



# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide  
Anglican Communion.

## The First Sunday in Lent

**February 22, 2026 – *LARGE-PRINT EDITION***

*Before the Service — Speak quietly to God*

*During the Service — Let God speak to you*

*After the Service — Speak to one another*

### LITURGICAL SEASON EXPLAINED

The word “Lent” conjures up a variety of images and feelings and is often understood as no feasting, no parties, no fun, and a requirement to go to confession, fast on certain days, and give up something for the season. Figuring out what to “give up” is often a challenge and many people get stuck here, but the ultimate purpose of Lent is to strengthen our spiritual lives. During this time, we are asked to quiet down our busy lives and pray more to consider the ways we need to repent, or in other words, to turn around and become closer to God. Taking on a spiritual practice, giving alms, and helping those in need during these forty days are ways that we may prepare ourselves for the resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

The liturgical color is **purple**.

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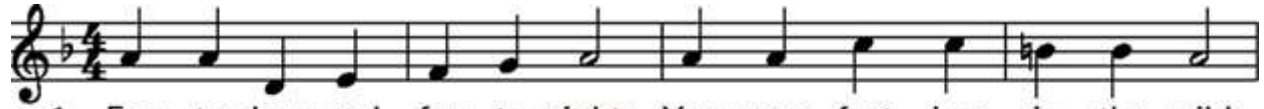
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## OPENING HYMN: Forty Days And Forty Nights

*Please stand as you are able*



1. For - ty days and for - ty nights You were fast - ing in the wild;
2. Shall not we your sor-row share And from world - ly joys ab - stain,
3. Then if Sa - tan on us press, Flesh or spir - it to as - sail,
4. So shall we have peace di - vine: Ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5. Keep, O keep us, Sav - ior dear, Ev - er con - stant by your side;



1. For - ty days and for - ty nights Tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
2. Fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, Strong with you to suf - fer pain?
3. Vic - tor in the wil - der - ness, Grant we may not faint nor fail!
4. Round us, too, shall an - gels shine, Such as served you faith - ful - ly.
5. That with you we may ap - pear At th'e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

## ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. AMEN.**



*Celebrant continues:*

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.**

## KYRIE

The musical score for the Kyrie consists of three staves, each with a Cantor part and an Assembly part. The music is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

*Cantor:* Lord, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Lord, have mer - cy.

*Cantor:* Christ, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Christ, have mer - cy.

*Cantor:* Lord, have mer - cy. *Assembly:* Lord, have mer - cy.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

*This Week's Readers: **Scot Lau & Lydia Reed***

*Next Week's Readers: **Nora & Dash Heath***

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*Please be seated*

## **FIRST READING** Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

*Reader* A reading from the book of Genesis.

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

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

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**ANTIPHON** *Sung both before and after the psalm during Lent*



**RESPONSE** *Psalm 32 – Beati quorum*

<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,\*  
**and whose sin is put away!**

<sup>2</sup>Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,\*  
**and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

<sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,\*  
**because of my groaning all day long.**

<sup>4</sup>For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;\*  
**my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**

<sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you,\*  
**and did not conceal my guilt.**

<sup>6</sup>I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."\*  
**Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

<sup>7</sup>Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you  
in time of trouble;\*  
**when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**

- <sup>8</sup>You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble;\*  
**you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- <sup>9</sup>"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you  
should go;\*  
**I will guide you with my eye.**
- <sup>10</sup>Do not be like horse or mule, which have no  
understanding;\*  
**who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."**
- <sup>11</sup>Great are the tribulations of the wicked;\*  
**but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.**
- <sup>12</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;\*  
**shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

## **SECOND READING** Romans 5:12-19

*Reader* A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

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

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For

the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

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

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

***People*    Thanks be to God.**



## GOSPEL HYMN: Jesus, In The Desert

*Please stand as you are able*



1. Je - sus, in the des - ert, you
2. Dream - ing, wak - ing, ris - ing, you
3. Je - sus, at your tri - al, temp -
4. Driv - en by the Spir - it, you



chose to walk a - lone; for for - ty days the  
walked the bar - ren land; your on - ly com - fort  
ta - tion did its best to build you up, to  
found God's way with - in; you learned to rise a -



wil - der - ness served hun - ger like a stone.  
was the fire of heart and head and hand.  
tear you down, to put you to the test.  
bove the pain, to tri - umph o - ver sin.

