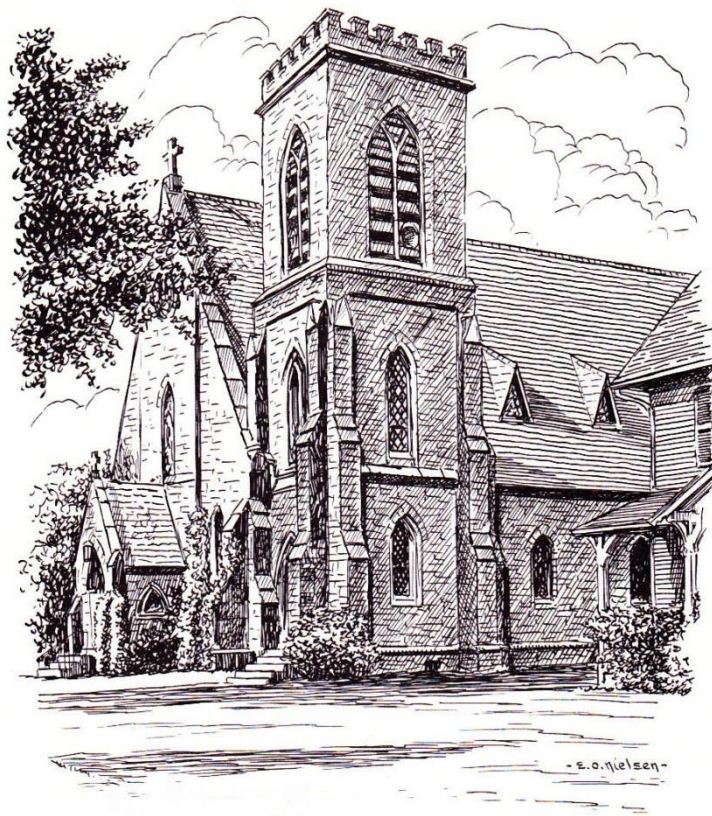


**Second Sunday of Easter**

**April 12, 2026 10am**

**Online Service**

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**PRELUDE**

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

*by: Stuart Townend, arr. Bethany Hamill*

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**THE ENTRANCE RITE** (pg. 355, BCP)

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

HYMN #193

THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT

That Easter day with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fairer light,  
When, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.

His risen flesh with radiance glowed; his wounded hands and feet he showed;  
Those scars their solemn witness gave that Christ was risen from the grave.

O Jesus, King of gentleness, do thou thyself our hearts possess  
That we may give thee all our days the willing tribute of our praise.

O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide;  
From every weapon death can wield thine own redeemed forever shield.

All praise, O risen Lord, we give to thee, who, dead, again dost live;  
To God the Father equal praise, and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

*People*

**The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*The Celebrant says:*

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.*

**Gloria S-278**

*by: William Mathias*

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### **THE COLLECT *of the DAY***

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **THE WORD *of GOD***

### **THE LESSONS**

#### **THE FIRST READING**

Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’  
This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.’

*After the reading, the Lay Reader says*

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

### **Psalm 16**

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
**I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."**

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
**upon those who are noble among the people.**

But those who run after other gods \*  
**shall have their troubles multiplied.**

Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
**nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
**it is you who uphold my lot.**

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
**indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
**my heart teaches me, night after night.**

I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
**because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
**my body also shall rest in hope.**

For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
**nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

You will show me the path of life; \*  
**in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

## THE EPISTLE:

I Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*After the reading, the Lay Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

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

## SEQUENCE HYMN

### BLESSED ASSURANCE

*by: Fanny Jane Crosby, Phoebe Palmer Knapp, Chris Brown, Mack Brock*

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

*Refrain:* **This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight! Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)**

**Perfect submission-- all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (Refrain)**

**Oh, what a Savior. Wonderful Jesus. Oh, what a Savior. Wonderful Jesus. (2x)  
Death could not hold You. You are victorious. Praise to the risen King. (2x)**  
*(Refrain)*

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## THE GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

*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.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

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

## **THE SERMON**

The Very Rev. Charles 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*

*Leader* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

*Leader:* Father we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People:* **That we all may be one.**

*Leader:* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People:* **That your name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader:* We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons.

*People:* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader:* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; for an end to racism; and for peace in Ukraine and Russia and the Holy Land, and all other areas where war and hostilities are occurring.

*People:* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader:* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake.

*People:* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader:* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble. Please add your own petitions either out loud or in silence. (Pause). We pray for those in need.

*People:* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader:* We remember those who have died, especially Arch & Steffi Buroff, for whom the altar flowers were given...add your own petitions either out loud or in silence. (Pause) Give to the departed eternal rest.

*People:* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader:* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy.

*People:* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader:* Let us pray, either out loud or in silence, for our own needs and those of others.

*(The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect).*

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

*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.**

## **THE PEACE**

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

## **OFFERTORY SENTENCE**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY

WE WALK BY FAITH, AND NOT BY SIGHT

*by: Henry Alford; Dunlap's Creek: Samuel McFarland*

We walk by faith, and not by sight; with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."

We may not touch your hands and side, nor follow where you trod;  
but in your promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief; and may our faith abound  
to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:

that, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clearer light  
we may behold you as you are, with full and endless sight.

