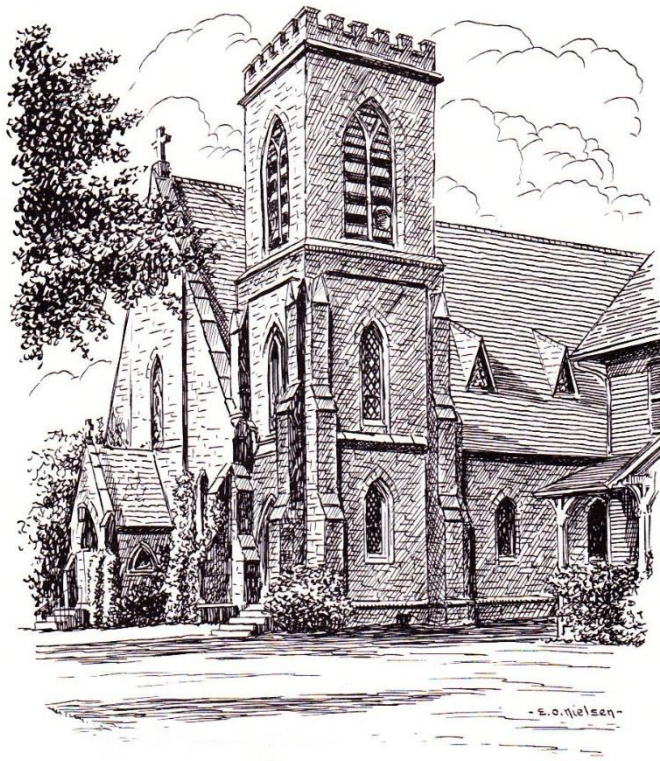


**Third Sunday of Easter**  
**April 14, 2024 10:00am**  
**Online Service**  
**Facebook/YouTube**



**PRELUDE:** Behold What Manner of Love/How Deep the Father's Love For Us  
*by: Patricia Van Tine / Stuart Townsend, arr. Bethany Hamill*  
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## **THE ENTRANCE RITE** (pg. 355, BCP)

### **OPENING HYMN**

HYMN #212                      AWAKE, ARISE, LIFT UP YOUR VOICE

**Awake, arise, lift up your voice, let Easter music swell;  
Rejoice in Christ again rejoice and on his praises dwell.**

**Oh, with what gladness and surprise the saints their Savior greet;  
Nor will they trust their ears and eyes but by his hands and feet,**

**those hands of liberal love indeed in infinite degree,  
those feet still free to move and bleed for millions and for me.**

**His enemies had sealed the stone as Pilate gave them leave,  
Lest dead and friendless and alone he should their skill deceive.**

**O Dead arise! O Friendless stand by seraphim adored!  
O Solitude again command your host from heaven restored!**

*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.*

**Gloria S-280**

*by: Robert Powell*

**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, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE WORD *of GOD***

### **THE LESSONS**

#### **THE FIRST READING**

Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. “And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

*After the reading, the Lay Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

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

## **Psalm 4**

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; \*  
**you set me free when I am hard-pressed;**  
**have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**

"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; \*  
**how long will you worship dumb idols**  
**and run after false gods?"**

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; \*  
**when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.**

Tremble, then, and do not sin; \*  
**speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

Offer the appointed sacrifices \*  
**and put your trust in the Lord.**

Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" \*  
**Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.**

You have put gladness in my heart, \*  
**more than when grain and wine and oil increase.**

I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; \*  
**for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

## **THE EPISTLE:**

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

*After the reading, the Lay Reader says*

The Word of the Lord.

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

## SEQUENCE HYMN

### BLESSED ASSURANCE

*by: Fanny Jane Crosby, Phoebe Palmer Knapp, Chris Brown, Mack Brock*

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

*Refrain:* **This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight! Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)**

**Perfect submission— all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (Refrain)**

**Oh, what a Savior. Wonderful Jesus. Oh, what a Savior. Wonderful Jesus. (2x)  
Death could not hold You. You are victorious. Praise to the risen King. (2x)**  
*(Refrain)*

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## THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

*Then, all still standing, the Minister reads the Gospel, first saying:*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke

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

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”

Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

*After the Gospel, the Reader says*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **THE SERMON**

The Rev. Charles B.W. 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. (Silent Pause). We pray for those in need.

