



*enjoying God*  
**REFLECTING HIS WAY**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER | APRIL 29, 2018 | 10 AM SERVICE

*“A Christian is a new creature in Christ, yet for most believers this new status too often remains an unclaimed treasure. They know they are united with Christ, but that union has no effect on their lives. As with a long-distance, arranged marriage, their faith in Christ has resulted in a new legal condition and a new name, but it has not resulted in a real relationship of love. What’s gone wrong? Our union with Christ must be experienced—we must abide in Christ.”*

**~ Bill Kynes**

*A soul filled with large thoughts of the Vine will be a strong branch, and will abide confidently in Him. Be much occupied with Jesus, and believe much in Him, as the True Vine.”*

**~ Andrew Murray**

*“My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.” John 15:8*

# Welcome to Grace Church

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**We are a church** that enjoys God so that we reflect His Way. Our desire is to grow in knowledge and love of God and infuse his Grace and Truth into everything we do. We have found a family here, and we want this church to feel like a family for you, too.

**This desire to enjoy God** has motivated us to gather for corporate worship that is both ancient and modern: grounded in the words of scripture, patterned after the worship of the early church, and relevant for our lives today.

**This worship guide is intended to help you worship in spirit and truth.** (John 4:23) Our liturgy (order of worship) is complex and full of meaning. Whether you've worshipped at Grace your entire life or if this is your first time with us, we want our worship to be both authentic and informed. Because the Gospel permeates our entire liturgy, we've structured this bulletin to call attention to the work of the Spirit through our words. The sidebar on each page contains notes to define terms and give scriptural context for our songs and prayers.

**Singing is an essential element** of our gathering. You may notice any range of instruments and musical styles on display this morning, but the singing of God's people remains the main instrument. As we sing the words of our hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs, we know that the message of Christ is dwelling among us richly (Col. 3:16).

**If you have children, you have a few options:** Children aged 4-9 are welcome in Children's Church located in our Office Building across the street. Here we take the weekly readings and translate them into fun activities that match your child's ability to understand. You and your child will receive the same message, so that you can fully explore these ideas together during the rest of the week. We also provide a small healthy snack and a restroom opportunity just before we come into the Sanctuary at the Passing of the Peace – we want the children to be ready to enjoy family time together in Church! Our Tweens Group-Connect (ages 10-13) is in Grace Hall, also during the first half of the service. Lastly, the Nursery is open during the whole service for children ages 0-3.

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## Before The Service Begins

**Pick a song** in the bulletin and silently pray the words to yourself. We have found this practice to incline our hearts toward Jesus before we even begin our liturgy together.

**Read and meditate** on the scripture passages for the day.

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## Processional Hymn

Love divine, all loves excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Celebrant

Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

**People**

*The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

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### **Procession**

*As the clergy and lay ministers process to the altar, so too should our hearts draw closer to the feast, in Word and Table, which the Lord has prepared for His people.*

### **Malachi 3:1**

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts.

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### **Collect for Purity**

*This collect (prayer) is a deeply personal prayer of need. Even though we attempt to hide, the Lord sees the secret desires of our hearts. It is only by the moving of His Spirit in our hearts that we are enabled to overcome our fallen nature of sin and death.*

### **Ephesians 1:11-12**

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

### **Collect for Purity**

Celebrant

Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

***Amen.***

### **Song of Praise**

#### **Come Praise and Glorify**

**Come praise and glorify our God  
The Father of our Lord  
In Christ He has in heav'nly realms  
His blessings on us poured  
For pure and blameless in His sight  
He destined us to be  
And now we've been adopted through  
His Son eternally**

Refrain:

***To the praise of Your glory  
To the praise of Your mercy and grace  
To the praise of Your glory  
You are the God who saves***

**Come praise and glorify our God  
Who gives His grace in Christ  
In Him our sins are washed away  
Redeemed through sacrifice  
In Him God has made known to us  
The myst'ry of His will  
That Christ should be the head of all  
His purpose to fulfill**

Refrain

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**Come praise and glorify our God  
For we've believed the Word  
And through our faith we have a seal  
The Spirit of the Lord  
The Spirit guarantees our hope  
Until redemption's done  
Until we join in endless praise  
To God the Three in One**  
Refrain

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

**People**

***And also with you.***

## **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

## **Collect of the Day**

This prayer is centered around the readings of the day. As we prepare to receive the food of God's Word, our Celebrant (lead pastor) prays this prayer to focus our hearts and minds on God's Word.

