



The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

8:00am (said)

10:30am (sung)

Grace Episcopal Church
The Plains, Virginia

Welcome to Grace Church in The Plains. We are grateful for your presence in worship today. If you would like to learn more about our life at Grace, or become more closely associated with this community, we encourage you to complete a pew card, which may be placed in the offering plate, given to our rector, or mailed to the church office. For detailed information about the ministry and witness of our parish, including the complete schedule of worship services and weekly events, visit: www.gracetheplains.org. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

Please remember to silence all mobile phones and other electronic devices.

Hymn 521

Put forth, O God, thy Spirit's might

Chelsea Square

Descant

4 O Judge di - vine of hu - man strife! O

1 Put forth, O God, thy Spi - rit's might and
2 Let works of dark - ness dis - ap - pear be -
3 Let what a - pos - tles learned of thee be
4 O Judge di - vine of hu - man strife! O

Van - quish - er of pain! To know thee is e -

bid thy Church in - crease, in breadth and length, in
fore thy con - quering light; let ha - tred and tor -
ours from age to age; their stead - fast faith our
Van - quish - er of pain! To know thee is e -

ter - nal life, to serve thee, to reign.

depth and height, her u - ni - ty and peace.
ment - ing fear pass with the pass - ing night.
u - ni - ty, their peace our her - it - age.
ter - nal life, to serve thee is to reign.

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A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
People **His mercy endures forever.**

The Decalogue

The Congregation kneels as able

Said at 8:00. Sung at 10:30.

Musical responses found at the bottom of the page

Celebrant

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our heart to keep this law.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our heart to keep this law.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our heart to keep this law.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our heart to keep this law.

Honor your father and your mother.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our heart to keep this law.

You shall not commit murder.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our heart to keep this law.

You shall not commit adultery.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our heart to keep this law.

You shall not steal.

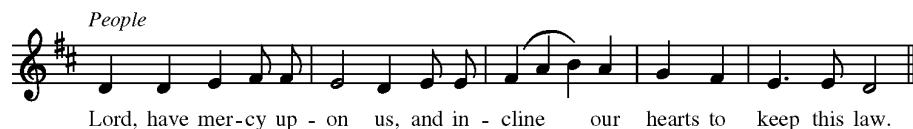
Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our heart to keep this law.

You shall not be a false witness.

Lord have mercy upon us, and incline our heart to keep this law.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Lord have mercy upon us, and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.



Celebrant

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord your 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 commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

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*

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14,16*

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant

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 upon us S 91

Kyrie eleison

Healey Willan

Said in unison at 8:00

Sung by all at 10:30

Celebrant and People

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

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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Lesson Ezekiel 37:1-14

Reader A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Said in unison at 8:00

Sung by the Grace Church Choir at 10:30

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.**
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?**
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.**
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.**
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.**
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, *
for with the LORD there is mercy;**
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

The Second Lesson Romans 8:6-11

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com-fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 for none can guess its grace, till Love cre - ate a place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

Words: Bianco da Siena (d. 1434?); tr. Richard Frederick Littledale (1833-1890), alt. Music: *Down Ampney*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). By permission of Oxford University Press.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The people stand as able

The Nicene Creed

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 worshipped 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

The Intercessor and People pray responsively
Congregational responses are in bold font

Intercessor

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this town, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of South America.

Lord, have mercy.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. John's, Tappahannock.

Lord, have mercy.

For The Grace Church Choir, The Little Georgetown Foundation, Shakespeare Opera Theatre, the families and teachers of Grace Montessori School and Seminarian **Austin** Wendt.

Lord, have mercy.

For those away from home in the service of our country, including **Bishop Carl** Wright. Are there others?

Lord, have mercy.

For those preparing for Holy Matrimony, including: **Kaki** Elgin and **Marcus** Dahlstrand.

Lord, have mercy.

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. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list, including, **Enid** Adams, **Nancy** Albert, **Richard** Asher, **Don** Austin, **Barbara** Carbaugh, **Lorn** Clement, **Kaitlin** Crosen, **Kelly** Crosen, **Lehi** Davis, **Lynn** Ewanow, **Carol** Hershkowitz, **Ruth** Hooper, **Karen** Keating, **Elizabeth** Lenhardt, **Catherine** Nelson, **Charles** Nelsen, **Charles** Orsi, **Allan** Rogoff, **Pam** Tuma, **Bunny** Wisecarver, **Scott** Wehner, and **Betty Lou** Wolfe. Are there others?

Lord, have mercy.

Celebrant

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem

Jesus, so lowly

Harold Friedell

Jesus, so lowly, Child of the earth: Christen me wholly, bring me new birth.
Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad; teach me that only love maketh glad.
Jesus, so broken, silent and pale; be this the token love will not fail.
Jesus, victorious, mighty and free; teach me how glorious death is to be.

