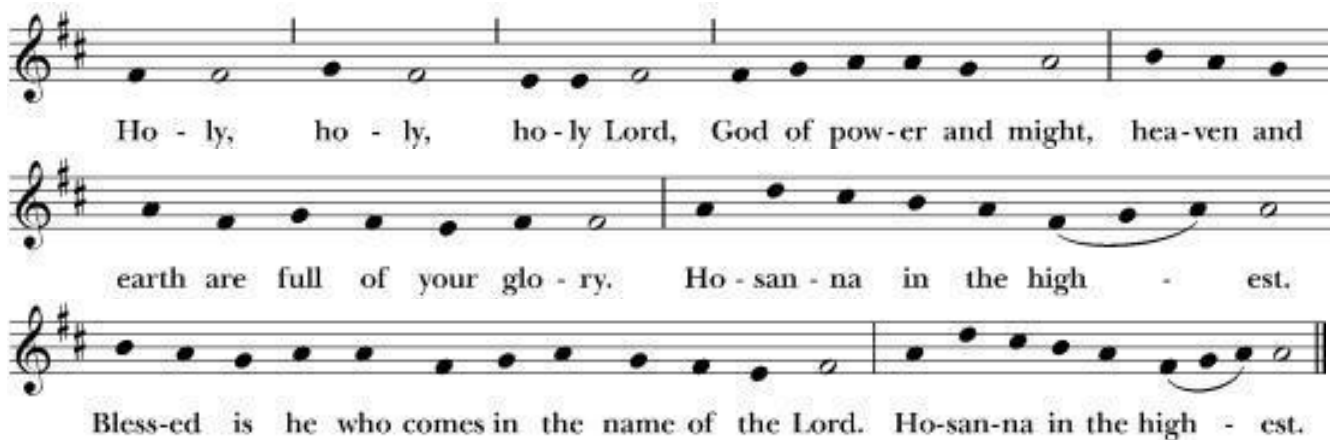
But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

SANCTUS S 124

David Hurd (b. 1950)

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 pow - er and might, hea - ven 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...

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**All: We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

COMMUNION HYMN H209

We Walk by Faith

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



1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and
4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
may our faith a - bound, to call on you when
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near, and seek where you are found:
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

COMMUNION MUSIC

Public Domain Easter Hymns

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **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.**

THE EASTER BLESSING

Celebrant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: 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 forever.

People: **Amen.**

Celebrant: 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.

People: **Amen.**

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

People: **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION HYMN H213

Come Away to the Skies

10:30 a.m. service only – All stand as they are able. Verses 1-4.

Unison or harmony

The musical score is written for a choir or congregation in a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto/Tenor, Bass). It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system contains verses 1 through 5. The second system contains verses 1 through 5. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines. The music features a mix of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests and ties. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

1 Come a - way to the skies, my be - lov - ed, a - rise and re -
2 Now with sing - ing and praise, let us spend all the days, by our
3 For the glo - ry we were first cre - a - ted to share, both the
4 We with thanks do ap - prove the de - sign of that love which hath
*5 Hal - le - lu - jah we sing, to our Fa - ther and King, and his

1 joice in the day thou wast born; — on this fes - ti - val day,
2 hea - ven - ly Fa - ther be - stowed, — while his grace we re - ceive
3 na - ture and king - dom di - vine! — Now cre - a - ted a - gain
4 joined us to Je - sus' — Name; — so u - ni - ted in heart,
5 rap - tu - rous prais - es, re - peat: — to the Lamb that was slain,

1 I come ex - ult - ing a - way, and with sing - ing to Zi - on re - turn. —
 2 from his boun - ty, and live to the hon - or and glo - ry of God. —
 3 that our lives may re - main, through - out time and e - ter - ni - ty thine. —
 4 let us nev - er - more part, till we meet at the feast of the Lamb. —
 5 hal - le - lu - jah a - gain, sing, all heav - en, and fall at his feet. —

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Alleluia, alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

*Finale from the Offertory
 from the Mass for the Convents
 François Couperin*

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Updates from Grace

Julia Sues for Freedom: A Reenactment of a Historic Courtroom Drama | April 18th, 25th, & 26th

Come see parishioner Catherine Aselford's scripted reenactment of Julia Robert's trial for freedom! Julia Roberts was enslaved in what is now Arlington County, VA. She brought suit against her enslavers in DC (this area was part of DC in 1842) circuit court. She won, but her enslavers appealed and the case went all the way to the Supreme Court, which upheld the verdict of the lower court. Admission is FREE, and for more information, email Catherine Aselford at CathAselford@gmail.com.

