



Ethiopian Icon

LORD, I BELIEVE

GRACE CHURCH

15 March 2026

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome to Grace!

Opening Voluntary - *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

ARR. Steve Grant

The Procession

Hymn #490

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.
I want to look at Je-sus.
I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and
When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je-sus.
show me the way to the Fa-ther.
shall know the joy of Je-sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The

night and the day are both a-like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

a tempo
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Words: Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

Music: Houston, Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

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

The Word of God

Kyrie S-96

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Lord have mercy: *Kyrie*

Musie: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797–1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

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

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.

The Psalm

Psalm 23 (*read responsively by half verse*)

Dominus regit me

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
therefore can I lack nothing.

- 2 He shall feed me in a green pasture, *
and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
- 3 He shall convert my soul *
**and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness for his
 Name's sake.**
- 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil; *
**for thou art with me;
 thy rod and thy staff comfort me.**
- 5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me in the presence of them
 that trouble me; *
**thou hast anointed my head with oil,
 and my cup shall be full.**
- 6 Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the
 days of my life; *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Second Lesson

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.”

Gospel Hymn LEVAS #124

Give Me a Clean Heart *SUNG TWICE*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 6/8. The lyrics are: "Give me a clean heart so I may serve Thee. Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by".

thee. For I'm not wor - thy of all these bless -

ings. Give me a clean heart and I'll fol - low thee.

Words: Margaret J. Douroux (b. 1941)

Music: Margaret J. Douroux; harm. Albert Dennis Tessier

The Holy Gospel

Priest: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John 9:1-41

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."

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed - page 358

Prayers of the People Form V - page 389

The Peace

Announcements (We will be fasting from spoken announcements during the season of Lent, unless in Haiku or similar format. We call your attention to the announcements printed in the bulletin.) 😊

Offertory - Lord For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

Richard Farrant

Hymn

We Give Thee but Thine Own

1. We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2. May we Thy boun - ties thus, As stew - ards true re - ceive,
3. The cap - tive to re - lease, To God the lost to bring,
4. And we be - lieve Thy Word, Tho' dim our faith may be;

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first - fruits give.
To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ - like thing.
What - e'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it un - to Thee.

Words: William W. How, 1823-1897 St. Andrew Music: Joseph Barnby, 1838-1896 6.6.8.6(S,M)

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer B- page 367

Sanctus WLP #858

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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Title: Holy, holy, holy Lord (*Sanctus*)

Music: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner, harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

The Great Amen LEVAS #233

A men, A - men,
A - men, A - men, A - men.

Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual; ar. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935)

Fraction Anthem S-169

Cantor or Choir
My flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in -
deed, says the Lord. My Lord. Those who eat my
flesh and drink my blood dwell in me and I in them. My
flesh is food in - deed, and my blood is drink in - deed, says the Lord.

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: My flesh is food indeed

Music: Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)

Communion Hymns #498

Beneath The Cross of Jesus

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eyes at times can see
 3 I take, O cross, thy sha-dow for my a - bid - ing place;

the sha - dow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
 the ve - ry dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no o - ther sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der-ness, a rest up - on the way,
 and from my smit - ten heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess:
 con - tent to let my pride go by, to know no gain nor loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.
 the won - ders of re - deem - ing love, and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

Words: Elizabeth Cecilia Clephane (1830-1869), alt.

Music: *St. Christopher*, Frederick Charles Maker (1844-1927)

Hymn #691

My Faith Looks up to Thee.

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

Words: Ray Palmer (1808-1887)

Music: Oliver, Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Post Communion Prayer - page 366
The Blessing of the People

The Procession

Hymn # 690
Amazing Grace

1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 * 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

The melody may be sung in canon at distances of either two or three beats.

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 Sending Forth - page 366
Closing Voluntary - *The Ancient of Days*

