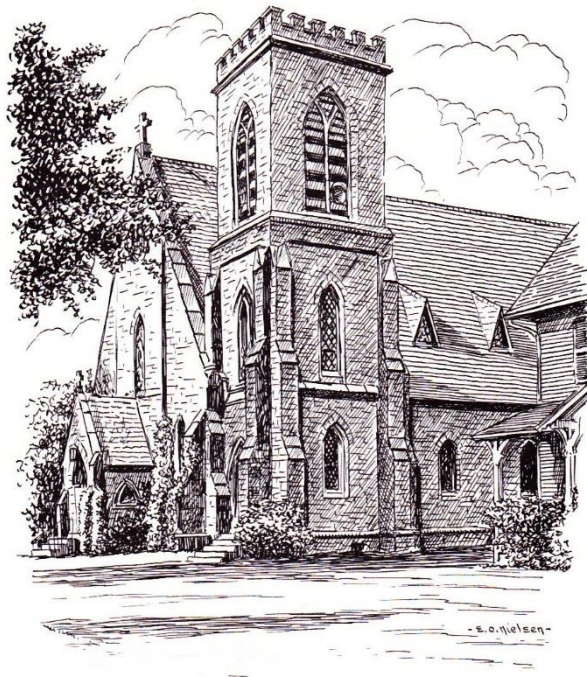


**First Sunday in Lent**  
**February 22, 2026 10am**  
**Online Service**  
**Facebook/YouTube**



**Grace Episcopal Church**  
336 Main St, Old Saybrook, CT

## PRELUDE

I Shall Not Want  
*by: Audrey Assad; arr. Bethany Hamill*  
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## THE ENTRANCE RITE (pg. 355, BCP)

### OPENING HYMN

HYMN #143

THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS

The glory of these forty days  
we celebrate with songs of praise;  
For Christ, through whom all things were made,  
himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw  
the loving God who gave the law;  
And to Elijah, fasting, came  
the steeds and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight,  
delivered from the lion's might;  
And John, the Bridegroom's friend, became  
the herald of Messiah's name.

Then grant us, Lord, like them to be  
full oft in fast and prayer with thee;  
Our spirits strengthen with thy grace,  
and give us joy to see thy face.

O Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
to thee be every prayer addressed,  
Who art in threefold Name adored,  
from age to age, the only Lord.

### A PENITENTIAL ORDER

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

*People* His mercy endures for ever.

*The celebrant reads*

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 is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8, 9

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*The Deacon or Celebrant then says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister 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.**

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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.**

*Congregation stands and sings*

KYRIE ELEISON

*by: Anonymous*

**Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison.  
Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy.  
Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison.**

## THE COLLECT *of the DAY*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD *of GOD*

## THE LESSONS

### THE FIRST READING

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

*After the reading, the Lay Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 32

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
**and whose sin is put away!**

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \*  
**and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
**because of my groaning all day long.**

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
**my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
**and did not conceal my guilt.**

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." \*

**Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*

**when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

You are my hiding-place;

you preserve me from trouble; \*

**you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*

**I will guide you with my eye.**

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."**

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*

**but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \*

**shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

## **THE EPISTLE**

Romans 5:12-19

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness

leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

*After the reading, the Lay Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

*by: Matt Redman, Beth Redman*

**Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful,  
where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name.**

**Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place,  
though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name.**

*Pre-Chorus:* **Every blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.  
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say,**

*Chorus:* **"Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your name.  
Blessed be the name of the Lord, blessed be Your glorious name."**

**Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's "all as it should be." blessed be Your name.**

**Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name.**  
*(Pre-Chorus), (Chorus)*

**You give and take away, You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say, "Lord, Blessed be Your name." (2x)**  
*(Chorus)*

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## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

*Then, all still standing, the Minister reads the Gospel, first saying:*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

‘One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written,

‘He will command his angels concerning you,’  
and ‘On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’”

Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Very. Rev Charlie Hamill

## THE NICENE CREED *The congregation stands*

**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.

### **THE PRAYERS of the PEOPLE**    *The Leader and People pray responsively*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,

**“Lord, have mercy.”**

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**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 Bishops, 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 city Old Saybrook, for every city and community, and for those who live in them,  
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, especially Joseph Earl Kennedy, for whom the altar flowers were given, 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.**

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

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

*Silence. The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

*The Celebrant says* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor....

**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.**

## **THE PEACE**

*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 greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

# **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

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## THE OFFERTORY

### JESUS, TEMPTED IN THE DESERT

*by: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr; Geneva: George Henry Day*

Jesus, tempted in the desert, lonely, hungry, filled with dread:  
“Use your power,” the tempter tells him, “Turn these barren rocks to bread!”  
“Not alone by bread,” he answers, “can the human heart be filled.  
Only by the Word that calls us is our deepest hunger stilled!”