*People:* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader:* We remember those who have died, especially Edgar Otis Miner and Viola Gibilaro 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

CHRIST IS RISEN

*by: Matt Maher, Mia Fieldes*

**Let no one caught in sin remain inside the life of inward shame,  
But fix our eyes upon the cross, and run to Him who showed great love  
And bled for us, freely You've bled for us.**

**Christ is risen from the dead, trampling over death by death—  
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave.  
Christ is risen from the dead, we are one with Him again—  
Come awake, come awake, come and rise up from the grave.**

**Beneath the weight of all our sin, You bowed to none but heaven's will;  
No scheme of hell, no scoffer's crown, no burden great can hold You down.  
In strength You reign; Forever let Your church proclaim.**



**O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?  
O church, come stand in the light; The glory of God has defeated the night.**

**O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?  
O church, come stand in the light; The glory of God has defeated the night.  
Singing: O death, where is your sting? O hell, where is your victory?  
O church, come stand in the light; our God is not dead— He’s alive, He’s alive!**

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**THE OFFERTORY PROCESSION** *The People stand and sing*

HYMN #380, vs. 3

*Lasst uns erfreuen, Thomas Ken*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Faither, Son and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**EUCCHARISTIC 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 S-128** *sung*

*by: William Mathias*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

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,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **THE BREAKING *of the* BREAD**

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **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**

#### **SEE MY HANDS AND FEET**

*by: Mary Louise Bringle, Pleading Savior, J. Leavitt's Christian Lyre*

**Touch that soothes and heals the hurting, hands that break a loaf of bread;  
Steps that walk beside the weary, bearing burdens in their stead:**

*Refrain:* **See my hands and feet, said Jesus, love arisen from the grave.  
Be my hands and feet, said Jesus, live as ones I died to save.**

**Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit ones in need of care,  
Give the homeless warmth and shelter: Christ will find a welcome there. *(Refrain)***

**Love and serve without distinction all earth's people, first and least.  
Know within each act of kindness hope and wholeness are increased. *(Refrain)***

**Hands that beckon little children, bind a wound, prepare a meal;  
Feet that rush to share good tidings, Christ arisen, still reveal. *(Refrain)***

**YOU ARE MY WITNESSES**

*by: Betty Carr Pulkingham*

***Refrain:* You are My witnesses to the ends of the earth.  
You are My witnesses to the ends of the earth.**

**You are My people I love, gentle as dove, wise and harmless ones. *(Refrain)***

**You are My saints of new birth, living on earth, but born from on high. *(Refrain)***

**You are My prophets and priests, proclaiming My feasts, telling the wonders of God.  
*(Refrain)***

**You are My shepherds of sheep, over them keeping watch by night. *(Refrain)***

**You are beloved if God, living His Word, dying His death till He comes. *(Refrain)***

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**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 #182

CHRIST IS ALIVE! LET CHRISTIANS SING

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. His cross stands empty to the sky.  
Let streets and homes with praises ring. His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine,  
He comes to claim the here and now and conquer every place and time.

Not throned above, remotely high, untouched, unmoved by human pains,  
But daily, in the midst of life, our Savior with the Father reigns.

In every insult, rift, and war where color, sorn or wealth divide,  
He suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives, though ever crucified.

Christ is alive! His Spirit burns through this and every future age,  
Till all creation lives and learns his joy, his justice, love, and praise.