## **New Testament Reading: Acts 8:26-40**

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

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“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not  
open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

***Thanks be to God.***

### **Psalm 22:24-30**

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*

***I will perform my vows in the presence of those who  
worship him.***

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the  
Lord shall praise him: \*

***“May your heart live for ever!”***

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
***and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.***

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27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*

***he rules over the nations.***

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*

***all who go down to the dust fall before him.***

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*

***they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.***

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*

***the saving deeds that he has done.***

Reader

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**People**

***As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.***

## **Epistle Reading: 1 John 4:7-21**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen,

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cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

*Thanks be to God.*

## Gradual Hymn

### Speak O Lord

**Speak O Lord as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy word  
Take Your truth plant it deep in us  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith  
Speak O Lord and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory**

**Teach us Lord full obedience  
Holy reverence true humility  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity  
Cause our faith to rise  
Cause our eyes to see  
Your majestic love and authority  
Words of power that can never fail  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief**

**Speak O Lord and renew our minds  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time  
That will echo down through eternity  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us  
Speak O Lord till Your church is built  
And the earth is filled with Your glory**

### **Romans 12:2**

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

### **2 Corinthians 5:7**

for we walk by faith, not by sight.

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Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

**People**

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

## **The Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

## **Gospel Reading**

*As God's Word has come down the aisle to literally "dwell among us," we stand for this Gospel reading to show the particular importance we place on the words and actions of Jesus.*

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**

***Praise to You, Lord Christ.***

## **Sermon**

**Fr. Jonathan French**

## **The Sermon**

*As God's Word is explored and applied, we've provided a space near the end of this bulletin for taking notes or in the side panels.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

Celebrant

Let us stand together and affirm our faith with the words of 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.***

## **The Nicene Creed**

*The creed reminds us of the core of Christianity. It contains the raw elements that every follower of Christ believes. As we recite this together our unity as the Body of Christ is strengthened.*

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*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.*

*Please kneel as able*

### **Prayers of the People**

*We pray for others and ourselves. Through these guided prayers, we begin to see the world as God sees it.*

### **The Prayers of the People**

Reader

We pray to You, O Lord.

**People**

***Lord, have mercy.***

Reader

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

**People**

***To you, O Lord our God.***

### **Confession**

*Confession and repentance go hand in hand. Confession of sin is a large element of our corporate worship because we recognize how much we need it.*

### **The Confession and Absolution**

Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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***

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*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.**

## The Peace

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People**

***And also with you.***

## Welcome and Announcements

*If you are a newcomer, we are glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning, and we want you to feel at home. To learn more about who we are and how we can serve you, please pick up a red Welcome Packet and complete and mail the pre-stamped newcomer card enclosed.*

## The Holy Communion

### Offertory

Celebrant

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due His Name; bring offerings and come into His courts.

Rayme Pullen, Piano

Behold the Lamb (arr. Larry Shackley)

### The Doxology

Hymn 380, verse 3

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

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### Absolution

*As the celebrant absolves our sins, he is acting as a representative of our heavenly Father, who "is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." Psalm 145:8*

### The Peace

*Our entire church family embodies the peace of Christ in one another's lives. This holy moment is a sharing of the fellowship we claim in Christ's church.*

### Offertory

*In giving our gifts of time, talent and treasure, we pray that God, the maker of all things, would take our offering and turn it into something greater.*

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## **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.