**GOSPEL** Matthew 4:1-11

The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik

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

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God,



command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written,

'One does not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of  
God.'"

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

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

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

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

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.'"

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

*Celebrant* The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**HOMILY**            The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik  
*Please be seated*

**THE APOSTLES' CREED**            *Please stand as you are able*  
*This is an ancient baptismal creed, but using the words "I give my heart," a truer translation of the Latin word "credo" than "I believe."*

**I give my heart to God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I give my heart to Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, and descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I give my heart to the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic and apostolic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Leader*    During this Lenten season of self-examination, repentance, fasting, prayer, self-denial, and almsgiving, we offer our prayers to God, saying:

***People*    Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader*    We pray for the Christian church of God throughout the world, that all its members may turn to the Lord and keep a holy Lent.

***People*    Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* We pray for the continued protection of federal workers and whistleblowers, that they and the governing authorities may uphold honesty and safety in public service for the common good.

***People* Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* We pray for our nation in a time of crisis, and continue to keep in our prayers the families of Silverio Villegas Gonzáles, Renee Good, and Alex Pretti, slain by ICE. May all who serve in immigration enforcement honor the dignity of every person they encounter.

***People* Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* We pray for the victims of warfare, especially in Ukraine, Gaza, the West Bank, Sudan, Haiti, the Congo, and Venezuela, and for refugees around the world, that their mourning may be turned into joy.

***People* Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* We pray for all who are persecuted, shunned, neglected, or rejected because of racism, fear, or anti-immigrant sentiment, and we pray for an end to this type of violence and behavior.

***People* Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* We pray for the nations of the world, that those in authority will hear, see, and feel the love of God in their lives; may they work toward peace and reconciliation with all people and countries.

***People* Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader* We pray for all who are in need of a safe place to live, for those who need food on the table, and for those who need protection and companionship.

**People**    **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader*    We pray for all people suffering with physical illness or other health concerns, as well as their families and caretakers.

**People**    **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader*    We pray for those who suffer from emotional and mental illness, for people who are grieving, and for those who have died.

**People**    **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader*    For our own needs and those of others, that God may be our hope and consolation.

**People**    **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader*    We pray for the special needs and concerns of our Grace family, and for those on our prayer list. Are there others?

Bless, comfort and protect all those for whom we pray.

**People**    **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader*    We pray for the children in our lives and in our world: Grant us calm strength and patient wisdom that we may teach them to love whatever is just, true, and good.

**People**    **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader*    Grant us for the love of you to make no peace with oppression, to fear no adversity, and to have no tolerance for those who would use their power to abuse or exploit.

**People**    **Lord, have mercy.**

*Leader*    We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**People** Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown, things done and left  
undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that  
we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

God our creator, you are constantly and unconditionally loving us even when we stray from you. Hear our prayers and guide us into the way of your peace. **AMEN.**

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

*Please share a sign of peace with one another.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please be seated*



## OFFERTORY HYMN: Lord Jesus, Sun Of Righteousness

1 Lord Je - sus, Sun of Right - eous - ness, shine  
 2 Give guid - ance to our wan - dering ways, for -  
 3 Lord, grant that we in pen - i - tence may  
 4 Now near - er draws the day of days when  
 5 The u - ni - verse your glo - ry shows, blest

1 in our hearts, we pray; dis - pel the gloom that  
 2 give us, Lord, our sin; re - store us by your  
 3 of - fer you our praise, and through your sav - ing  
 4 par - a - dise shall bloom, when we shall be at  
 5 Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Son; we shall ac - claim your

1 shades our minds and be to us as day.  
 2 lov - ing care to peace and joy with - in.  
 3 sac - ri - fice re - ceive your gift of grace.  
 4 one with you, Lord, ris - en from the tomb.  
 5 ma - jes - ty, e - ter - nal Three in One.