## 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:

Blessed Assurance

*by: Fanny Jane Crosby, Phoebe Palmer Knapp, Chris Brown, Mack Brock, arr. Bethany Hamill*

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## **OUR PARTICIPANTS TODAY**

CELEBRANT/PREACHER:	The Rev. Charles Hamill	8 & 10 am
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Scott & Heather Masse	8 am
	Carly Trask-Kuchta	10 am
LECTOR:	Joe Barone	10 am
USHERS:	Nick & Lynn Iacovelli	8 am
	Clyde & Cathy Auger	10 am
NURSERY:	Betty Jo Stosse & Kathryn Naughton	10 am
CAMERA TECH TEAM:	Steve North	10 am
COFFEE HOUR:	Bill & Mary Passera	10 am
ALTAR GUILD:	Angela Larco, Gretchen DiGiannantonio	
FLOWER DELIVERY:	Barbara Harms	

## **GRACE CHURCH STAFF**

Rector, The Rev. Charlie Hamill  
Director of Music, Bethany Hamill  
Digital Communications Director, Kate McKinney  
Sexton, Sherry Schiavone

## **GRACE CHURCH VESTRY**

Senior Warden, Jason Howey  
Junior Warden, Skip Fiorelli  
Treasurer, David Condren  
Clerk, Julie Peace  
Vestry Members: Bob Mulvihill, Heather Masse,  
Lisa DiStasio, Gretchen DiGiannantonio  
Mary Matthews, Peter Knox

**THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH: April 14<sup>th</sup> – April 21<sup>st</sup>**

Today	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sanctuary)
	9:15 am	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sanctuary)
	11:30 am	Grace Church Yard Clean Up
	4:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Monday		OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Undercroft)
	7:00 pm	Grace Church Vestry Meeting (Folsom House)
Wednesday	12:00-1pm	Shoreline Soup Kitchens Community Lunch (Merrill Hall)
	6:30 pm	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
Thursday		
Friday	10:00 am	Women of Grace (Folsom House)
	2:00 pm	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
Saturday	8:00 am	Men's Discipleship Gathering (Merrill Hall)
Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I with music and Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	9:15 am	Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music and Holy Communion (Sanctuary)
	4:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)

## **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, Jennifer, Lisa, Andrea, Lucinda, Hilda, Bryan, Barbara and Jon Zakhar, Laura & Tommy Urban, Earlene Bell, Aurelia Knox, Sarah Craig, Joyce, Len Pass, James, Marguerite, Frank Roman, Penny, Margie, Bill Ross, Emily, Dalton, Susan, Valerie and Richard Beers, Mary, Doug Hamill, JJ Evola and family, Jane Hamill, Kathi Jones, Cheryl Dudek, Debra Sticht, Elsie, Donna, Alicia Winalski and family, Janet Viets, Marilyn, Amber, Barbara Bowie, Dick Watson, Carter, Judy Cowper, Emily, Robert Soudan, Charlie Brinley, Alan, Bill, Hannah, Jim Donahue, Donna, Carol Wilson, Sheila, Cherie, Kathy, Julie, Bill, Kate, Coral, James, Cathy, Nicole Walker and family, Barbara LaChance, Anthony and Kirsten.

**FOR THOSE IN SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY:** Travis Board, Nathaniel Burnham, Todd Buroff, Tami Morgan, Adam Randle and Susan Eaccarino.

**FOR OUR MINISTERS AND MISSIONS:** Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our presiding Bishop; Jeff and Laura, our Bishops; Charlie, Ellen and Bill, our priests; and for: Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Common Good Gardens, Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services, Early Head Start, the AA groups that meet at Grace Church, Boy Scout Troop 51, Patrick Dominguez and his church planting effort and Kateri Medical Services in Nigeria. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. Peter's, Milford; Trinity, Milton; St. Peter's Grace, Monroe. And for hospital chaplains; Stephen Ministers; pastoral care groups; ministries of healing; nurses; wellness programs; recovery ministries.



## **GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Women of Grace (WOG) beginning new study!**

Women of Grace began a new study on April 5. We are using a book from the Women of Faith study series called *Spiritual Revival* by Maragret Feinburg. We meet **Friday mornings at 10 am** in the Folsom House.