*The Celebrant offers a Preface, and concludes saying,*

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

## **Sanctus**

**Hymn S130**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full,  
full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*Please kneel as able*

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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, 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:

**People**

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

Celebrant

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 forever. **Amen.**

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### **The Lord's Prayer**

*We pray the prayer Jesus taught together with one voice. As a family we acknowledge our needs, our lackings, our desires and God's solution.*

### **Communion**

*Our table is not the table of the Episcopal Church; it is the Lord's table. We welcome all baptized followers of Christ to receive communion at the rail.*

### **Luke 3:21-22**

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

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.***

Celebrant

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People**

***Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

Celebrant

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 with thanksgiving.

*A prayer team is available during Communion at the back of the church. Please come with your prayer needs.*

### **Corporate Songs during Communion**

**Fairest Lord Jesus**

**Hymn 383**

**Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
O Thou of God and man the Son;  
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,  
thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

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Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels heaven can boast.

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Just As I Am

Hymn 693

Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt;  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive;  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, of thy great love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above:  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**John 6:37**

Everything that the Father  
gives me will come to me,  
and anyone who comes to  
me I will never drive away

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### O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer

#### **Psalm 19:1**

The heavens are telling  
the glory of God; and the  
firmament proclaims his  
handiwork.

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer  
Greatest treasure of my longing soul  
My God like You there is no other  
True delight is found in You alone  
Your grace a well too deep to fathom  
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach  
Your truth a fount of perfect wisdom  
My highest good and my unending need

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer  
Strong defender of my weary heart  
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver  
And my shield against his hateful darts  
My song when enemies surround me  
My hope when tides of sorrow rise  
My joy when trials are abounding  
Your faithfulness my refuge in the night

O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer  
Gracious Savior of my ruined life  
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders  
In my place You suffered bled and died  
You rose the grave and death are conquered  
You broke my bonds of sin and shame  
O Lord my Rock and my Redeemer  
May all my days bring glory to Your Name

### The Post Communion Prayer

#### *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.*

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## The Blessing

Celebrant

May the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Hymn 362

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

## The Dismissal

Deacon

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People**

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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### The Blessing

*This Pronouncement is a blessing from God to His people. This is not a prayer to God, but a blessing from God. Be encouraged! As we leave this family gathering, God is going with us into the world.*

### Revelation 4:11

“You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

### The Dismissal

*Our Deacon reminds us that followers of Christ are to go out into the world and serve. We are reminded that it is the Holy Spirit Who empowers us to be witnesses of God's love, and to do His will. The whole church responds with thanksgiving. With these final words of the service, we reaffirm our commitment to the world outside our doors.*

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## COMING EVENTS

### MAY

- 7 GSA Recital, Parish House
- 10 Grief Support Group, Grace Hall
- 12 Bridal Shower for Eliana French
- 13 Mother's Day  
Women's Pregnancy Center  
(WPC) Baby Bottle Fundraiser
- 14 GSA Recital, Parish House
- 15 VPK Graduation
- 17 ECW Luncheon & meeting at  
Miss Ann's house  
Vestry Meeting
- 20 Coffee Hour, Parish House  
(WPC) Baby Bottle Fundraiser
- 22 Ambleside Shakespeare  
Production, Parish House
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- 24 Grief Support, Grace Hall
- 27 (WPC) Baby Bottle Fundraiser
- 28 Memorial Day, Church office  
closed

### JUNE

- 3 Graduation Sunday  
Coffee Hour
- 7 Grief Support, Grace Hall
- 8 Summer Movie Night, Parish  
House
- 10 Time Capsule Launch
- 14 Grief Support Group

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#### Next Week's Bible Readings

First Reading: Acts 10: 44-48  
Psalm: Psalm 98  
Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6  
Gospel: John 15:9-17

## Graduation Sunday is June 3

If you or anyone in your family will be graduating from high school or college, please contact the church office to let us know. We would like to recognize and honor all our graduates for their accomplishments.

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## ECW Yard Sale

Thank you to all the ladies of the ECW who worked so hard to make the yard sale a huge success and to all the parishioners who shopped. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated. The yard sale raised more than \$2,400 that will benefit women and children in the Ocala community.