## THE OFFERTORY PROCESSION *The People stand and sing*

HYMN #380, vs. 3

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*by: Thomas Ken, Lasst uns erfreuen*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

*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. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

**Sanctus**

**HOLY HOLY HOLY LORD**

*by: Peter Scholtes*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.**

**Heaven and earth are filled with Your glory.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might.**

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

**Hosanna, hosanna, in the highest.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, in the highest.**

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*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

On the night he was 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

**Amen**

And now, as our Savior Christ 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* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

*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**

WHAT ARE THESE WOUNDS IN YOUR HANDS

*by: Rae E. Whitney; Mikhael Gideon Jacob; Amanda Husberg*

**What are these wounds in your hands, dear Savior?**

**What are these wounds in your hands?**

**“These are the wounds with which I was wounded,**

here in the house of my friends.”

What are these wounds in your feet, dear Savior?

What are these wounds in your feet?

“These are the wounds with which I was wounded,  
here in the house of my friends.”

What are these wounds on your brow, dear Savior?

What are these wounds on your brow?

“These are the wounds with which I was wounded,  
here in the house of my friends.”

What are these wounds in your side, dear Savior?

What are these wounds in your side?

“These are the wounds with which I was wounded,  
here in the house of my friends.”

What are these wounds in your heart, dear Savior?

What are these wounds in your heart?

“These are the wounds with which I was wounded,  
here in the house of my friends.”

HYMN #206 ALLELUIA! O SONS AND DAUGHTERS, LET US SING!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O sons and daughters, let us sing! The King of heaven, the glorious King,  
o'er death and hell rose triumphing. Alleluia!

That night the apostles met in fear; amidst them came their Lord most dear,  
and said, “My peace be on all here.” Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard, how they had seen the risen Lord,  
he doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!

“My pierced side, O Thomas, see; my hands, my feet, I show to thee;  
not faithless, but believing be.” Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied, he saw the feet, the hands, the side;

**“Thou art my Lord and God,” he cried. Alleluia!**

**How blest are they who have not seen, and yet whose faith has constant been,  
for they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**ALLELUIA**

*by: Jacques Berthier, Taizé Community*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## **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.**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **THE BLESSING**

## **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

**HYMN #208 ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! THE STRIFE IS O’ER**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The strife is o’er, the battle done,  
the victory of life is won;  
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!**

The powers of death have done their worst,  
but Christ their legions hath dispersed:  
Let shout of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped,  
he rises glorious from the dead:  
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell,  
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;  
Let hymns of praise his triumphs tell! Alleluia!

Lord! By the stripes which wounded thee,  
from death's dread sting thy servants free,  
That we may live and sing to thee. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!.

## THE DISMISSAL

*After the Recessional the Priest or Deacon says*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*Celebrant and People*

**Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## POSTLUDE:

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross + The Wonderful Cross  
*by: Chris Tomlin, Isaac Watts, J.D. Walt, Jesse Reeves, Lowell Mason; 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, 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 & 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, Gianna Porcelli, Jan, Lee, Jennifer Jaramillo, Karen, Christine, Susan Ogden, Kathleen Lemelin, Mike DeLisa, Patti and Missy Matto, Bella Austin, Jim Hinthorn and Marie Richiski..

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**FOR THOSE IN SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY:** Travis Board, Todd Buroff, Adam Randle, Susan Eaccarino, Madeline Sheahan, Matthew Auger & 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:the 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 & his church planting effort, Russ & Heidi Smith in Chile, and Kateri Medical Services in Nigeria. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for Todos Los Santos/All Saints', Meriden; St. Andrew's, Meriden; and for Hospital chaplains Stephen Ministries, pastoral care groups, ministries of healing, wellness programs & recovery ministries.

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH: April 12th — April 19th**

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)
	5:00 pm	GriefShare (Hudson Room)
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		
Friday		
Saturday	8:00 am	Men's Discipleship Gathering (Merrill Hall)
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**Office Hours:**

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

## **GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

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

**NEXT Gathering: Saturday May 16**

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 began 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).

### **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.

**The Women of Grace (WOG) Bible Study** are reading through 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](mailto: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 are in need of most you can go to their website <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!

### **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 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**.

### **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 & Penny Coleman). Use your directory or call the church office for contact info. Please briefly tell them your request. The Prayer Line will take it from there. Once a member hangs up the phone, the intercession begins! The Prayer Line is available to receive requests from **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.

## **OUR PARTICIPANTS TODAY**

CELEBRANT:	The Very Rev. Charlie Hamill	8 &10 am
MUSIC DIRECTOR:	Bethany Hamill	10 am
CHOIR:	Joe & Jeannette Barone, JoAnn Eaccarino, Meredith Hall, Dick Mason, Bob Mulvihill, Bill Passera, Bill Peace	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:	Eizabeth Davey	8 am
	Tom Larco	10 am
LECTOR:	Sharon Craig	10 am
USHERS:	Nick & Lynn Iacovelli	8 am
	Penny Coleman, Mary Matthews	10 am
NURSERY:	Meredith Hall, Karen Mulvihill	10 am
CAMERA TECH TEAM:	Matt Stosse	10 am
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Bill & Mary Passera	10 am
ALTAR GUILD:	Angela Larco, Elaine Seaforth	

## **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**

Senior Warden: Jason Howey  
Junior Warden: Matt Stosse  
Treasurer: David Condren  
Clerk: Julie Peace  
Vestry Members: Sue Board, Michelle Kapp  
Peter Knox, Ryan Earley  
Mary Matthews, Tom Fuller

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

**We are a community of faith, rooted in Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, following God's call to feed the hungry in both body and spirit.**

**Our intention is to know Jesus and to make Him known.**

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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