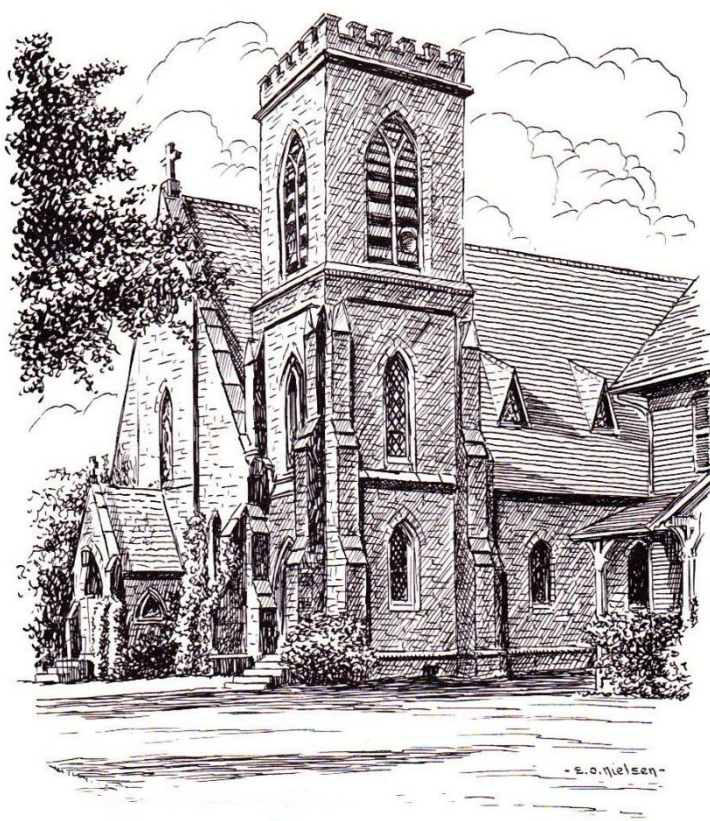


Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 10th, 2026 10am
Online Service
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PRELUDE

Let My Words Be Few

by: Beth Redman, Matt Redman; arr. Bethany Hamill

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THE ENTRANCE RITE (pg. 355, BCP)

ENTRANCE HYMN

HYMN #204

NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISETH

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:

Refrain: Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again,
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: *(Refrain)*

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain,
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen: *(Refrain)*

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again,
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: *(Refrain)*

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.*

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.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an

image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66:7-18

Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.
For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;

But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

THE EPISTLE:

I Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

SHOUT TO THE NORTH

by: Martin Smith

**Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak, in your brokenness complete.**

Chorus: **Shout to the north and the south; Sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.**

**Rise up, women of the truth, stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing power of our awesome King of love. (*Chorus*)**

**Rise up, church with broken wings, fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high. By His grace again we'll fly. (*Chorus*)**

**We've been through fire, we've been through rain;
We've been refined by the power of His name.
We've fallen deeper in love with You. You've burned the truth on our lips.**

Chorus: **Shout to the north and the south; Sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.**

Lord of heaven and earth. Lord of heaven and earth!

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THE GOSPEL

John 14:15-21

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.**

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

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 Albertina Cagle, 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

IN GOD THE FATHER I BELIEVE

by: Creedal Song: Frank De Vries, harm. Bert Polman; Apostles' Creed

In God the Father I believe, almighty Lord of all,
who made the heavens and the earth: his name be praised in awe.
And I believe in Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
conceived by the Holy Ghost, of virgin Mary born;

who suffered when he stood condemned by Pontius Pilate's code;
was crucified, was dead, as he himself had long foretold.
Our Lord was buried in a tomb, descended into hell;
but on the third day he arose again on earth to dwell.

Ascending into heaven above, he sits at God's right hand;
from there he shall return to judge the living and the dead.

In God the Spirit I believe, who guides a holy church,
the universal body that victorious shall emerge.

