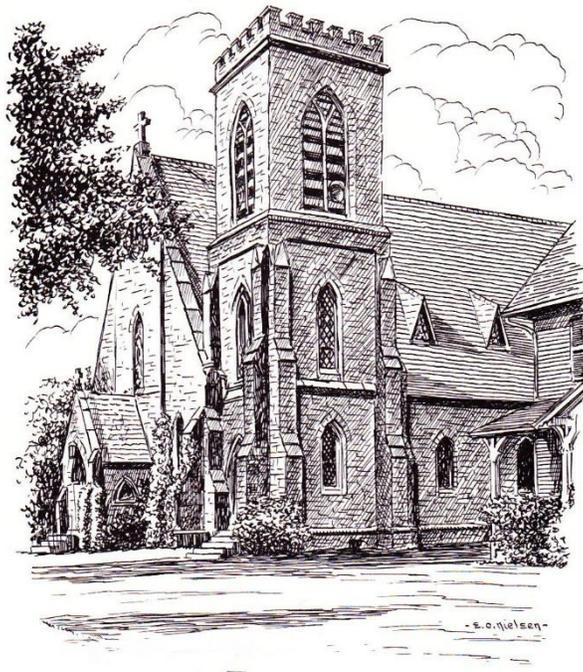


**Second Sunday in Lent**  
**March 1, 2026 10am**  
**Online Service**  
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**Grace Episcopal Church**  
**336 Main St, Old Saybrook, CT**

**PRELUDE**

You Alone

*by: David Crowder, Jack Parker; arr. Bethany Hamill  
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**THE ENTRANCE RITE** (pg. 355, BCP)

**OPENING HYMN**

HYMN #401

THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love;  
the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed:  
we bow and bless the sacred Name forever blest.

He by himself hath sworn: we on his oath depend;  
we shall, on eagle-wings upborne, to heaven ascend:  
we shall behold his face, we shall his power adore,  
and sing the wonders of his grace forevermore.

There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Righteousness,  
triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
on Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,  
and, glorious with his saints in light, forever reigns.

The God who reigns on high the great archangels sing,  
and "Holy, holy, holy," cry, "Almighty King!  
Who was, and is, the same, and evermore shall be:  
eternal Father, great I AM, we worship thee."

The whole triumphant host give thanks to God on high;  
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry;  
hail, Abraham's Lord divine! With heaven our songs we raise;  
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

**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.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD *of GOD*

### THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 12:1-4s

The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

*After the reading, the Lay Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 121**

I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
**from where is my help to come?**

My help comes from the Lord, \*  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

He will not let your foot be moved \*  
**and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.**

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
**shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
**the Lord is your shade at your right hand,**

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
**nor the moon by night.**

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
**it is he who shall keep you safe.**

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
**from this time forth for evermore.**

**THE EPISTLE**

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now

to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist..

*After the reading, the Lay Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

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

## SEQUENCE HYMN

I COULD SING OF YOUR LOVE FOREVER

*by: Martin Smith*

*Verse:* **Over the mountains and the sea Your river runs with love for me,  
and I will open up my heart, and let the Healer set me free.  
I'm happy to be in the truth, and I will daily lift my hands,  
for I will always sing of when Your love came down.**

*Chorus:* **I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever,  
I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever.**

*(Verse)*

*(Chorus)*

**I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever,  
I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love...**

**I will sing of Your love forever, I will sing of Your love forever,  
I will sing of Your love forever, I will sing of your love forever.**

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## THE GOSPEL

John 3:1-17

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

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

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through 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 Lawrence Richard Yovino, 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



## THE OFFERTORY

A SPENDTHRIFT LOVER IS THE LORD

*by: Thomas H. Troeger; Beach Haven: Alfred V. Fedak*

A spendthrift lover is the Lord who never counts the cost  
or asks if heaven can afford to woo a world that's lost.  
Our lover tosses coins of gold across the midnight skies  
and stokes the sun against the cold to warm us when we rise.

Still more is spent in blood and tears to win the human heart,  
to overcome the violent fears that drive the world apart.  
Behold the bruised and thorn-crowned face of one who bears our scars  
and empties out the wealth of grace that's hinted by the stars.

