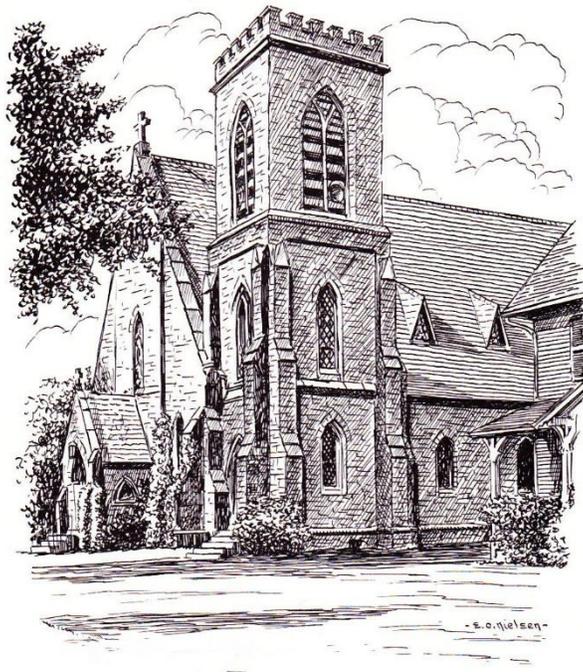


Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2026 10am
Online Service
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Grace Episcopal Church
336 Main St, Old Saybrook, CT

PRELUDE

Hymn Of Promise
(In The Bulb There Is A Flower)
by: Natalie Sleeth; arr. Bethany Hamill
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THE ENTRANCE RITE (pg. 355, BCP)

OPENING HYMN

HYMN #671 AMAZING GRACE! HOW SWEET THE SOUND

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.**

**‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**

**The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
‘tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.**

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.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; 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

1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The

elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you.”.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART

by: Paul Baloche

Chorus: **Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.**

(Chorus)

Verse: **To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love, as we sing holy, holy, holy.**

(Chorus)

(Verse)

**Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.
Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy, holy;
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.**

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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.

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will.

Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Geoff Sinibaldo

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, 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 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

MY SHEPHERD WILL SUPPLY MY NEED (PSALM 23)

by: Isaac Watts; Resignation: W. Walker's Southern Harmony

My Shepherd will supply my need; the Lord God is his name:
in pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake his ways;
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, shall still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows, your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.

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

OPEN OUR EYES

by: Bob Cull

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch Him, and say that we love Him.
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

Soften our hearts, Lord, mold us and make us
Into Your vessels to pour out Your Spirit,
To bring joy and gladness, to those who have sorrow.
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

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GRACE FLOWS DOWN

by: David E. Bell, Louie Giglio, Rod Padgett

Verse: **Amazing grace, how sweet the sound;
amazing love, now flowing down
from hands and feet that were nailed to the tree
as grace flows down and covers me.**

(Verse)

Chorus: **It covers me, it covers me, it covers me, and covers me.**

(Verse)

(Chorus 2x)

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O CHRISTE DOMINE JESU (O CHRIST, LORD JESUS)

by: Taizé Community; Psalm 23

Refrain: **O Christe Domine Jesu, O Christe Domine Jesu!
O Christe Domine Jesu, O Christe Domine Jesu!**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.

(Refrain)

You are there with your rod and staff; with these you give me comfort.
You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever.

Refrain: **O Christe Domine Jesu, O Christe Domine Jesu!**
O Christe Domine Jesu, O Christe Domine Jesu!

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 #490

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the Father. (*Refrain*)

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus. (*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

How Sweet The Sound

by: Ben Calboun, Josh Calboun; 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, Patti and Missy 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 St. Peter's, Hebron; St. James', Higganum; All Saints', Ivoryton; and for Bishops, the Commons staff & parish employees.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH: March 15th — March 22nd

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	Grace Church Vestry Meeting (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 Gathering (Merrill Hall)
Sunday	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)

Office Hours:

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

UPCOMING SPECIAL DATES

Lenten Bible Study & Potluck Dinner

Thursdays in March at 6 pm

OUR PARTICIPANTS TODAY

CELEBRANT:	The Very Rev. Charlie Hamill	8 & 10 am
PREACHER:	The Rev. Geoff Sinibaldo	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:	Elizabeth Davey	8 am
	Dale Schneider	10 am
LECTOR:	Barbara Harms	10 am
USHERS:	Michelle Briggs, Jacquelyn Mitchell	8 am
	Cal & Joyce Baker	10 am
NURSERY:	Meredith Hall, Karen Mulvihill	10 am
CAMERA TECH TEAM:	Steve North	10 am
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Bob & Karen Mulvihill	10 am
ALTAR GUILD:	Kathy Bartus, 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
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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 or you can go to our website: <https://www.graceoldsaybrook.org/mens-bible-study>.

Currently the men are studying Exodus.

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.

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 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 Saldin at **bettysaldin@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 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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