For more information please contact Kathy Bartus (8 am) or Kate Mason (10 am). Phone, text or email works also.

### **Grace Church Men's Discipleship. Next Meeting April 20th!**

#### **Meeting in Merrill Hall at Grace Church 8am-10am**

On the 3rd Saturdays (sometimes the 4th!) of each month from 8am-10am, beginning in October, Pastor Charlie will gather with the men of Grace Church looking for fellowship and deeper discipleship in Jesus Christ. The first hour we gather for light breakfast and fellowship to get to know each other. During the second hour we delve into some Scripture and readings from various Christian spiritual classics. Through the readings and asking questions, we are hoping to strengthen our walk with Jesus, grow in the grace and knowledge of God, and learn to support one another as brothers in Christ. For more info contact Pastor Charlie at [gracechurchrector@gmail.com](mailto:gracechurchrector@gmail.com)

### **Grace Church Buildings and Grounds Cleanup Day! Sunday April 14**

Join us Sunday April 14th following the **10 am** service for a day to prep the property for spring mowing season. We are looking for volunteers to help walk the grounds to pick up big sticks and any trash in preparation for our landscaping team to start mowing soon. In addition, we will be looking for a few people to help bring up the patio furniture and empty the basement room of items in preparation for turning it into a new church office. Also, if anyone wants to help weed out the small garden around the patio, we would be grateful! Extra snacks will be available at coffee to add some energy! Hope to see you on Sunday April 14th!

### **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 information please contact Barbara Bowie at [coljim95@gmail.com](mailto:coljim95@gmail.com) or Betty Salldin at [bettysalldin@gmail.com](mailto:bettysalldin@gmail.com).

### **Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Line**

Here's how it works...If you need prayer for something, call one of the Prayer Line Chairpersons (Joyce Brinley and Barbara Bowie). Either use your directory or call the church office for their contact info.

Please briefly tell them your request. The Prayer Line will take it from there. The Chairperson will pass the prayer on to a Prayer Team member, who will pass it to the next Prayer Team member, and so on. Once a member hangs up the phone, the intercession begins! The Prayer Line is available to receive requests **9:00am to 8:30pm**. Typically the Prayer Line requests for the day go out to members about 7:00pm. However, requests of an emergency nature will be passed on immediately. We are so grateful to have this ministry active again. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to have your brothers and sisters in Christ lift up your requests to God.

### **Men's Bible Study now meeting on Fridays at 2pm on Zoom!**

For more information on this Men's Bible Study please feel free to email Charley Bates at [charley.bates@yahoo.com](mailto:charley.bates@yahoo.com) or you can go to our website to find info for the meeting. <https://www.graceoldsaybrook.org/mens-bible-study>. Currently the men are studying the Book of Revelation.

### **Ministry Matters: Flower Deliverers and Eucharistic Visitors**

Each month we will profile a couple of the ministries at Grace Church to raise awareness of the ministries as well as offer the opportunity for people to join the teams!

#### **Flower Deliverers:**

This ministry consists of delivering the Sunday altar flowers to parishioners who may be sick, hospitalized, homebound, bereaved or even as a special thank you. Each week one of our volunteers confers with Pastor Charlie or the Altar Guild as to who may need flowers that week. The volunteer calls the parishioner in need and schedules a time to drop off the flowers on Sunday or soon after. This ministry is an integral part of being “sent” to share the love of Christ with others. If you are interested in serving as a Flower Deliverer please talk with Pastor Charlie.

#### **Eucharistic Visitors:**

This ministry serves the homebound parishioners of Grace as well as the extended community in certain circumstances. Our visitors go to homes, hospitals, rehab and nursing facilities to bring communion, visit with, and pray or sing with those they are visiting and any friends or family who may also be present. As with the flower delivery, this ministry is also an integral part of being “sent” to share the love and presence of Christ. If you or someone you know would like (or needs) a Eucharistic visit, or if you would like to join the ministry, please talk with Pastor Charlie.

## **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 [www.graceoldsaybrook.org](http://www.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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