

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

March 3, 2019

Our Liturgy may be found in the Book of Common Prayer beginning on page 355.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude In peace and joy I now depart

Bach

Please stand.

Hymn 427 When morning glides the skies

The Opening Acclamation BCP 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

Collect

BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open all desires known, and from you no secret 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

Barrie Cabena

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Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Response: And also with you

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

The First Lesson Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 99

Give light to my eyes, O Lord.

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Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)

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- 1 The LORD is King; let the people tremble; ***he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.**
- 2 The LORD is great in Zion; ***he is high above all peoples.**
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; ***he is the Holy One.**
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; ***you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**"

5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before his footstool; ***he is the Holy One.**

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, ***they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.**

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; ***they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.**

8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; ***you were a God who forgave them yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship him upon his holy hill; ***for the LORD our God is the Holy One.**

The Second Lesson A Reading from the Second Letter of the Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Sequence Hymn 129 Christ upon the mountain peak

The Gospel: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]

All: Glory to You Lord Christ.

About eight days after Peter had acknowledged Jesus as the Christ of God, Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

[On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not." Jesus

answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon The Rev. Adolfo Moronta

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

In faith, hope and love let us pray for God's people throughout the world, for our Presiding Bishop Michael and for our Bishops Andrew, Allen, and Mary, for this gathering, and for the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, saying:

Lord, make us one.

That we worship God in spirit and in truth. For the peace that comes from God alone, for the unity of all peoples, and for the salvation of souls.

Let us pray in the will of Christ:

Lord, make us one.

That we may be freed from our sins against one another, from prejudice and hasty judgment; from ignorance or pride; from isolation and exclusivity; from apathy and complacency.

Let us pray in the forgiveness of Christ:

Lord, make us one.

That the leaders of all nations may seek peace and justice, and that they may give priority to the poor and the homeless, to children, refugees and victims of random violence,

Let us pray in the spirit of Christ:

Lord, make us one.

That the churches may discover again their unity in the one baptism, that we may share joy and wonder at God's works.

Let us pray with the heart of Christ:

Lord, make us one.

That this congregation may discern God's purpose for Grace/ La Gracia with wisdom and courage,

Let us pray in the strength of Christ:

Lord, make us one.

That our homes may be filled with grace during this coming year, and that our families may have confidence and peace in following Christ.

Let us pray in the wisdom of Christ:

Lord, make us one.

That we may care for the earth that God has given us and conserve it wisely.

Let us pray in the peace of Christ:

Lord, make us one.

That all Christians may embrace together Christ's command to care for those in need; the sick, the poor, the hungry, the lonely, the outcast.

Let us pray in the mercy of Christ:

Lord make us one.

Priest: Eternal God, giver of love and peace, you call us to live together as one community; give us grace to learn your ways and to fulfill your purpose, that we may bring justice and peace to all people, in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God now and forever. **Amen**

The Confession BCP 360

The Peace

Please be seated.

Announcements

The Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem: But thanks be to God

George Frideric Handel

Please stand

Offertory Hymn 137 O wonderous type! O vision fair

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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 and Benedictus

Barrie Cabena



*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of our Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364

Agnus Dei S161

Barrie Cabena

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

The Invitation BCP 364

The Holy Communion

You are invited and welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Anthem Lead Me Lord

Wesley

Please stand

Hymn 440 Blessed Jesus at thy word

The Prayer of Thanksgiving BCP 365

Let us pray.

Eternal God, by the power of your Word you created all things, and by your Spirit you renew the earth. Give now the water of life to all who thirst for you and nourish with the spiritual food of bread and wine all who hunger for you, that our lives may bear the abundant fruit of your heavenly reign; through Jesus Christ, the first born from the dead. Amen.

Sending forth of the Eucharistic Visitors:

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup. **Amen.**

Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 460 Alleluia!

Postlude: Prelude and fugue in F major...

Bach

Dismissal

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Adolfo Moronta

Organist Peter Roberts

Lectors 8 AM Ella Fitzgerald, Hillary Fleming

10 AM Jane Washington, Ginger Grant

Intercessor: Cecile Fray

Eucharistic Ministers 8 AM Brinda Bradley

10 AM Ray Williams, Andrea Spencer

Acolytes Jean Chambers, Anna Kristina O'Hanlon, Vika O'Hanlon, Eric Woodberry,

Aaron Woodberry, Jordan Acevedo

Ushers 10 AM Carmen Greenridge, James Henderson, Maria Lewis, Matthew Reid,

Jane Washington, Camille Worell

Eucharistic Visitors: Audrey Taylor, Cynthia Cole

Coffee Hour: The Carden Family Assistant: Carole Lashley, Cynthia Brown

Nursery Care is available during the 10:00 AM service.