Jesus, tempted at the temple, high above its ancient wall:  
“Throw yourself from lofty turret; angels wait to break your fall!”  
Jesus shuns such empty marvels, feats that fickle crowds request;  
“God, whose grace protects, preserves us, we must never vainly test.”

Jesus, tempted on the mountain, by the lure of vast domain:  
“Fall before me! By my servant! Glory, fame you’re sure to gain!”  
Jesus sees the dazzling vision, turns his eyes another way;  
“God alone deserves our homage! God alone will I obey!”

When we face temptation’s power, lonely, struggling, filled with dread,  
Christ, who knew the tempter’s hour, come and be our living bread.  
By your grace, protect, preserve us, lest we fall, your trust betray.  
Yours, above all other voices, be the Word we hear, obey.

## OFFERTORY PROCESSION

### DOXOLOGY

LORD, AS TO THY DEAR CROSS WE FLEE

*by: John Hampden Gurney, St. Columba*

**Lord, as to Thy dear cross we flee, and plead to be forgiven,  
So let Thy life our pattern be, and form our souls for heav’n.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

*The people remain standing.*

*The Celebrant 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*

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 in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto 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*

Hymn S-129, SANCTUS (*sung*)

**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 people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command O Father:

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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 hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**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**

<i>Celebrant</i>	Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
<i>People</i>	<b>Therefore let us keep the feast.</b>

*The following may be said*

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

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, **grant us your peace.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation*

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 SONGS

### SEEK YE FIRST

*by: Karen Lafferty*

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.**

*Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Allelu, alleluia!*

**Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;  
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia. (Refrain)**

**We do not live by bread alone, but by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia. (Refrain)**

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### AS THE DEER

*by: Martin Nystrom*

**As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after You.  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.**

*Chorus:* **You alone are my strength, my shield; To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.**

**You're my friend and You are my brother, even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other, so much more than anything. (Chorus)**

**I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye. (Chorus)**

**You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.**

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## YOU ARE MY HIDING PLACE

*by: Michael Ledner*

**You are my hiding place, You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance;  
Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.**

**I will trust in You, let the weak say, “I am strong in the strength of my God.”**

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## PRAYER of SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*(For those unable to receive communion today)*

**In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (pg. 365, BCP)

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

**Let us pray.**

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and ever-living 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 for ever. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

## CLOSING HYMN

Now let us all with one accord, in company with ages past,  
keep vigil with our heavenly Lord in his temptation and his fast.

The covenant, so long revealed to those of faith in former time,  
Christ by his own example sealed, the Lord of love, in love sublime.

Your love, O Lord, our sinful race has not returned, but falsified;  
author of mercy, turn your face and grant repentance for our pride.

Remember, Lord, though frail we be, in your own image were we made;  
help us, lest in anxiety, we cause your Name to be betrayed.

Therefore, we pray you, Lord, forgive; so when our wanderings here shall cease,  
we may with you forever live, in love and unity and peace.

## THE DISMISSAL

*After the Recessional the Priest or Deacon says*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*Celebrant and People*

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (Hymn #688)

*by: Anonymous; Faith: J. Harold Moyer, arr. Bethany Hamill*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

*Either during the service or during prayer time at home, please keep the prayers of Grace Church and the people going! Please keep us up to date on names to add and remove.*

**WE PRAY FOR:** Kate Mason, Myra, Lisa, Bryan, Barbara and Jon Zakhar, Deidra & George Labelle, Earlene Bell, Aurelia Knox, Sarah, Len Pass, James, Penny, Emily, Mary, Doug Hamill, JJ Evola and family, Jane Hamill, Kathi Jones, Cheryl Dudek, Debra Sticht, Elsie, Alicia Winalski and family, Marilyn, Dean, Barbara Bowie, The Watsons, Clive & Judy Cowper, Alan, The Benways, Jim Donahue, Carol Wilson, Kate, Coral, Kirsten, Joyce Brinley, Daniella, Curtis, Annaliese Harms, the Igelbrinks, Carol, Rory, Chuck Hoffman, Gianna Porcelli, Gabby, Donell, Jacob, Jan, Lee, Jennifer Jaramillo, Karen, Christine, Susan Ogden, Kathleen Lemelin, Chuck MacBeth & Mike DeLisa.

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**FOR THOSE IN SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY:** Travis Board, Todd Buroff, Adam Randle, Susan Eaccarino, Madeline Sheahan, Matthew Auger and Eve Inglis.

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**FOR OUR MINISTERS AND MISSIONS:** Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Sean, our presiding Bishop; Jeff and Laura, our Bishops; Charlie, Bill, Chuck and Ellendale, our priests; and for: Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Common Good Gardens, Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services, Early Head Start, the AA groups that meet at Grace Church, Patrick Dominguez and his church planting effort, Russ & Heidi Smith in Chile, and Kateri Medical Services in Nigeria. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St, John's Guilford; Grace & St. John's, Hamden; Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford; and for Christ Church Cathedral's ministry in Hartford, the Cathedral Chapter & the honorary canons of our Cathedral.



**THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH: February 22nd — March 1st**

Today	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sanctuary)
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sanctuary) w/music
	4:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Monday		OFFICE CLOSED
	2:00 pm	Men's Bible Study (ZOOM)
	7:00 pm	Con Brio Choral Rehearsal (Merrill Hall)
Tuesday	10:00 am	Women's Bible Study (Hudson Room)
	7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Wednesday	12 noon	Shoreline Soup Kitchen Community Lunch (Merrill Hall)
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday	6:00 pm	Lent Bible Study & Potluck Dinner (Merrill Hall)
Friday	10:00 am	Women of Grace (WOG) Bible Study (Hudson Room)
Saturday	8:00 am	Men's Discipleship Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sanctuary)
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
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	4:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)

**Office Hours:**

Tuesday & Thursday 10:30 am - 2:30 pm

**UPCOMING SPECIAL DATES**

Lenten Bible Study & Potluck Dinner  
Starting February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm

## **OUR PARTICIPANTS TODAY**

CELEBRANT/PREACHER:	The Very Rev. Charlie Hamill	8 & 10 am
MUSIC DIRECTOR:	Bethany Hamill	10 am
CHOIR:	Joe & Jeannette Barone, Jenn & Bill Benway, JoAnn Eaccarino, Meredith Hall, Dick Mason, Bob Mulvihill, Bill Passera, Bill Peace	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:	Bill Sheahan	8 am
	Dale Schneider	10 am
LECTOR:	Tom Fuller	10 am
USHERS:	Michelle Briggs, Jacquelyn Mitchell	8 am
	Travis Board, Mary Matthews	10 am
NURSERY:	Karen Mulvihill, Kyle Trask-Kuchta	10 am
CAMERA TECH TEAM:	Sue Board	10 am
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Scott & Heather Masse	10 am
ALTAR GUILD:	Joan Trzcinski	

## **GRACE CHURCH STAFF**

Rector, The Very Rev. Charlie Hamill  
Priest Associate, The Rev. Dr. Charles "Chuck" Hoffman  
Priest Associate, The Rev. Canon Dr. Ellendale Hoffman  
Priest Associate, The Rev. Dr. William "Bill" Veinot  
Music Director, Bethany Hamill  
Parish Administrator, Kate McKinney  
Sexton, Sherry Schiavone

## **GRACE CHURCH VESTRY**

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## **GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Lenten Potluck Dinner & Bible Study on Matthew Thursday Evenings from 6-8pm at Grace Church February 26, and March 5, 12, 19 and 26.**

Our Lenten Bible study this year will be led by Chuck Hummel, a parishioner who grew up in a household filled with Bible teachers and theological conversations. Chuck has taught many Bible studies over the years at churches and with friends. We will be studying five separate passages in Matthew during Lent using an approach called inductive Bible study. “Inductive” thinking means making generalizations based on specific observations. Inductive Bible study is studying Scripture by focusing carefully on the passage together, asking ourselves questions and coming to some conclusions based what we read and discuss: There are three kinds of questions we will be asking: Questions of observation: Who? What? Where? When? Questions of interpretation: What did this passage mean to the original audience? Questions of application: What does this passage mean for me today? This investigative and experiential approach allows the Bible to speak to us and gives us the chance to share what we are hearing and learning. We will also have potluck dinners each Thursday evening that we gather and ask that if you are attending you bring an entrée or side dish. Grace Church will provide dessert and beverages. For more information, contact Pastor Charlie.

### **Men’s Bible Study is meeting via ZOOM beginning in January.**

For more information on this Men’s Bible Study please feel free to email: Charley Bates at **[charley.bates@yahoo.com](mailto:charley.bates@yahoo.com)** or you can go to our website: **<https://www.graceoldsaybrook.org/mens-bible-study>**.  
Currently the men are studying Exodus.

## **Healing Grace: A Lenten Day of Healing**

**Grace Church, Old Saybrook**

**Saturday, March 7, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Lead by The Rev. Canon Dr. Ellendale Hoffman**

Jesus told his disciples to “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place” (Mark 6:31, NIV), encouraging them to rest and retreat from busy times of caring for others. Our Lord often stepped away for quiet times. As followers of Jesus, we also need times of prayer and refreshment, believing that God can bring healing and peace, even during the most challenging of circumstances.

During this season of Lent, we invite you to a day of healing prayer at Grace Church. We begin our day in the parish hall for a time of teaching and reflection, followed by lunch and fellowship. In the afternoon, we continue with conversation and prayer, closing with a Healing Eucharist in the church with worship and laying on of hands for healing.