Robert Powell

Grace Notes

- The **Music Ministry** at Grace Church is growing. Our choirs meet **Wednesdays** with Children's Choir at **5:15 p.m.** and Adult Choir at **6:15 p.m.**
- **Fiber Friends and Fellowship** meets every **Tuesday from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**
- If you would like to **donate to Family Promise**, scan the Grace QR Code.
- **WWW** invites you to join us on **Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.** in the parlor as we discuss *I Guess I Haven't Learned That Yet* by Shauna Niequist. Together, we'll explore themes of growth, faith, and learning to live differently when the old ways no longer fit. All are welcome! Come as you are and join the Conversation.
- **EYC IS CURRENTLY COLLECTING** individual-ly wrapped candy or small toys (erasers, stickers, etc.) for the Easter Egg Hunt on **April 5th at 9:30a.m.** Please drop off any donations in the marked bin outside the parish hall. 
- **WWW** is asking for YOUR help in our efforts to collect diapers, wipes, and feminine hygiene products support the Anderson County Diaper Bank. Donations may be placed in the cloister. We are grateful to **Louise Knisley** for coordinating collection and delivery on our behalf.
- Lilly forms are available in cloister and outside office door.
- **Lenten Sermon Series Part 4** is today **Sunday, March 15th.**
- **Lenten study Honest to Goodness** by Furman Buchanan, continues today **March 15th at 9:15 a.m.** in the parish library.
- **Evensong service at Grace Church, tonight March 15, 2026 at 5 p.m.**
- **Daughters of the King** will meet **Monday, March 16th at 10 a.m.**
- **Vestry** will meet **Monday, March 16th at 6 p.m.**
- **Guys's Gathering at Grace** will be **Thursday, March 19th at 6 p.m.**
- **Mom's Meet-Up** will be **Saturday, March 21st** at Fig's Café from **9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**
- **Grief Support** will meet **Thursday, March 26th at 10 a.m.**
- **Palm Sunday** is **Sunday March 31st.** 
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Grace Annual BBQ is **October 10, 2026.**
- Our **Easter Breakfast** is on **April 5th from 9-10 a.m.** We need sweet and savory dishes. We also need people for set-up and clean up. Thank you. If interested please contact Cyndi Dougherty at (613) 766-3619. I look forward to seeing you there. 
- **Outreach** is in need to help **Saturday, March 21st.** They will need a group to help prep the garden for planting and a group to help in the kitchen to make cornbread and desserts for the chili cookoff that is being held at St. John's on **Sunday at 4 p.m.**
- **Passion play performers** are needed for the 8 a.m. service **Palm Sunday, March 29th.** Please email Kathe Harris at **kbeach4@charter.net** or see her in the Cloister prior to or after the 8 a.m. service in the coming Sundays to sign up!

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday: Sunday, March 31st
 Maundy Thursday Liturgy: Thursday April 2nd at 6 p.m.
 Stations of the Cross: Friday, April 3rd at 11 a.m.
 Good Friday Liturgy: Friday, April 3rd at Noon
Easter Moring Sunday, April 5th
 Rite I Liturgy 8 a.m.
 Festive Breakfast 9-10 a.m.
 Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 a.m.
 Rite II Liturgy 10:30 a.m.

Lent Madness is happening now! Vote for your favorite saints to see who will win the Golden Halo here: <https://www.lentmadness.org/#Bracket>

Those Who Serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Bill Scott
Second Counter: Tracey Lidlow
Lector: Debbie Hand
Lector: Mary-Harris Edwards
Intercessor: Jodie Webb
Chalice 1: Jane Williams
Chalice 2: Debbie Hand
1st Crucifer: Nathanael Burden
Server/Gospel Bearer: Brett Dixon
Ushers: Cory Trotter, Mike Digby
Linen Guild: Barbara Renaud
Altar Guild: Jodie Webb, Carol Miller, Susan Whatley
Organist/Choirmaster: Steve Grant
Organist Emeritus: Bill Scott

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Stewardship Report	
As of 1/31/2026	
YTD 2026 Revenue	\$40,681
YTD 2026 Expenses	\$40,762
YTD 2026 Deficit	\$81

Those with birthdays this week

Gill Powell
Kenneth Inskeep
Besty Beard
Dole Baker
Nita Colman
Emerson Cox

Baptismal Newbirth Day

01 May

06 May
02 November

Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

Pam Herold	15 March
Ed Sokol	16 March
Jodi Shaw	16 March
Jeri Sellers	21 March

Expectant Parents

Brent and Kirri Kinley
Donovan and Erin Colman

Vestry Members

Kirri Kinley - 2024-2026
Mike Magaha - 2024-2026
Debbie Hand, Sr. Warden - 2024-2026
Henry Todd - 2025-2026
Jodie Webb, Jr. Warden - 2025-2027
Bill Scott - 2025-2027
Cyndi Dougherty - 2025-2027
Heiko Erlenkeuser - 2025-2027
Buddy Bilbrey - 2026-2028
Jamie Ward, Clerk - 2026-2028
JoCarol Titmas - 2026-2028
Tracey Lidlow - 2026-2028

Delegates to the Convention

Janet Rippy
Debbie Hand
Bill Scott
Jamie Ward
Jodie Webb 1st alternate
Carol Miller 2nd alternate
JoCarol Titmas 3rd alternate

Grace Church Endowment

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