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**GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

30 March 2025

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Fourth Sunday in Lent

# Welcome to Grace!

Opening Voluntary - *The Holy City*

Stephen Adams  
Bill Scott, piano

The Procession

Hymn #411

*O bless the Lord, my soul*

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro-claim!  
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer-cies bear in mind!  
3 He will not al-ways chide; he will with pa-tience wait;  
4 He par-dons all thy sins, pro-longs thy fee-ble breath;  
5 He clothes thee with his love, up-holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with-in me join to bless his ho-ly Name!  
2 For-get not all his ben-e-fits! The Lord to thee is kind.  
3 his wrath is ev-er slow to rise and rea-dy to a-bate.  
4 he heal-eth thine in-fir-mi-ties and ran-soms thee from death.  
5 and like the ea-gle he re-news the vi-gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,  
whose grace hath made thee whole,  
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:  
O bless the Lord, my soul!

Words: James Montgomery (1771–1854); para. of Psalm 103 Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731–1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792–1872)

## The Liturgy begins with the Penitential Order and Decalogue page 351

People  
A - men. Lord, have mer - cy.

## The Word of God

Kyrie S-96

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Title: The Holy Eucharist, The Prayers of the People: Form III Music: Anaphoral chant; adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947)

## The Collect

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 First Lesson

### Joshua 5:9-12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

## The Psalm

### Psalm 32 *(read responsively by half verse)*

#### *Beati quorum*

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
**and whose sin is put away!**
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, \*  
**and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
**because of my groaning all day long.**
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
**my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
**and did not conceal my guilt.**
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." \*  
**Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; \*  
**when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**
- 8 You are my hiding-place;  
you preserve me from trouble; \*  
**you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
**I will guide you with my eye.**
- 10 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."**
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
**but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; \*  
**shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

## The Second Lesson

### 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new

creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Gospel Hymn #671 vs.1-5

*Amazing Grace*

Words: John Newton (1725–1807), alt.; st. 5, from *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; compiled by Richard Broaddus and Andrew Broaddus  
 Music: *New Britain*, from *Virginia Harmony* 1831; adapt. att. Edwin Othello Excell (1851–1921); harm. Austin Cole Lovelace (b. 1919)

**The Holy Gospel**

**Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came himself he said,

'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'" So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

## **The Sermon**

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**The Peace**

**Announcements**

**Blessing of the Acolyte Crosses**

**Together:** We will glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection.

**Celebrant:** Christ for us became obedient unto death:

**Congregation:** Even death on a cross.

**Together:** We will glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, our life and resurrection.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray. (Silence)

O gracious God, who in your mercy ordained that your Son should suffer death on a cross of shame: We thank you that it has become for us the sign of his triumph and the banner of our salvation; and we pray that these crosses may draw our hearts to him, who leads us to the glory of your kingdom; where you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.

**Offertory** - *Ah, Holy Jesus*

Johann Cruger

# Hymn

## A Lenten Doxology

Praise God through-out these for - ty days. Praise  
Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spir - it who im -  
parts God's love in Christ in - to our hearts. A - men.

The musical score is written in G major and 2/2 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Praise God through-out these for - ty days. Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise. And praise the Spir - it who im - parts God's love in Christ in - to our hearts. A - men."

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711) Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes Octante trois de David, 1551, alt. ; harm, after Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561)

## The Holy Communion

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### Sanctus S-128

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

The musical score is written in G major and 2/2 time. It consists of five systems of music with lyrics. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est."

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus Music: William Mathias (b. 1934)

## Fraction Anthem S-161

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei* Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

## Communion Hymns #693

### *Just as I am*

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy  
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya  
 \* 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,  
 4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,  
 5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken

1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me  
 2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with -  
 3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in  
 4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise  
 5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
 5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love  
 the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
 here for a season, then above:  
 O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott (1789–1871) Music: *Woodworth*, William Batchelder Bradbury (1816–1868)

# Hymn #620

## Jerusalem, my happy home

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when  
2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they  
3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as  
4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with  
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God

1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows  
2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they  
3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would  
4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyrs'  
5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and

1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?  
2 still re - joice in that most hap - py place.  
3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.  
4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.  
5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

Words: F. B. P. (ca. 16th cent.), alt. Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk hymn, adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889–1983)

### Post Communion Prayer - page 366 The Blessing of the People



The Procession

Hymn #690  
*Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
 stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar  
 fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,  
 lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,  
 land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -  
 strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and  
 songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, shield, feed me now and ev - er - more.  
 thee, be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee.

Words: William Williams (1717–1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722–1796), alt. Music: *Cwm Rhondda*, John Hughes (1873–1932)