The altar flowers are given in memoriam of Carmela Gallo, mother of Joseph Gallo.

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we welcome you to Grace Church!

Our liturgy is found in the Book of Common Prayer.

Our communion is open to all baptized Christians.

Please take the time to fill out one of our visitor cards which the ushers have available.

Your presence is a blessing to us may our worship together be a blessing to you.

Grace Church Prayer List: We hold the following people in prayer:

Steven Ancona, Corine Bradley, Norene Bueti, Bernice Burton, Gloria Chang, Cynthia Cole, Inez Dale, Jimmy Delaney, Carol DiGilio, Vincent Doria, Bill Dunphy, Cathy Dunphy, Sandra Esannason, Lydia Green, Sylvia Howard, Ivy John, Evgeniy Kaufman, Grace Kim, Manoris Long, Paxton Louis, Janice Moore, Giovanna Mustac, Selena Perry, Gladstone Reid, Leroy Reid, Renee Reid, Uriel Reid, Charlotte Roberson, Phil Sawyer, Marilyn Seimia, Norman Stanton, Susan Stanton, Natasha Vodyanitskaya, Marthe Watkins

Bethel Nursing and Rehabilitation Center: Verna Brown

Cedar Manor, Ossining: Robert Auld

Sarah Neumann, Mamaroneck: Nellie King

Burke Rehabilitation Center: Susan Stanton

Serving in the Armed Forces: Kenny Duffy, Denny J. Edmondson, Christopher P. Halstead, David Packer, Sgt. Christopher Vigliotti, Gunnery Sgt. Les Yearwood.

Please call the Parish Office or contact Sandy Gadsden McAllister if you would like to place someone's name on our prayer list.

Birthdays

March 5th Justin Richard Herrera

March 6th George O' Hanlon

March 7th William Carter Davis, Emmi Grace Woodberry

Anniversaries

March 9th Elaine and Gladstone Reid

Please contact the Parish office to update birthday or anniversary entries for 2019.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Tuesday, March 5th

12:05 PM Eucharist in the Chapel

Wednesday, March 6th

Ash Wednesday

12:05 PM The Holy Eucharist

7:30 PM Bi-lingual Holy Eucharist with Choir

Thursday, March 7th

12:05 PM Eucharist in the Chapel

7:30 PM Santa Eucaristía in the Church

Saturday, March 9th

8:00 AM to 2:00 PM Funeral Service for Tristan Dylan

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM Jack & Jill of America Meeting - 2nd Floor Conference Room

Holy Week and Easter at Grace La Gracia 2019

April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Liturgy of the Palms with Choir

12:30 PM La Santa Eucaristía y Domingo de Ramos

April 18, 2019

Maundy Thursday

7:00 PM Bi-Lingual Holy Eucharist with Choir

April 19, 2019

Good Friday

12:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy with Choir

7:00 PM Viernes Santo

Saturday, April 20, 2019

7:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter – Bi-Lingual Service with Choir

April 21, 2019

Easter Day

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - In English

10:00 AM Festival Holy Eucharist - In English with Choir

12:30 PM Domingo de Pascua Misa en español

Monthly Gratitude

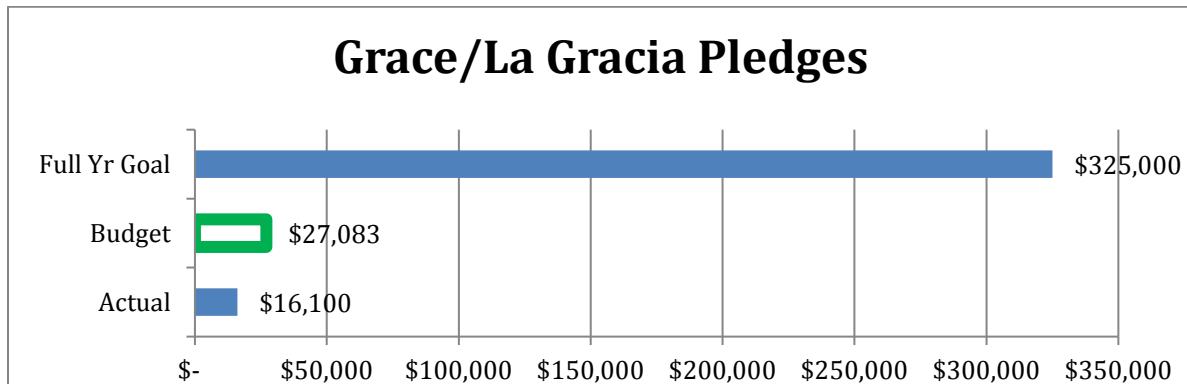
This month we want to raise up and recognize our Altar Guild at Grace Church. These wonderful members care for the sacred altar and prepare our church for each and every Mass throughout the year. They are the quiet, wonderful angels that care for us each week. Please acknowledge the members below by saying, "Thank you." - Fr. Chip