Free AED Installation and Training at Grace Church | Sunday, April 26 @ 3:00 PM

The DC Fire and Emergency Medical Services Department (DCFEMS) Hands-on-Hearts Program is giving Grace Episcopal Church a FREE Automated External Defibrillator (AED) to house and maintain for the benefit of the community. They will be here on Sunday, April 26th, at 3:00 PM in the Parish Hall to install our AED machine as well as train and provide us with step-by-step instructions on how to use it.

Please plan to attend: this AED machine can potentially save the lives of our neighbors and friends of Grace Church.

Open Mic Nights @ Grace Church | April 27 @ 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!

31st Bach Festival at Grace Episcopal Church, Georgetown, Washington, DC

Sunday, July 5, 2026, 1:30 pm

Regino Madrid, Violin

Foster Wang, Violin

Charlie Powers, Cello

Trevor Mowry, Oboe, and Oboe d'amore

Soo Young Chrisfield, Soprano

Shouvik Mondle, Baritone

Francine Máté, Harpsichord, and Director of the Bach Festival

Works include *Cantata No. 82*, a soprano solo from *Cantata No. 49*, and *Cello Suite BWV 1007*.

Friday, July 10, 2026, 7 pm

Charlie Powers, Cello

The Program will be Johann Sebastian Bach's *Cello Suites BWV 1007*, *BWV 1008*, and *BWV*

1009.

Sunday, July 12, 2026, 1:30 pm

Piotr Pakhomkin, Guitar

Works include the *Chaconne from the d minor Partita, BWV 1004*, and the *Vivaldi D Major Concerto RV 230 arranged for the organ by JS Bach*.

Friday, July 17, 2026, 7 pm

Dr. David Bond, Organ

Works include music by JS Bach contemporaries *Frescobaldi, Buxtehude, Clerambault, Scarlatti*, and music by JS Bach.

Office Hours

Our office will be closed on Tuesday, April 14. We will resume normal operations on Wednesday, April 15th.

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@gmcgt.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

Book Launch: *Poverty Abolitionists* w/ author David Beckmann | April 14 @ 7 PM

Join us for an in-person event celebrating the launch of *Poverty Abolitionists: Faith, Activism, and Hope for Difficult Times*. Meet the author The Rev. David Beckmann (President Emeritus, Bread for the World and Alliance to End Hunger) and dive into the powerful ideas aimed at ending poverty. Register via:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/book-launch-poverty-abolitionists-w-author-david-beckmann-tickets-1984398319793?aff=oddttdcreator>

Voices from the Holy Land Online Film Salon | April 19 @ 3 PM

What? Using human beings as lab rats? On Sunday, April 19, 2026, Voices From the Holy Land and Nonviolence International presents “Field Testing Israeli Occupation Tech: The Palestine Lab” at 3:00 PM ET. Register at Tinyurl.com/VFHL-April2026 to get the videos and join the discussion.

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, April 19th

The Third Sunday of
Easter

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist, *Contemplative Service*

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, April 26th

The Fourth Sunday of
Easter

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist, *Contemplative Service*

9:30 AM Adult Forum, in the Parish Hall

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

3:00 PM AED Installation and Training, in the Parish Hall

Monday, April 27th

7:00 PM Open Mic Night, in the Sanctuary

Sunday, May 3rd

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist, *Contemplative Service*

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, June 7th

3rd Annual Saving Grace Gala @ Pinstripes

Recurring Events

Last **Monday**
of each Month

7 PM Open Mic Night, in the Sanctuary

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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