



Grace Episcopal Church, Elkridge

Rev. Travis K. Smith, Rector

Rev. Mimi Mathews, Deacon

Feast: The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 31, 2019 - 10:00 am

Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

We're glad you are here! The center of all that we do at Grace is the worship of God as revealed to us in the person of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. This is our principle call as Christians and is the means by which we are nourished so that we might be the hands and feet of our Risen Lord in our community and the world.

- We invite everyone in worship to **come to our Lord's Table** during worship to receive communion or a blessing. The bread is received with an open hand; the wine by guiding the chalice to your lips or by dipping the wafer into the cup. If you do not wish to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing instead.
- An opportunity for **healing prayer** is offered during worship at the kneeler located under the heart banner in Grace's Wellness Corner. Prayers can be offered for any part of your life that needs it —physical, mental, spiritual. You can come seeking healing for yourself or for someone else in any part of their life.
- **Angels of Grace Nursery** is located upstairs. We love to have children at the services and welcome their energy with open hearts and arms. While not staffed, the nursery is a place parents can take a child if quiet time is desired. Go through the double doors, up the stairs, and follow the signs. A changing table is available in the nursery and in the women's restroom.
- **Children's Chapel** is offered during worship. After the Gospel, children process upstairs and celebrate God's love of them and their neighbor. Children rejoin the service during the Peace.

Join us for further refreshment after worship concludes. If you're looking for a spiritual home, exploring your faith, searching for ways to serve your community, or seeking to make a difference in God's world, you are welcome at Grace Episcopal Church.

Mission Statement of Grace Church

- We are called by God to be a community of faith committed to knowing Jesus and making Him known to the world.
- We believe we are called to seek Christ in all persons and to love our neighbors as God loves us.
- We believe as the body of Christ we are called to reach out to our local community and the world, to invite all people to know the joy of God, and to welcome all persons into fellowship.
- We believe we are called to nurture each other in the faith and to be a fellowship of grace and renewal.

Looking for a church that loves people? Come as our guest and leave as one of the family! Church services are held at 7:30a.m. at the **Historic Stone Church** in downtown Elkridge off of Main Street and at 10 a.m. at the **Holy Family Chapel** at 6725 Montgomery Road. For more information about Grace Episcopal Church, check the website at www.graceelkridge.org or call the office at 410-796-3270.

A Penitential Order

Entrance Rites

The people stand as they are able.

Opening Hymn - What Wondrous Love Is This - WR 257

Verse 1

What wondrous love is this
O my soul O my soul
What wondrous love is this O my soul
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul for my soul
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul

Verse 2

When I was sinking down
Sinking down sinking down
When I was sinking down sinking down
When I was sinking down
Beneath God's righteous frown
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul for my soul
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul

Verse 3

To God and to the Lamb
I will sing I will sing
To God and to the Lamb I will sing
To God and to the Lamb
Who is the Great I Am
While millions join the theme
I will sing I will sing
While millions join the theme I will sing

Verse 4

And when from death I'm free
I'll sing on I'll sing on
And when from death I'm free I'll sing on

And when from death I'm free
I'll sing and joyful be
And thro' eternity I'll sing on I'll sing on
And thro' eternity I'll sing on

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Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People *His mercy endures for ever.*

The people kneel as they are able.

The Summary of the Law

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." Mark 12:29-31

Penitential Sentence

The Deacon then says

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8,9*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is kept.

All say together:

*Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.*

*We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

A period of silence is kept.

The Word of God

First Reading

A reading from The Book of Joshua (5:9-12).

⁹The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. ¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho.

¹¹ On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Lector
The Word of the Lord
People
Thanks be to God

A period of silence is kept.

Psalm 32

BCP p. 624

Beati quorum

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in
time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you
should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you.”

11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

A period of silence is kept.

Hymn: Open The Eyes Of My Heart - WR 656

Chorus 1

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Open the eyes of my heart

I want to see You

I want to see You

Verse 1

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Misc 1

(Bridge)

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

Holy holy holy

I want to see You

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The people stand as they are able.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (15:1-3, 11b-32).
Glory to You Lord Christ

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³ So he told them this parable: ^{11b} “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has

devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’³¹ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.’³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

Celebrant
The Gospel of the Lord
People
Praise to you Lord Christ

A period of silence is kept.

Sermon - The Rev. Travis K. Smith

The people stand as they are able.

The Nicene Creed

All say together

*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

Deacon Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

We pray for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Eugene our Bishop, Travis our Rector, and Mimi our Deacon. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We remember today Donald our President, Larry our Governor, Calvin our County Executive, Benjamin and Chris our Senators, Katie, Guy and Clarence our State Senators, Elijah and John our Representatives, Terri, Eric, Jessica, Jennifer, Vanessa, and Shane our State Delegates, Opel and Elizabeth our Council Members.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

A period of silence is kept.