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## MidWeek at Grace

There will be no Midweek at Grace Service on Wednesday, May 2.

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**Please pray for the following people:**

**HOSPITALIZED**  
**Jim Wester**  
**Suzanne Bryant**  
**Cookie Zeuch**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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## BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 24 Susie Anderson  
Donald Dormstetter  
Joe White  
Mike Arnold  
25 Carter Schatt  
26 Samantha Rauba  
27 Jim Gilbert  
28 Shealy Grace Harrell  
Molly Hetzel

### MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Bob Egolf  
Judy Volker  
3 Josh Head  
Joanne Penny  
4 Darrell Sloan  
5 Walker Harrell

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 26 Michael & Tonya Ashley  
29 Ted & Betsy Schatt

### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Bob & Christy Cathcart  
5 Bill & Cally Wood

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If you would like to meet with Fr. Jonathan, please contact Rosemary Grooms at 352-622-7881 or Rosemary@graceocala.org

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Grace School of the Arts is our vibrant music school committed to teaching Joy and Skill. We would love to have you at any of our Spring Recitals in May! For information on GSA, please contact our director Josh Head at Josh@graceocala.org

## In The Coming Week

### Sunday, April 29

- 8:00am: Rite One Service, Church  
9:15am: Adult Bible Study, Grace Hall  
10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church  
10:00am: Children's Church, Tween Group, Office Bldg.  
11:15am: 80th Birthday Party, Parish House  
6:30pm: Rayme Pullen in Recital, Church  
7:00 pm: New Attitudes Group, Grace Hall

### Monday, April 30

Noon: Bulletin deadline

### Tuesday, May 1

8:00pm: New Attitudes Group, Grace Hall

### Wednesday, May 2

7:30am: Men's Group Bible study, Scrambles

### Friday, May 4

7:30pm: New Attitudes Group, Grace Hall

### Saturday, May 5

8:00pm: Grace Group AA Meeting, Grace Hall

### Sunday, May 6 GSA SUNDAY

- 8:00am: Rite One Service, Church  
9:15am: Adult Bible Study, Grace Hall  
10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church  
10:00am: Children's Church, Office Bldg.  
11:15am: Coffee Hour, Parish House  
3:00pm: GSA Recital, Parish House  
7:00pm: New Attitudes Group, Grace Hall

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## Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Gregory Smith in memory of his father,  
Grover Allen Smith

## - Grace Church Leadership -

### HEAD

Jesus Christ

### BISHOP

The Right Rev. Greg Brewer

### SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP TEAM

The Rev. Jonathan French: *Rector*

The Rev. Mary Delancey: *Deacon*

Joshua Head: *Worship Coordinator*

Buff Moring: *Children's Ministry Coordinator*

Dave Rubin, Deb Bockhold: *Vergers*

### VESTRY

Drick Heitman - Senior Warden

Michael Owen- Junior Warden

Frank Blasucci

Marylin Corsiglia

John Dozier

Heather Hetzel

Leslie Jones

Brian Kuhn

Lynda Peek

Andy Rose

### Today's Servers

**First Reading/Psalm:** Sharyn Pliska

**Second Reading:** Linda Winchenbach

**Prayers of the People:** Betty Boyle

**Chalice Ministers:** Joe Morgan, Debbie Robinson

**Acolytes:** Reynaldo Gordon, Sr., Michael Ashley, Tonya Ashley

**Prayer Team:** Carolyn Smith, Gordon Smith

**Ushers:** Bethany Anderson, Susan Anderson

**Vestry Person of the Day:** Brian Kuhn

**Altar Guild:** Lise Kent, Lana Kuhn, Patti Gilman, Lynda Peek, Joan Canzoneri

**Musicians:** Audry Flechas, Joshua Head, Zach Johnson, Meagan Miles, Rayme Pullen

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### Weekly Services on Our Campus

*Sunday 8:00am*— Rite I

*Sunday 9:15am*— Adult Sunday School in Grace Hall

*Sunday 10am*— Rite II with music

*Wednesday 12:05pm*— Midweek at Grace

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