## DOXOLOGY

*Please stand as you are able*

1. Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him all  
 crea - tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye  
 heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Celebrant* May God be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

***People* We lift them up to our God.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to our God.

***People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant continues:*

It is truly right to glorify you, God, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and forever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

## SANCTUS

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho-ly Lord God of  
hosts. Heav - en and earth are full, full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes, comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Celebrant continues:*

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again, you



called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

For you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. He lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose, he gave himself up to death; and rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

On the night before he died, while he was at supper with his friends, he 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."

**We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, our God.**

*Celebrant continues:*

We pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

For it is through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, that all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant says:*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, holy is your Name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. AMEN.**

## FRACTION: Let Us Break Bread Together



*Celebrant* The Gifts of God, for all of us, the holy people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.



## COMMUNION

*Please be seated*

### Communion at Grace is Open to Everyone

*Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you at God's table. You may choose to receive bread (gluten free wafers available upon request). You may choose to receive wine in the silver chalice or grape juice in the white and blue chalice. You may drink from either cup or intinct (dip) the bread into the chalice. You may refrain from the bread and chalice and just receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.*

## COMMUNION HYMN: I Heard The Voice Of Jesus Say

1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and  
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly  
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's

1. rest; Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up -  
2. give The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down, and  
3. light; Look un - to me, thy morn shall rise, And all thy

1. on my breast." I came to Je - sus as I was, So  
2. drink, and live." I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of  
3. day be bright." I looked to Je - sus, and I found In

1. wea - ry, worn and sad; I found in him a  
 2. that life - giv - ing stream; My thirst was quenched, my  
 3. him my star, my sun; And in that light of

1. rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.  
 2. soul re - vived, And now I live in him.  
 3. life I'll walk Till trav - 'ling days are done.

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER** *Please stand as you are able*

*Celebrant* Let us pray together our post-Communion prayer.

*Celebrant and People say together:*

**During Lent we ask you, O God, to renew us. With a gentle breath, blow from our lives the dust of sin, and make us your people again. Lift us from guilt, and shame, and regret, to repair all we've broken, and give us the gift of repentance. With the lengthening days, stretch our hearts, too, to be ready at Easter for your risen life in us. Through Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

## **BLESSING**

Grant, most merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

## CLOSING HYMN: Eternal Lord Of Love, Behold Your Church



1 E - ter - nal Lord of love, be - hold your Church  
 2 So dai - ly dy - ing to the way of self,  
 3 If dead in you, so in you we a - rise,

walk - ing once more the pil - grim way of Lent,  
 so dai - ly liv - ing to your way of love,  
 you the first - born of all the faith - ful dead;

led by your cloud by day, by night your fire,  
 we walk the road, Lord Je - sus, that you trod,  
 and as through ston - y ground the green shoots break,

moved by your love and toward your pres - ence bent:  
 know - ing our - selves bap - tized in - to your death:  
 glo - rious in spring - time dress of leaf and flower,

far off yet here— the goal of all de - sire.  
 so we are dead and live with you in God.  
 so in the Fa - ther's glo - ry shall we wake.

## DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth renewed for the Lenten journey with our eyes fixed upon Jesus and his walk to Jerusalem, where he will be crucified and raised from the dead!

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

## **The Prayers of this Congregation**

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; our Bishop, Bonnie Anne Perry; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig A. Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod. Our retired bishop, Wendell Gibbs; our retired community, spouses, and companions. Our diocesan household: Committees, commissions, ministries, agencies, priests, deacons, lay leaders, volunteers, and staff members; Steven Steinberger-Domienik; Grace Church Mt. Clemens; Bonao, DR Church of the Pentecost.