Collect

Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom; and grant that we your servants, who now live by faith, may with joy behold your Son at his coming in glorious majesty; even Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Welcome & Announcements

The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Holy Communion

A period of silence is kept.

The Priest says

If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. *Matthew 5:23, 24*

Offertory Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be - 1982 Hymnal

Verse 1

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated Lord to Thee
Take my moments and my days
Let them flow in ceaseless praise
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love
take my heart it is thine own
It shall be they royal throne.

Verse 2

Take my voice and let me sing
Always only for my King
Take my intellect and use every power
as thou shalt choose
Take my will and make it Thine
It shall be no longer mine

Take my self and I will be ever
only all for thee

CCLI Song # 1390 (adapted to The Hymnal 1982)

Frances Ridley Havergal | Hollingside, John Bacchus Dykes

Presentation Song

Give thanks with a grateful heart

Give thanks to the Holy One

Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ his Son

repeat

And now let weak say I am strong

Let the poor say I am rich

Because of what The Lord has done for us

repeat

Give Thanks

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, 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:

*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 the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.*

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father 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.

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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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

The People respond Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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

***People and
Celebrant***

*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

A period of silence is kept.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

The Priest invites the people to Communion

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.

Communion Hymn: Knowing You - WR357 & What a Friend we have in Jesus - WR 473

Knowing You (adapted to WR 357)

Verse 1

All I once held dear built my life upon
All this world reveres and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now compared to this

Chorus 1

*Knowing You Jesus knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all You're the best
You're my joy my righteousness
And I love You Lord.*

V3 Chorus . . . I love You Lord

Verse 2

Now my heart's desire is to know You more
To be found in You and known as Yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All surpassing gift of righteousness

Verse 3

Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like You in Your death my Lord
So with You to live and never die

What A Friend We Have In Jesus (Converse)

Verse 1

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Verse 2

Have we trials and temptations
Is there trouble anywhere
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Verse 3

Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care
Precious Savior still our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Do thy friends despise forsake thee
Take it to the Lord in prayer
In His arms He'll take and shield thee
Thou wilt find a solace there

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The people stand as they are able.

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hymn: Pass It On - WR 557

Verse 1

It only takes a spark
To get a fire going
And soon all those around
Can warm up in its glowing
That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it
You spread His love to ev'ryone
You want to pass it on

Verse 2

What a wondrous time is spring
When all the trees are budding
The birds begin to sing
The flowers start their blooming
That's how it is with God's love
Once you've experienced it
You want to sing it's fresh like spring
You want to pass it on

Verse 3

I wish for you my friend
This happiness that I've found
You can depend on Him
It matters not where you're bound
I'll shout it from the mountain top

I want my world to know
The Lord of love has come to me
I want to pass it on

CCLI Song # 14284 // Kurt Kaiser

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Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Welcome & Announcements

The Grace Episcopal Church Mutual Ministry Survey is NOW OPEN.

Last Week - Please complete the questionnaire on paper or online. The Vestry welcomes all parishioners to respond.

The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GraceSurvey2019>.

This survey is the first step in the Mutual Ministry Review process. Please review the entire survey before responding. This survey is sent to all vestry members and the rector. This is intended to be an evaluation of the ministry we do together and a resource for planning for the future. The goals of these questions are;

- To celebrate what is going well and to identify what needs attention/change,
- To give clear and reliable feedback, to speak the truth in love,
- To identify lay and priestly development needs,
- To renew/establish goals and priorities for the next review period,
- To deepen and enhance communication between the congregation, vestry, and rector for the building up of the community.

The survey will be open through the end of March.

Thank you and take care,
.../Bob Puppa, Sr. Warden

Tuesday Suppers – Soup Supper every week during lent 6pm

Thank you to Jean Schutt who has volunteered to coordinate the dinners for 2018 - 2019 year. If you would like help by doing a supper on a Vestry night, please contact Jean.

Vestry & Supper Dates are: Apr 23, May 28.

Soup Supper Days for Lent: Apr 2,9, 16 (Seder – Fr. Travis)

Soup Supper Week Four: Last Tuesday we turned to how we were the people of God reconciled in difference. We looked at ways that we at Grace could heed the call to Elkrigde without calling them to a box or sacrificing our unique identity. This week we are looking just at Chapter six with the call to live as disciples of Christ in Elkrigde. We will look at the entirety of the Baptismal Covenant and be challenged to live as our identity as Anglicans and Episcopalians in a world where its relevance has been relegated to the sidelines of life within the confines of personal preference. Here are the questions we will be challenged with on

Tuesday. Which parts of the baptismal covenant resonate most with you? Which do you find most challenging or difficult to live into? How would you positively define Anglicanism's gifts for your local community? What do you see as the most precious treasures we have to offer our neighbors? What does it mean to embrace the identity of learners of the Way of Jesus? How might focusing on this affect your church's life and ministry?