Altar Guild

Brinda Bradley (Chair)
JoAnn Boylan
Cynthia Cole
Lyris Cooper
Sandy Gadsden-McAllister
Edith Gonzalez
Melanie Jackson
Carol Mitchell
Matilde Lazcano
Shirley Spencer
Audrey Taylor
Ruth Theodore

Grace/La Gracia 2019 Pledge Tracker

The chart below shows our annual pledge goal and our progress by month. The church pays its bills based on the donations received and our pledges amount to about half of our annual budget. Thank you for staying current on your pledge.



What's New:

- **Starting on March 10th at the 8 AM Service** – We will be following Rite One Liturgy during the second week of each non-summer months until June 2019
- **March 13th Lenten Education Series with Fr. Chip:** The Final 24 Hours of Jesus Christ –Four Week Study

March 2019 Grace and La Gracia Sunday Bulletins, Lector Rota and Lessons can be read on our Grace La Gracia March 3rd E-newsletter.

Contact Maria Campos at mcampos@gracechurchwhiteplains.org to add your email to our contact list. Our weekly Grace 10 AM Sunday bulletin can also be read on our Grace Church Website: www.gracewhiteplains.org

The Spring Angelus is now available to read in our E-newsletter under General Information and on our Grace Church website. Additional copies can be found at the table in rear of the church and in the parish office.

Parking Placards for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday & Good Friday

For the 2019 Pledgers, we have placards for the HAMILTON AVE. municipal garage. Kindly place yours on the dashboard of your car for free parking on **non-Sunday holidays only**. Please do NOT use these for the metered street parking or you will get a ticket. I will distribute the placards on Sunday, March 3rd, for the 8:00 and 10:00 am services. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation – Cynthia S. Brown

Copies of Grace Church 2018 Budget – Annual Parish Meeting held on January 27, 2019 are available at the table in rear the church and in our Grace La Gracia weekly e-newsletter under General Information

Looking Ahead

Father Chip will visit the Sunday School Classrooms, Rite 13 & J2A on March 3, 2019 during the 10 AM Service.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES – March 6, 2019

12:05 PM The Holy Eucharist

7:30 PM Bi-lingual Holy Eucharist

S.A.G.E.: Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 1:30 PM** in the library

Grace Church's Book of Wisdom for our Rite 13 Teens

Share your "Words of Wisdom" with our Rite 13 celebrities as they journey on their path to adulthood. We would like to include your advice in the Celebration of Womanhood Liturgy program as we celebrate this important rite of passage. Please read the enclosed flyer in this week's bulletin or on our weekly E-newsletter. Email your advice to Donna Louis at DonnaLouis628@gmail.com

Lenten Education Series with Fr. Chip Starting on March 13, 2019

You are invited to join me as I host a four-week study on the final 24 hours of Jesus Christ. Our educational journey will begin on Wednesday, March 13th and continue for three additional Wednesdays ending on April 3rd. Each session will start at 6:45 PM with time for Labyrinth prayer in the parish hall and then transition at 7:15 PM for Bible discussion in the library. Please contact our administrator, Maria Campos, by March 3rd to order books for the parishioners planning to attend.

This video series entitled, *"24 Hours that changed the World"* was written and produced by a wonderful Methodist pastor, Adam Hamilton. Adam started a new church, Church of the Resurrection, with only four members in 1990. Within 10 years, his church grew to over 15,000 members. As you will find, his educational resources are fantastic.

This educational series encompasses the historical nature behind the last day of Jesus Christ on earth. We will discuss the 'why', the 'what' and the 'where' behind the Biblical stories we reenact each year in Lent leading to Easter Sunday. It's a powerful journey. For example, we will travel to Jerusalem. We will see what Jesus saw and we will walk along the path that Jesus took 2,000 years ago. Come join us for this amazing journey. Fr. Chip

Book Club: After the winter storm forced the Book Club to cancel its Feb 12th meeting, the group's Black History Month selection, **The New Jim Crow** by Michelle Alexander, has been moved to **Tuesday, March 12th, at 7 pm in the church library**. Interested in the book club? Contact Karen Odom (karenodom@yahoo.com) or just come!