For Donna Hanes; Jasmine Gardner; Frankie Dion; Elliott Belair; Charlotte Kalligeros; Tom Stotz; Jennifer Holland; Joan Walsh; Elizabeth Gage; Logan & Teresa Davidson; Jeanne Nowak; Donna Powell; Pamela Sherry; Linda Fields; Michael Woodard; Pat Greenwood; Sara Mattocks; Gene Skladnowski; Sherie Borsa; Joan Donald; Rob Haynes; Scott Kadets; Brenda Steinberger-Domienik; Laurisa; Jason Zadorski; Pat Ruditis; Jean & Terry Hitchcock; Laura Mary Lake; Allen Clay; Mary Anne Jackson; Martha Wehba; Holly Quintero; Jody Gorney; Tammy Murphy; Eka & Kiana Bassey; Suzanne LaMontagne; Vito Fontana; Christa Carpenter; Nancy & Bob Johnson; Rick Gheresi; Rory Heinz; Carole Schwertman; Tish Germain; Shirley & Nelson Rumpel; Helen Fitzgibbon; Joyce & Roy Schafer; Danielle; Leo Bradley, Jr.; Betty Brogan; Paige Biehl; Ulrike Lamb; Debbie H.; Vickie Rose; Kristi Frangedakis; Beverly Wolff; Ellen Laudicina; Beth Jarvis; Dave Salyer; Al Gazoul; Randy; Bill Atkinson; the family of Tom Krell; Sharon Fedchenko; Joyce Geiger; Tom Burns; Steve Burns; Brenden Murphy and family; the Domienik family; Marilee Racine; Michael Oakley; Betty Moore; Ann Strevel.

***Do you know someone who can use our prayers?***

***Please contact the office to add them to or keep them on the prayer list.***

### **The MINISTRIES of GRACE CHURCH Currently**

#### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sundays, in person & online 8:30 & 10:30 AM. Visit our website for more information.  
Bible Study: Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Guild Room

#### **OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

##### **Community Suppers:**

**Wednesdays** at 4:00

**Sunday Suppers: Sundays** at 4:00, November-March

##### **Food Pantry:**

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 AM -12 noon, curbside pickup  
*Serving from 250 - 350 people every month*

##### **Fueling Kids' Futures:**

Tuesdays at 2:00 PM at Oakley Industries, Inc. Plant 4  
35088 Automation Drive, Clinton Township, MI 48035

**All outreach ministries welcome volunteers,  
financial donations, or food and clothing donations.**

***Call the office to learn about helping or giving:  
586-465-4573***

## **CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please send all bulletin submissions to  
[bulletins@gracechurchmtclemens.org](mailto:bulletins@gracechurchmtclemens.org)*

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Please sign up for altar flowers on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the sanctuary.

### **COFFEE HOUR**

Please volunteer to host a coffee hour; the sign-up sheet is in the hallway. The host(s) makes and sets up the coffee and any snacks and then cleans up afterwards. You may also be reimbursed for any money you spend for snacks—just let Marchea (in the office) know! Thank you for sharing in the hospitality ministry of our parish!

### **BIBLE STUDY**

Please join us on **Sundays** at **9:30 AM** in the Guild Room for our Bible study. No preparation needed; just come and listen and join in the conversation. Each session is self-contained so you do not have to attend each week; come when you can. We learn a great deal about Scripture, our faith, ourselves, and each other! Hope to see you there!

### **CHOIR**

Please join us for choir rehearsal on **Wednesdays** at **6:30 PM** in the sanctuary. No experience required; just bring your spirited heart and a friend! Thank you!

### **LENTEN STUDY SERIES**

The first part of our Lenten Study Series is watching and discussing Season 5 of "The Chosen." We're watching the eight episodes on **Tuesdays** at **6:30 PM** in the Guild Room. This season focuses on the triumphal Palm Sunday entrance into Jerusalem and goes through all of the Holy Week events.

The second component focuses on a discussion of white Christian nationalism which will meet **Sundays** at **noon** through Palm Sunday. We'll watch a video documentary the first week and

explore readings from *The Seven Deadly Sins of White Christian Nationalism* by Carter Heyward. Participate in one or both activities for lively discussion as we prepare for Easter.

## BOOK CLUB

The next book club meeting will be at **6 PM** on **March 12** at Grace Church. The book to be discussed is *The Feather Detective* by Chris Sweeney. We look forward to meeting newcomers as well as regular members for a fun evening. Call Ann Strevel with any questions or concerns.

## For Earth's Future

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**God** of the land, who **entrusted us** with the care of the Earth and the naming of its creatures, **we confess** that we have often **failed to live up to** this holy calling. In times when protections for your creation are weakened and uncertain, **we bring** before you **our fear** for the future of the Earth. **Grant us resolve** amidst these fears that we might work faithfully for wise and just stewardship of our common home. **Give** business leaders, governments, and people everywhere **the wisdom to act with integrity** around these environmental issues. We ask this for the sake of your Son, who became flesh and sanctified all creation. Amen.

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