Save the Date:

Easter Week Service –

4/14 - Palm Sunday 9 am @ HSC

4/16 - Seder Supper 6pm @ FLC

4/18 – Maundy Thursday 7pm @ HSC

4/18 -19 – Vigil Prayer @ HSC

4/19 – Good Friday 12noon & 7pm @ HSC

4/20 – Grace Side Service 8am @ HSC

Holy Saturday Service 8pm @ HSC

4/21 – Easter Service 7:30 am @ HSC & 10am @ TBD

Spring Tea 2019 - May 4

Fun, Families, Fellowship

Save the following dates for this year's activities for the children of Grace Church and their families. We'd love kids of all ages and their families to come for fun and conversation with other Grace Church families. If you'd like to plan one of these activities or have any other questions, please contact Michelle Matto at mgamatto@hotmail.com or 410-579-8021.

April 28, 2019, 5 PM: Dance Party/Game Night (Sunday Night)

June 2, 2019, 2 PM: Nature Hike/Picnic

Ladies Night (Day) Out

Ladies will meet and enjoy lunch on March 31st 12 noon at the Stained Glass Pub.

VBS Summer 2019

Let's go ~To Mars & Beyond~ Launching into Service in God's Galaxy

Grace is reviving a tradition so this month is an "In-reach" focus. The generosity of Grace will benefit the children in our community. Parishioners will have an opportunity to help in a variety of ways. Volunteers are needed for before and during the 3- night session. Supplies need to be donated, and money is needed to purchase motivating materials.

Our first and most pressing need is for people who hear Jesus's words,
"Let the little children come unto me..."

and want to help make those words come to life in 2019 by volunteering their time and talents.

Volunteering Time: Mission Team Member, Mission Team Helpers (5th Grade & UP) - Help your church & get service hours, Registration' Set - up Team, Decorating Team, Music Consultant, Technology Consultant, Snack Team, Iron Decals on T-shirts, Sewing "Sit-upons", Safety Coordinator

This month's "in reach" ministry focus is a bit different in that it is not just about money or "things". It is about time and talent to nurture the children. Please prayerfully consider how you might contribute to this very special "in-reach".

Scheduled for June 26-28 from 5:30pm to 8:30pm @ FLC

If you are interested in helping VBS this year or have questions, you please give Marion Hayes a call (443 618 1894) / mkhayes02@gmail.com) OR Elaine Williams cell 240-893-1501 / dekka25@yahoo.com

Children's Sunday School

Adult Sunday School

Chapter Three: The Holiness Tradition

The greatest critique of Christianity is not "if there is a God why is there suffering in the world." Rather the greatest critique of Christianity is "if these are God's people then I don't want anything to do with that religion." The greatest reform of the church has come out of the evangelical tradition; the greatest reform of the world has come from the social justice tradition. The greatest reform of Christians emerges out of the holiness tradition. This is the tradition that calls us to the virtuous life or the re-formation of the heart. If you want to change your life this is the tradition that will invite you to embody the change for which you are hoping. I hope you will join us in Sunday School next week to take up the challenge of Holiness in the Christian life.

Gluten Allergy??

Grace now has Gluten Free Host. If you are in need of the Gluten Free Host please let Fr. Travis or Rev. Mimi know and they will be happy to serve you.

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- Online option – graceelkridge.org – go to top right corner click on “Stewardship/Giving” and follow prompts.
- GIVE + Text – text 410-618-1877 and a link will be sent to you for donating. Follow prompts after the link is open.
- We also purchased a “Mobile Card Reader” so we can use credit cards at events. See flyer in back of the church to log in or just to check it out.

Please Use Store Cards-Help The Local Poor

In the fall 2017, The Vestry decided that on behalf of Grace Church, Fr. Travis Smith can and should continue helping indigent families approaching the church for assistance. While this is often overlooked, The Vestry is proud of this outreach and the judicious use of resources by Fr. Travis Smith. Put in simplest terms possible, the “profit” from the store card program will be used to continue this outreach; deficits will be covered by the Rector’s Discretionary Fund, (supported by loose plate offering 1st & 5th Sundays) surpluses mean more aid available to the community.

Please consider using store cards as a way to brighten the world, just a little bit for those who need it most.

Grace Early Learning Center

Looking for Summer Camp - Spread the word as Grace Early Learning Center is offering summer camp this year from ages from Toddlers to Age 10. Please see Flyer on wall or back of chapel.

10:00 am Servers @ Holy Family Chapel

Please check the schedule for details or call Ginny Stickles @ 410 382 2184.