I do believe that all the saints must now commune in love,
and that, redeemed by Jesus' blood, our sins are pardoned us.
And at life's end my body frail, upraised from earthly strife,
is resurrected and renewed in everlasting life.

Amen.

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,

in 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
People*

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
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

I LOVE YOU LORD

by: Laurie Klein

**I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You, O my soul, rejoice!
Take joy, my King, in what You hear: May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.**

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IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

by: Horatio Gates Spafford, Philip Paul Bliss

**When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”**

Refrain: It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

**Tho’ Satan should buffet, tho’ trials should come,
let this blest assurance control;
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed His own blood for my soul. *(Refrain)***

**My sin— O, the bliss of this glorious tho’t—
my sin— not in part, but the whole;
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! *(Refrain)***

**And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so”— it is well with my soul. *(Refrain).***

I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY

by: A. Catherine Hankey, William G. Fisher

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story because I know 'tis true;
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. *(Refrain)*

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it, like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. *(Refrain)*

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 #205, vs. 1, 3–5 GOOD CHRISTIANS ALL, REJOICE AND SING

**Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your Name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**To God the Father, God the Son, to God the Spirit, always One,
We sing for life in us begun: 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

I Will Enter His Gates (He Has Made Me Glad)

by: Leona Von Brethorst; 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, Michele Hayes, Cheryl Brown and Marie Richiski..

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

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, the Grace Church RLM Teaching Garden, 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 Mark's, New Canaan; Christ Church, New Haven; St. John's, New Haven; and for parish prayer groups, intercessory prayer chains, healing prayer groups, parish & community Bible studies.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH: May 10th — May 17th

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)
	5:30 pm	Grace Church Officers 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		
Friday	10:00 am	Women of Grace (Hudson Room)
Saturday		
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:

Sunday May 24th, Pentecost
ONE Service at 9am with Baptism

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 w/the men of Grace Church for fellowship & deeper discipleship in Jesus Christ. The 1st hour we gather for light breakfast & fellowship to get to know each other. In the 2nd hour we delve into whatever book/video series we're working on. February 21, we began an 8-week video program on discipleship called *Practicing the Way*. Through the program, we hope to strengthen our walk with Jesus, grow in the grace & knowledge of God, and 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 now. For more information you can email Charley Bates: [**charley.bates@yahoo.com**](mailto:charley.bates@yahoo.com) or go to our website:

[**https://www.graceoldsaybrook.org/mens-bible-study**](https://www.graceoldsaybrook.org/mens-bible-study). Currently the men are studying Exodus.

The Women of Grace (WOG) will begin a new video study entitled "The Parables of Jesus" Friday, May 8th. In this 6-week video Bible Study, the lecture each week is done by a different Biblical expert. Each week is a stand-alone session so you can attend one or all of them. All Grace Church women are welcome. We meet at 10:00 a.m. Friday mornings in the Hudson Room at Grace. No personal invitations are necessary. We are hoping to have some new members join us for lively conversation, prayer and most importantly sharing the importance of having Jesus as our guide in the modern world [**https://www.graceoldsaybrook.org/womens-bible-study**](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 [**bettyalldin@gmail.com**](mailto:bettyalldin@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, 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, Bob Mulvihill, Bill Passera, Bill Peace	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:	John Klages	8 am
	Carly Trask-Kuchta	10 am
LECTOR:	Barbara Zakhar	10 am
USHERS:	Keith Coughlin, Peter Knox	8 am
	Clyde & Cathy Auger	10 am
NURSERY:	Meredith Hall, Karen Mulvihill	10 am
CAMERA TECH TEAM:	Kyle Trask-Kuchta	10 am
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Fred & Karen Kmietek	10 am
ALTAR GUILD:	Cathy Auger, Betty Salldin	

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, Ryan Earley, Tom Fuller,
Michelle Kapp, Peter Knox,
Mary Matthews

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 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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