**The Sending Forth** - page 366  
**Closing Voluntary** - *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

arr. Steve Grant

## Grace Notes

- We are **In Need** of adults to assist with children's church. If you are interested, please contact Sharon George at [slgeorge864@gmail.com](mailto:slgeorge864@gmail.com)
- **Fiber Friends and Fellowship** meets **every Tuesday at 11 a.m.** in the Parish Hall.
- **Daughters of the King (DOK) Study Session** will be **Saturday, April 19th and 26th from 10 a.m. - Noon.**
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Grace Church BBQ will be **Oct. 11 2025**
- If you are interested in the Bishop's **Bible in a year challenge** visit <https://www.edusc.org/bible-in-a-year/>
- If you are interested in receiving **Bishop Daniel Richards weekly meditations** called *Notes Along the Way*, visit <https://www.edusc.org/notes-from-along-the-way/>.
- **Lenten Madness** has begun. For more information visit <https://www.lentmadness.org/category/lent-madness-2025/>
- There will be a **CPR/AED Training at St. George's on Saturday, April 5th from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.** The Cost is \$85 per person. If interested contact Bruce McLeland at (864) 221-4613.
- **EYC Open Office:** The church will be open during spring break. If you have a teen that like to hang out during this time Contact Sharon Dorsey [slgeorge864@gmail.com](mailto:slgeorge864@gmail.com)
- Vestry will meet **Monday, April 7th at 6 p.m.**
- **Wednesday Night Dinner: Wednesday, April 2nd at 5:45 p.m.** with Bingo to follow. If you would like to attend RSVP to Nikki (864) 225-8011 or [gracechurchander-son1851@gmail.com](mailto:gracechurchander-son1851@gmail.com) **by 1 p.m. on Monday, March 31st.**
- **St. Catherine's Guild** will meet **Monday, April 7th at noon** in the Parish Hall. Please join us for fellowship and Bingo. All you need to bring is your sandwich of choice.
- **Vestry Retreat** will be **Saturday, April 12th** at Grace from **8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**
- **Planting Day** for Grace Community Garden will be on **Saturday, April 12th from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.** Bring your garden gloves, garden tools, for planting, and sun screen! Contact Danny Ehlert with questions (864) 276-2579, Call/text.
- **Easter Lillies:** Forms for Easter Lillie can be found in the cloister and outside the church office door. Please have these filled out and returned to Nikki by **Sunday, April 13th.**
- **The Grace Episcopal Choir:** The final stages of repair are underway for the C A Zimmer pipe organ. The upper, lower, and pedal keyboards are fully functional at this time as are the horizontal trumpet pipes over the door. The middle manual, called the Great division sustained the most water damage. The Great pipes have been removed and are being cleaned and returned to their original condition. The wooden cabinets under the pipes, known as the windchests are being rebuilt according to the original design plan.
- **WWW:** Our weekly discussion of *The Lemon Tree* by Sandy Tolan continues **every Tuesday from 6:30-8 p.m.** Join us for engaging conversation and fellowship.
- **Altar Guild:** Do you want to be involved at church but in a more behind the scene manner once a month? Do you want to learn more about our ministry? Do you want to hangout with the coolest people at Grace? The Altar Guild is seeking new recruits. See Jodie Webb 864-380-1683 if you are interested in checking out what we are about and see if you are a good fit.
- **Saturday Servants:** We are gearing up for our next round of Saturdays in May. We are seeking donations of the following: creamy peanut butter, grape jam and water. If you would like to make a contribution, please leave it on the table at the back of the Parish Hall. We thank you in advance for your help. We will be looking for volunteers to help make the lunches and deliver them as well. More information on that to follow. If you have any questions, please reach out to Tracey or George Lidlow at [tjlidlow@gmail.com](mailto:tjlidlow@gmail.com)

## Holy Week Schedule

**Palm Sunday, April 13th:** Procession of the Palms and Passion Narrative at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday, April 17th:** 6 p.m. Eucharist, foot washing, stripping of the Altar.

**Good Friday, April 18th:** 11 a.m. Stations of the Cross; Noon Good Friday Liturgy with Bishop Richards preaching.

**Holy Saturday, April 19th:** 9 a.m. liturgy followed by preparations for Easter Morning.

**Easter Sunday, April 20th:** 6 a.m. Easter Vigil, begins with Easter Fire on the Church lawn; 8 a.m. Eucharist with Choir; 9 a.m. Easter Breakfast in Parish Hall; 9:30 a.m. Easter Egg hunt; 10:30 a.m. Eucharist and Baptism with Choir.

## Those Who Serve

**Vestry-in-Charge:** Kirri Kinley

**Second Counter:** Cyndi Dougherty

**Lector:** Sara Cheek

**Lector:** Kate Wilford

**Intercessor:** Bill Scott

**Chalice 2:** Jane Williams

**1st Crucifer:** Cory Trotter

**Server/Gospel Bearer:** Brett Dixon

**Torch Bearers:**

**Ushers:** Nathanael Burden, Christopher Wilford

**Linen Guild:** Dixie Harris

**Altar Guild:** Jodie Webb, Pam Herold

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Steve Grant

**Organist Emeritus:** Bill Scott

## Those with birthdays this week

Arne Troelstra

Lang Foster

Charlie Knisley

Violet Clark

## **Vestry Members**

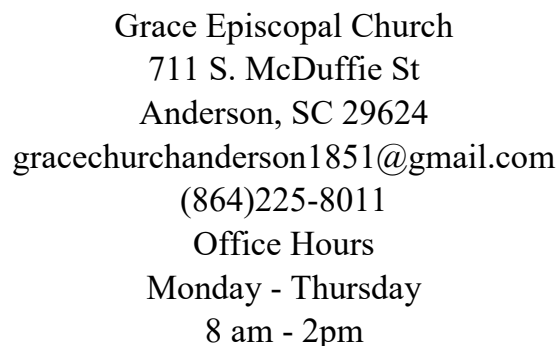
Mike Digby - 2025  
Janet Rippy, Clerk- 2023-2025  
Louis Lebrun, Jr. Warden - 2023-2025  
David Burden - 2024-2025  
Kirri Kinley - 2024-2026  
Mike Magaha - 2024-2026  
Cory Trotter - 2024-2026  
Debbie Hand Sr. Warden - 2024-2026  
Jodie Webb - 2025-2027  
Bill Scott - 2025-2027  
Cyndi Dougherty - 2025-2027  
Heiko Erlenkauser - 2025-2027

## **Delegates to the Convention**

Melissa Langford  
Carol Miller  
Janet Rippy  
Louis Lebrun  
Cindy Baker  
Jodie Webb

## **Grace Church Endowment**

Matthias Kloeck  
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