United Thank Offering

"Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" (Psalm 32:1) How grateful are you for God's forgiveness? Give thanks and place an offering in your Blue Box. Additional Blue Boxes are available in the back of the church. Thank you. ECW

The Next ECW Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 17, 2019 at 11:45 AM in the library.

Formation of a Public Relations Committee

For almost two centuries, Grace Church has been a beacon of hope and service in Westchester county. We have continually provided spiritual, moral and physical support to all regardless of their religious or economic circumstance. It is our responsibility to deliver this message to the greater Community so that they can experience the joy and satisfaction that Grace offers to all.

If you are interested or know of others who would be interested in the formation of a Public Relations Committee, please provide your contact information to Maria Campos
(mcamplos@gracechurchwhiteplains.org) or call the parish office at 914 949 2874 x10.

Acolytes

We are building upon our acolyte team. Please contact Lauren Reid at E: Irrmink@gmail.com if you have interest in knowing more. Our next acolyte training will be held on Saturday March 23 at 10 AM.

Pastoral Care

We are inviting members who have a passion for serving others to join our Pastoral Care Team. This ministry means so much to our members and it just might change your life. Please contact Sandy Gadsden at sunaganataq@aol.com for more information.

Lectors Needed

Volunteers are needed for all services including the Family service, every third Sunday of the month. If you are available for one or both of these services, please contact Ray Williams or Michael Heffner.

Join Our Volunteer Choir

Please consider joining our volunteer choir. We have inspiring, soulful and uplifting music for you to enjoy in the warm company of our dedicated, long time members. This invitation also extends to the younger members of our church community. We are delighted to have our kids sing in the 10am service every third Sunday of the month. The children's choir will be practicing every Sunday right after service in the choir room. All are welcome! Peter Roberts

Remember those you love by signing up for flowers to adorn the Altar for our worship. The signup sheets for February, March, April and May are located on the bulletin board near the parish hall.



Heartfelt Thanks from Marie Barrow and Karen Odom

Please accept our world of thanks to all who made this year's Black History Month Celebration meaningful and memorable. We couldn't have done it without you—your participation and support made all the difference! Our thanks to all, particularly Fr. Adolfo whose inspiring sermon launched our month-long celebration.

To our Music Director, Peter Roberts, the Choir, and Fr. Chip for coordinating and delivering such beautiful, timely music. To Victoria Carter and her Ensemble who augmented the music with joyous, dramatic drumming. To Biff Henderson and Bob Sosa, who joined us in delivering Black History-themed powerful passages. To Nathaniel Graves for his thoughtful and thought-provoking words as guest speaker. To our amazing Living Legends who continue to awe and inspire us. To Sylvia and Walter Simon for introducing us to the National Memorial for Peace and Justice and specifically Robert Dottin, PhD, Adine Usher, EdD, Tosia McCormick, MS, and Linda Rousseau, MS, who enriched our Black History Month Celebration and opened our eyes through their insightful presentation. To Dr. John Mitchell for once again sharing his incredible documentary of *The Chosen Few* and the discussion that followed.

To Fr. Chip who stepped in without hesitation with a stirring sermon when the Hon. Delores Brathwaite was unable to join us. To Michael Heffner who provided ongoing technical support and ensured that the Black History Month services and events were recorded for future viewing. To Taurino Juárez who worked magic continually behind the scenes each Sunday. To Maria Campos for coordinating announcements and ensuring the congregation remained informed throughout the month. To the members of Welcoming Committee who worked tirelessly to present a magnificent spread worthy of a festive finale.

To Maria Lewis, who made sure the Parish Hall also visually reflected the culmination of our month-long celebration and Al Sargent, who provided important reminders of the meaning behind Black History Month.

And, a huge thank you to the Vestry and the entire congregation for your enthusiastic support and participation throughout the entire month, from wearing African garb (you all looked fabulous!) to generously sharing your favorite dishes and refreshments at our potluck finale feast on the final Sunday. And, to those we surely missed in naming specifically, but are very much appreciated nevertheless—you are by no means forgotten. We are deeply grateful to all.

Marie and Karen



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of the Episcopal Diocese of New York

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The Right Reverend Allen Kunho Shin, Bishop Suffragan
The Right Reverend Mary Glasspool, Assistant Bishop
The Reverend Dr. Chip Graves, Rector
The Reverend Adolfo Moronta, Associate Priest
Peter Roberts, Director of Music of Grace Church
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The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

March 3, 2019 10 AM

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Grace Church is a diverse congregation committed to a common life sustained by worship. We bear witness to God's love in Christ through our life together and our service to the wider community.

All are welcome.



Where Hope Takes Flight—One Person At A Time