Sung by the Grace Church Choir

Presentation Hymn 380, st. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Old 100th

Sung by all at 10:30

Standing as able

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octanie trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

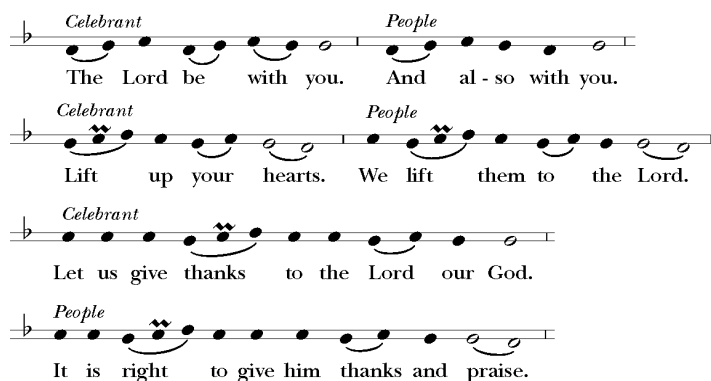
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing as able

Said at 8:00

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Sung at 10:30



It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

Celebrant and people

Holy, Holy, Holy S 114

Said in unison at 8:00

Sanctus

Healey Willan

Sung by all at 10:30

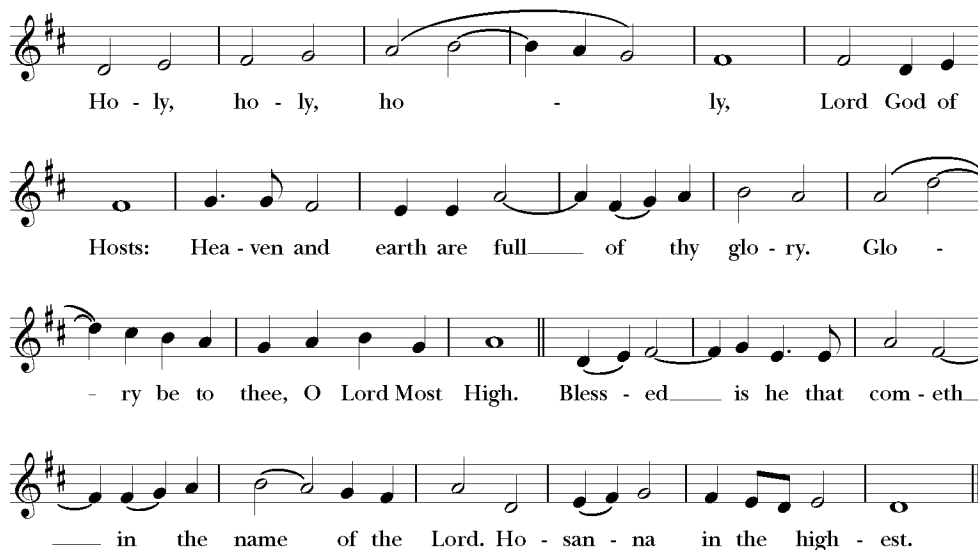
Celebrant and People

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.



Celebrant

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."

Memorial Acclamation S 133

Mysterium

Ambrosian chant

Said in unison at 8:00

Sung by all at 10:30

Celebrant

Therefore we proclaim the mystery
of faith:



Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**



The Celebrant continues

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.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

**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

Said in unison at 8:00

Celebrant and People

**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.**

Sung by all at 10:30

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

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those worshipping at home

adapted from St. Alphonsus de Ligouri

Said by all

Celebrant and people

Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We love you above all things, and long for you in our souls. Since members of your body cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into their hearts. As though you have already come, we embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you; never permit us to be separated from you. Amen.

Communion Hymn 151

From deepest woe I cry to thee

Aus tiefer Not



1 From deep - est woe I cry to thee; Lord, hear me, I im -
 2 Thou grant - est par - don through thy love; thy grace a - lone a -
 3 And thus my hope is in the Lord, and not in my own

plore thee! Bend down thy gra - cious car to me;
 vail - eth. Our works could ne'er our guilt re - move;
 mer - it; I rest up - on his faith - ful word

I lay my sins be - fore thee.
 yea, e'en the best life fail - eth.
 to them of con - trite spi - rit.

If thou re - mem - berest ev - ery sin,
 For none may boast them - selves of aught,
 That he is mer - ci - ful and just,

if nought but just re - ward we win,
 but must con - fess thy grace hath wrought
 here is my com - fort and my trust;

could we a - bide thy pres - ence?
 what - e'er in them thy wor - thy.
 his help I wait with pa - tience.

Words: Martin Luther (1483-1546); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.; based on Psalm 130. Music: *Aus tiefer Not*, melody att. Martin Luther (1483-1546); harm. Johann Herman Schein (1586-1630), alt.

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
 till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt. Music: *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969).

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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

The Blessing

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to
 2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hear - ing,
 3 Be thou our great de - liv - erer still, thou Lord of

heal and save; it tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death,
 strength, and sight; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed
 life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless,

o'er dark - ness and the grave. To thee they went, the
 owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be
 with thine al - might - y breath: to hands that work and

blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the lep - er
 near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in crowd - ed
 eyes that see, give wis - dom's heav - en - ly lore, that whole and

set a - part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame.
 street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen - nes - aret's shore.
 sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891), alt. Music: St. Matthew, from *Supplement to the New Version of Psalms* by Dr. Brady and Mr. Tate, 1708.