How shall we love this heart-strong God who gives us everything,  
whose ways to us are strange and odd; what can we give or bring?  
Acceptance of the matchless gift is gift enough to give.  
The very act will shake and shift the way we love and live.

## 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**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*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 SONG**

HOLY SPIRIT (LIVING BREATH OF GOD)

*by: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend*

**Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Let the presence of the risen Lord come renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your word to come alive in me; Give me faith for what I cannot see,  
Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.**

**Holy Spirit, come abide within, may Your joy be seen in all I do.  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin, in each thought and deed and attitude.  
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my strivings into works of grace; Breath of God show Christ in all I do.**

**Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,  
Show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our pray'rs arise; Lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
That in unity the face of Christ may be clear for all the world to see.**

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I LIFT MY EYES UP (*Psalm 121*)

*by: Brian Doerksen*

**I lift my eyes up to the mountains. Where does my help come from?**

**My help comes from You, maker of heaven, creator of the earth.**

**Oh, how I need You, Lord. You are my only hope. You're my only prayer.**

**So I will wait for You to come and rescue me. Come and give me life.**

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LEAD ME, LORD, IN THY RIGHTEOUSNESS

*by: Samuel S. Wesley*

**Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness;**

**Make Thy way plain before my face.**

**Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness;**

**Make Thy way plain before my face.**

**For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, only that makest me dwell in safety.**

**For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, only that makest me dwell in safety.**

**Amen.**

#### **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

HYMN #473

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

*Refrain:* Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred Name.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
the hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. *(Refrain)*

Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of him who died. *(Refrain)*

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw the world to thee. *(Refrain)*

So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory. *(Refrain)*

## 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

'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

*by: Louisa M.R. Stead, William James Kirkpatrick; arr. Bethany Hamill*

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## **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, Dick and Suzanne Watson, Judy and Clive Cowper, Alan, The Benways, Jim Donahue, Carol Wilson, Kate, Coral, Kirsten, Joyce Brinley, Curtis, Annaliese Harms, the Igelbrinks, Carol, Rory, Chuck Hoffman, Gianna Porcelli, Gabby, Jacob, Jan, Lee, Jennifer Jaramillo, Karen, Christine, Susan Ogden, Kathleen Lemelin, Chuck MacBeth, Mike DeLisa and Patti Matto.

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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 Good Shepherd, Hartford; Grace, Hartford; Haven Community, Hartford; and for prison ministry & prison chaplains; the ECCT Faith Behind Bars & Beyond Ministry Network.

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH: March 1st — March 8th**

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	10:00 am	Lenten Day of Healing w/ Rev. Ellendale (Merrill Hall)
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**Office Hours:**

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

UPCOMING SPECIAL DATES

**Lenten Bible Study & Potluck Dinner**

Thursdays in March at 6 pm

**Lenten Day of Healing**

Saturday March 7 at 10am

## **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:	John Klages	8 am
	Carly Trask-Kuchta	10 am
LECTOR:	John Martin	10 am
USHERS:	Nick & Lynn Iacovelli	8 am
	Penny Coleman, Elaine Seaforth	10 am
NURSERY:	NO NURSERY	10 am
CAMERA TECH TEAM:	Lanny Kapp	10 am
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Kneen Hensarling, Susan Yovino	10 am
ALTAR GUILD:	Cathy Auger, Penny Coleman	

## **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

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Junior Warden, Matt Stosse  
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## **GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Lenten Potluck Dinner & Bible Study on Matthew Thursday Evenings from 6-8pm at Grace Church 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 March 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](mailto: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 Saldin at **[bettrysaldin@gmail.com](mailto:bettrysaldin@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.

## **HOLY WEEK 2026 SCHEDULE**

Sunday March 29: **Palm Sunday** 8am & 10am Services

Thursday April 2: **Maundy Thursday** Service, Dinner and Stripping of Altar, 6pm

Friday April 3: **Good Friday** Service, 12 Noon

Sunday April 5: **Easter Sunday** 8am & 10am Services

## **“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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