

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A COMMUNITY OF GRACE, ANCHORED IN CHRIST,
LIVING TO LOVE, GROWING TO SERVE



Good People,

Our Ash Wednesday liturgy invites us to the Lenten season with these words:

"I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word"

It is in this spirit, a spirit of self-examination and repentance that we have shaped our Eucharistic liturgy this Lent. Our resource for this endeavor is the canonically approved *Enriching Our Worship*. We will begin each service with a confession of sin and absolution. This is an opportunity to rid ourselves of the great faults that burden us and come to Christ's table refreshed and renewed. The words of our confession and our Eucharistic Prayer will be new to many of us. Listen to them, reflect on them. When this liturgy, like all liturgies, is approached with an open heart and an open mind it has the ability to enrich our lives and enrich the traditions we already hold so dear. These are not permanent changes, but an opportunity to explore the rich tapestry of The Episcopal Church.

Yours in Christ,

Pickett+

Prelude

Largo and Air

G. F. Handel

Processional

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

A Penitential Order: Rite Two

Celebrant

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People

His mercy endures for ever.

(People Kneel)

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*

Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept. Minister and **People***

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

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

(Stand)

Choir

Trisagion

setting by M.W. Burnett

*Holy God, Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One, Have mercy upon us.*

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

People Amen.

The people sit.

Lessons

First Lesson *(See Insert)*

Psalm *(See Insert)*

Epistle *(See Insert)*

Music Meditation

Take Up Your Cross

Lewis

Gospel

The Sermon

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 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, Form V

(BCP p.389)

Deacon or other leader

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy"

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

*Here and after every petition the **People respond Lord, have mercy.***

For our Presiding Bishop +Michael, +Andrew, our Bishop, Pickett+ our rector, this gathering; and for all ministers and people and for all the holy people of God; we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust for Donald our President; Henry our Governor; and Alfred Mae our Mayor; that they may serve justice, and promote the dignity and freedom of every person, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who live and work in this community, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this *congregation* for those who are present, and for those who are absent, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all that we do, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

Silence

Grace Church Specific Supplications and Thanksgivings

God's people are invited to add their own thanksgivings and petitions at this time, either aloud or in the secrecy of their own hearts.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE ALTAR

The Offertory

Presentation of the gifts

Offertory

Take My Life and Let It Be

Grieg arr. Hopson

The Holy Communion

The people remain standing

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

In this prayer, the lines in italics are spoken by the People. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us.

People By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
People We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *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. Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction

Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore Let us Keep the feast.**

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.***

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.***

*O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, **grant us thy peace.***

The Communion of the People

Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music

Christ, We Do All Adore Thee

Theodore Dubois

The liturgy concludes with the closing thanksgiving. The congregation kneels

Celebrant Let us pray.

*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.

The Blessing

Dismissal

*The **People** Respond* **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

If You Will Only Let God Guide You

J. S. Bach

Prayers of the People As of February 28, 2021

We pray for the Church, for +Michael, Presiding Bishop and Primate; +Andrew our Bishop; for Pickett+ our rector.

We pray for Joe our President; for the leaders of the nations, Henry our Governor; Alfred Mae our Mayor and all first responders in our city and country.

We pray for those who are in need of God's healing, especially: Patty Baker, Bob Barinowski, Joan Dillard; Stacey Ferguson and the Hicks family, Virginia Ferguson, Barbara Goode, Don Goode, Mary Hendricks, Rodney Hungerford, Jack McGee, Laurie Owen, Jim Parrish, Mel Pearson, Rich Pinkerton, Alma Raley, Jamie Raley, Sara Jane, Kam Stake, Neal Stegner, Bob Vaughn

Please call church office, if there are additions or updates to the Wednesday extended or Sunday prayer lists. Names will be removed every four (4) weeks unless notified.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces: Alex Baker, Afghanistan; Holden Brunson, Okinawa, Japan ; Hunt Brunson, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Bran Feller, Kuwait; Mitchell Edwards, Charleston; Allen Dempsey, Texas; Campbell Freitas, Norfolk, VA; AMN Dara O'Neal, McChord AFB, Washington; Chris Smith, Korea; Joe Todd, Ft. Gordon, GA; Parker White, New River, NC; and those around the world and at home.

For those celebrating birthdays this week: 2/28-Anc Boykin, Barbara Miley, Cecilia Stevenson; 3/2-Elliott Mackey, Barbara Taylor; 3/3-Jason Stegner; 3/5-Kate Denton, Tom Myers

Announcements

***Women's Bible Study** will begin a new study March 2nd on the book of Romans. They meet in Richardson Hall at 1:30PM every Tuesday.

***Christian Community Ministry Canned goods needed:** Meat/Peas, Greens, Carrots/ Fruit/Jam/Soup/Rice

Rogers Pender and Anne Schultz are still collecting food for CCM on their porches. Just drop your bag in the container on the porches: Anne Schultz; 14 Holly Pl. Camden, SC 29020

Rogers Pender; 203 Laurens Street Camden, SC 29020

*If you are **attending In Person** service on Sunday you can place food in the Red Wagons*

In Person Services

- All participants must wear face masks
- All participants must follow seating guidelines (more to come)
- All buildings other than the sanctuary will remain locked and off limits (sadly this includes bathrooms)

This Weeks Schedule of Events

Feb 28th - 10:30AM- HE in Person/ Online / 12:30PM Confirmation Class

Mar 2nd - 6:45AM - Men's Bible Study/ 1:30PM - Women's Bible Study

Mar 3rd - 6:00PM - Adult Formation Book Study Online/ 6:00PM- Choir

Mar 7th - 10:30AM- HE in Person/ Online / 12:30PM Confirmation Class

Lector - LeeAnne Wall

Crucifer- Avery Brunson

Ushers - Walter Long, Keith Brunson

Altar Guild- Margaret Myers, Ronna Creed

Flower Guild- Helen Walker

VPOD-Ben Mackey