March: 31 – Ginny Stickles, Michelle Matto, Isobel Schum, Ginny Stickles

April: 07 – Chris Fox, Judy Fox, Rita Chelton, Ginny Stickles

14 - Palm Sunday @ HSC

21 – Betty McMullen, Rita Chelton, Ginny Stickles, Isobel Schum

“Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.” John 7:38
NRSV

Parish Calendar Week of March 31, 2019

Monday, April 1st

Office – CLOSED

7:00 pm – Choir Practice @ FLC conf rm 2

7:30 pm AA meeting @ FLC

Tuesday, April 2nd

Office 9am – 2pm

9:00am - Discernment Study (All Welcome)

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Mustard Seed Thrift Store

6:00 pm – Lenten Soup Suppers

8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ FLC – *** NEW TIME ***

Wednesday, April 3rd

Office 9 am – 2 pm

6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 432 Meeting @ FLC

Thursday, April 4th

Office 9 am – 2 pm

7:30am - Eucharist Service @ FLC

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Mustard Seed Thrift Store

Friday, April 5th

Office Hours CLOSED

10:30am GECC – Jump Bunch

7:00 pm – Private Rental @ FLC – Yale Presbyterian Church (2nd & 3rd Friday in April)

Saturday, April 6th

10:00 am – 1:00 pm - Mustard Seed Thrift Store

Sunday, April 7th

7:30 am - Holy Eucharist @ HSC

9:00 am – Adult Sunday School @ FLC conf Rm 1

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist @ FLC

11:00 am – Grace Family Fellowship @ FLC

11:00 am – 12:30 pm Mustard Seed Thrift Store OPEN (1st Sunday of Month ONLY)

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm - Private Rental @ FLC – Yale Presbyterian Church

Parish Prayers of Intercession

Mar 31 – Apr 6

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St John's, Havre de Grace; St John's, Kingsville; St Mary's, Emmorton; Resurrection, Copley Parish

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

In our community: We pray that we may be devoted to your worship and directed and sustained in our ministries; that the Holy Spirit will guide and uphold this Parish in all its missions and in our individual spiritual journeys. We pray for the resident of Colonial Landing Apartments, give thanks and prayer for our visitors for whom have yet to walk in our doors. We bid prayers for all member of the Regular and Reserve Forces of the United States, especially *Brian Hesson (friend Rev. Mimi Mathews)*, *Rachel Werts (Karen Stewarts daughter)*, *Jason Werts (Karen Stewarts son in law)*, *David Kinnamont (Karen Stewart son)*, *John Lord (Betty McMullen grandson -in law)*, *Matt Merritt (Amy Szekely son)*, *David Shrewbury (Puppa's son in law)*, *Marc Benson (Stickles nephew)*, *Christen Kratz Woolford (Dennis Kratz daughter) and Tom Woolford (Dennis Kratz son in law)*. We also pray for all the men and women who risk their lives daily serving in law enforcement, fire and public safety. Prayers for the Military who have died and their families. We continue to keep all our military and public service casualties in your prayers for their continued recovery.

Rest of the Soul:

Prayers of Special Intentions: Lawrence Altman, & Family, Mel Baumer, Blount & Family, Taylor Burry, George Chaney, Chris & Beth Eble, Geri Ellen, Rosemary Klochko, Kyle Kratz, Henry, Linda Jordan, Gabriel Louis, McBride & Family, Murphy, Patricia Parker, Rachel, Dan Rice, John Roycroft, Eric Scott, Joyce Shields, Ken & Amy Shotting, Bruce Trent, Kailyn Thompson, Constance Wolfe, Cory Woodall, Tessa & Family, Pam & Family

For the hospitalized, sick and home bound: Rev. Lloyd Aiken, Peggy Blackburn, Robin Blackburn, Jon Bullock, Doris Clay, Barb Durham, Eleanor Gyr, Candice Harvey, George Perry, Pam Stevens, Rebecca Ubert, Jean Williams, Irene Wilson

Birthdays:

Anniversaries:

* Names will remain on the prayer list for 8 weeks unless requested longer

Are you our guest today?

Please take a moment to tell us something about you. Share whatever you like. Please tear this off and put in the offering plate or give it to the rector.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

At which location and service were you our guest?

Date: _____

_____ Historic Stone Church _____ Holy Family Chapel @ the Family Life Center

How did you find us?

_____ Friend

_____ Graceelkridge.org

_____ Signs

Other: _____

Please check all that apply: _____ First time guest _____ Returning guest _____ New to the area

_____ Would like information on Christian Education

_____ Adult

_____ Children

_____ Youth Ministries

_____ Would like to know more about Grace

_____ Would like to know more about the Episcopal Church

_____ Other: _____ (Seniors, Fellowship, ...)

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