Lunch is provided by the Grace Church Hospitality Team. For more information you can reach out to Pastor Charlie, or to the Rev. Ellendale. We hope you join us!

Please RSVP by signing up on the bulletin board in the church foyer or email the church office: [\*\*gracechurcholdsaybrook@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:gracechurcholdsaybrook@gmail.com).

## **Grace Church Men’s Discipleship:**

**Meeting in Merrill Hall at Grace Church 8am-10am**

**NEXT Gathering: Saturday February 21**

Once a month from 8am-10am Pastor Charlie gathers with the men of Grace Church looking for fellowship and deeper discipleship in Jesus Christ. The first hour we gather for light breakfast and fellowship to get to know each other. During the second hour we delve into whatever book or video series we are working on.

February 21, we will begin a new 8-week video program called Practicing the Way, a series on discipleship. Through the program, we are hoping to strengthen our walk with Jesus, grow in the grace and knowledge of God, and learn to support one another as brothers in Christ. For more info contact Pastor Charlie at [\*\*gracechurchrector@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:gracechurchrector@gmail.com).

### **Grief Share Program**

**Monday evenings From March 16th – Monday, June 8th**

**5pm – 6:30pm in the Hudson Room at Grace Church**

Grace Church is hosting another 13-week cycle of the GriefShare support group. For those unfamiliar w/GriefShare, it is a program which offers help & encouragement after the death of a loved one. Participants will find understanding, guidance, relief & a safe place to navigate the challenges of grief. If you have suffered a loss (or know of someone who has) please consider joining us at any meeting, you don't have to be there from the beginning. For more info, contact Jeannette:

**gracegriefshare@gmail.com**, or call the Church Office: **860-388-0895**.

**The Women of Grace (WOG) Bible Study** are starting a 12-week study by Douglas O'Donnell on Psalms **Friday mornings at 10am** in Grace Church's Hudson Room.

For more information you can check our website:

**<https://www.graceoldsaybrook.org/womens-bible-study>**.

### **Altar Flower Memorials**

The Altar Guild is always accepting donations for Sunday altar flowers made out to "Grace Church Altar Guild" in memory or in celebration of loved ones. For more info contact Betty Salldin at **bettysalldin@gmail.com**.

### **Feeding the hungry one donation at a time...**

#### **SSKP Food Pantry Donation Basket at Grace Church**

Grace Church is always accepting non-perishable food donations throughout the year. A basket is present outside the main side entrance to Grace Church 24/7 to place donations in, or you can bring donations into the church entryway by the patio and place them in the colored bins. If you are curious as to what kind of foods they need most you can go to their website at <https://www.shorelinesoupkitchens.org>.

In addition, you can always make a cash donation to SSKP. Thank you for your ongoing donations to feed those in need along the shoreline!

### **Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Line**

Here's how it works...If you need prayer for something, call one of the Prayer Line Chairpersons (Joyce Brinley and Penny Coleman). Either use your directory or call the church office for their contact info. Please briefly tell them your request. The Prayer Line will take it from there. The Chairperson will pass the prayer on to a Prayer Team member, who will pass it to the next Prayer Team member, and so on. Once a member hangs up the phone, the intercession begins! The Prayer Line is available to receive requests **9:00am to 8:30pm**. Typically the Prayer Line requests for the day go out to members about 7:00pm. However, requests of an emergency nature will be passed on immediately. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to have your brothers and sisters in Christ lift up your requests to God.

## **“To Know Jesus...and To Make Him Known”**

### **Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church in Old Saybrook**

You are welcome regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey.

**Currently our in-person worship services are Sundays at 8am and 10am with Holy Communion (the 10am is also live-streamed onto Facebook and YouTube), and we offer a Healing Service with Holy Communion and Laying on of Hands and Anointing on the First Wednesday of each month at 10am in the sanctuary. Go to our website [graceoldsaybrook.org](http://graceoldsaybrook.org) for more info and for bulletins to download for the 10am live-stream service.**

Whether you are just exploring a new spiritual direction, curious about the Episcopal Church, or are ready to find a new church home, feel free to fill out a welcome card and place it in the collection plate, sign our guest book, or contact the church by phone or email for more info.

Grace Church is a close-knit community called by God to share the healing love of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. We are also engaged in the greater local and regional community in various outreach ministries as well. If interested, ask us how you can get involved in what Christ is doing at Grace, in Old Saybrook and Connecticut!! Or better yet, tell us where you find God at work in your life, and tell us how we can help or get involved!

If you have any questions, feel free to call, email or Facebook us.

We hope your visit to Grace was Spirit-filled, welcoming and meaningful.

In Christ,

The Rev. Charlie Hamill, Rector, and the People of Grace Church

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