The Dismissal

Celebrant
People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Closing Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in D Minor, BWV 554

J. S. Bach

Serving Today
Celebrant and Preacher The Rev. E. Weston Mathews
Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Jason Farris
Seminarian Austin Wendt
The Grace Church Choir
Readers & Eucharistic Minister 8:00am JD Daunt 10:30am Teresa Duke
Ushers 8:00am 10:30am Neil Polhemus
Crucifer 8:00 am Sam Daunt
Tellers Neil Polhemus
The Grace Church Altar Guild
The Grace Church Flower Guild
A/V Minister Shane Pixton

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PARRISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour is Back

Join us in the parish hall for coffee hour after the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Ginny-Len Potter Hazel and April Gaines have graciously volunteered to be co-chairs for a renewed Hospitality Committee which will be overseeing coffee hour on Sunday mornings. If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Ginny-Len at ginnylenhazel@gmail.com.

Lenten Contemplative Candlelight Worship Series Tuesday, March 28 at 6:00 p.m.

During Lent this year we will focus on entering into a generous space for contemplative prayer and fellowship. This contemplative worship offering includes candlelight, silence, gentle piano, and singing from a cantor.

Small Group Engaging Scripture Two weekly meeting options:

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. & Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Each meeting features a short worship, time to connect with other participants, and a discussion of the four lectionary readings for that Sunday's service. Rather than structured Bible study, SGES is an opportunity to simply explore how God is speaking to each of us through scripture. Participants find that their Sunday worship experience is enhanced by having read and discussed the four readings ahead of time. Each session lasts about 75 minutes.

For more information: Tuesdays- email Tim Karney at tkarney@comcast.net,
Sundays- email Scott Christian at fscott5195@gmail.com

Drawing and Painting Classes at The Space at Grace

Award winning artists Becky Parrish and Teresa Duke began teaching weekly classes on March 22, 2023. For more information on classes, times, and location please visit <https://teresadukefineart.com/>

Charity Knitting Group

Wednesday, April 12 & 26 at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Room

The Charity Knitting Group will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, in the Family Room from 10:00 a.m. until Noon. This new knitting collective hopes to enjoy a time of fellowship, fun, and knitting for Peas and Grace and other outreach partners in the community.

Mindful Valley at Grace

Daylong Meditation Retreat

Transforming Our Fear Into Grace

Saturday, April 22 (10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.)

Stop Suffering: Exploring the Buddha's Noble Eightfold Path

Sundays, Apr. 16 – June 18 from 1:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.

For more information please visit: <https://mindfulvalley.com/>

Paragon Philharmonia at Grace

***presents* A Concert of Firsts**

Sunday, April 23 at 5:00 p.m.

at Buchanan Hall in Upperville, VA

Paragon Philharmonia brings orchestral favorites by Prokofiev, Mendelssohn, and Beethoven to Buchanan Hall in Upperville, Virginia for the grand finale to our season of music! Prokofiev's effervescent Symphony No. 1, 'Classical' opens this program, along with Beethoven's Symphony No. 1. In between, we'll feature the beautiful *Hebrides Overture*, also known as *Fingal's Cave*, which Mendelssohn wrote following a trip to Scotland. Descriptive in the writing, the piece is often referred to as one of the earliest examples of a tone poem.

For more information and to purchase tickets: <https://paragonphilharmonia.org/>

Grace Montessori School

Grace Montessori is growing! Grace Montessori School serves children ages 18 months - 6 years old and offers a variety of programs including school year and 12-month programs including weekly chapel on Wednesdays.

Scholarship and subsidized tuition programs are available through the Windy Hill Foundation and the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Social Services.

For more information or to schedule/refer a family you know for a visit please contact Grace Montessori at info@gmstheplains.org.

Peas & Grace Food Pantry

Tuesdays & Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

The Peas & Grace Food Pantry is open to serve the public Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

Currently, Peas and Grace is in need of 2lb bags of rice.

If you'd like to donate bags of rice, please leave them at the back of the church.

Please share this information with those in the community who may need food assistance.

For more information: peasandgrace@gmail.com

Yoga Class

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. through Easter

Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. yoga classes continue in the Parish Hall.

Classes will last approximately 75 minutes including a meditation time.

For more information, please contact Kerry Waters at kwaterspirit@yahoo.com

Alcoholics Anonymous at Grace

For more information on the time and meeting place of our meeting or other services, please call the Northern Virginia Intergroup of AA at **703-293-9753**.



Palm Sunday | April 2
 8:00 am & 10:30am
Tenebrae with the Piedmont Singers | April 4
 7:30 pm
Maundy Thursday | April 6
 7:00 pm
Haydn's Seven Last Words of Christ | April 7
 Noon
Good Friday | April 7
 7:00 pm
The Great Vigil of Easter | April 8
 8:00 pm
Easter Sunday with Festive Brass | April 9
 9:00 am & 11:00 am
 10:15 am Easter Egg Hunt on the Parish Green

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