

Trinity Sunday

June 4, 2023 10:00am

Grace Episcopal Church

Old Saybrook, CT

Online Service

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PRELUDE

WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR
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by: Dawn Rodgers, Eric Wyse

THE ENTRANCE RITE (pg. 355, BCP)

OPENING HYMN

Hymn #371

THOU, WHOSE ALMIGHTY WORD

Thou, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray, and, where the Gospel day sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!

Thou who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind, now to all humankind,
Let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy Dove, speed forth thy flight!
Move on the waters' face bearing the gifts of grace, and, in earth's darkest place,
Let there be light!

Holy and blessed Three, glorious Trinity, wisdom, love, might;
Boundless as ocean tide, rolling in fullest pride, through the world, far and wide,
Let there be light!

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

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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD *of* GOD

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 1:1-2:4a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so.

The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created

After the reading, the Lay Reader says
The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8

The congregation remains seated

O Lord, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.

There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.

All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.

You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.

You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; *
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.

He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.

May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the Lord.

Bless the Lord, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

THE EPISTLE:

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

HOW GREAT IS OUR GOD *by: Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jesse Reeves*
+ Refrain to HOW GREAT THOU ART *by: Stuart Wesley Keene Hine*

**The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.**

Chorus: **How great is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great, how great is our God!**

**And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, Beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb. (Chorus)**

**Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing: How great is our God! (2x)**

Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee:
How great Thou art, how great Thou art. *(Chorus)*

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20

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

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

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

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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 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 Kay and Joe Bartus 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.**

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

YOU ARE HOLY *by: Christine Byrd, Steve Hindalong*
+ Hymn #488 BE THOU MY VISION, vs. 1

Praise Father God, Giver of life, power and might, goodness and light, Ruler of all.
Praise to the Son, the living Christ; Body and blood, mercy and love, sweet sacrifice.

You are holy, holy. You are holy, holy.

Praise Holy Ghost, Voice in the dark; Healer and Friend,
fire and wind, Lord of our hearts.
Praise Father God, praise to the Son, praise Holy Ghost,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; all else be nought to me, save that thou art –
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

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THE OFFERTORY PROCESSION *The People stand and sing*

DOXOLOGY *by: Thomas Ken, Jimmy Owens*

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

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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. For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. 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-130

by: Franz Peter Schubert, arr. Richard Proulx

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

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

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest. 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

GLORIFY THY NAME

by: Donna Adkins

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You, glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You, glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You, glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name in all the earth.

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THERE IS A REDEEMER

by: Melody Green

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Chorus: **Thank You, O my Father, for giving us Your Son,**

And leaving Your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;

Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain. *(Chorus)*

When I stand in glory, I will see His face;

And there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place. *(Chorus)*

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LISTEN TO OUR HEARTS

by: Geoff Moore, Steven Curtis Chapman

How do you explain, how do you describe,

a love that goes from east to west, and runs as deep as it is wide.

You know all our hopes, Lord, You know all our fears.

And words cannot express the love we feel but we long for You to hear.

Chorus: So listen to our hearts, and hear our spirits sing
A song of praise that flows from those You have redeemed.
We will use the words we know to tell You what an awesome God You are.
But words are not enough to tell You of our love, so listen to our hearts.

If words could fall like rain from these lips of mine,
And if I had a thousand years, Lord, I would still run out of time.
If you listen to my heart, every beat will say:
“Thank You for the life, thank You for the truth, thank You for the way.” *(Chorus)*

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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 #362

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY! LORD GOD ALMIGHTY!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, hoy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity.

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

HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME
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by: Michael W. Smith

OUR PARTICIPANTS TODAY

CELEBRANT/PREACHER:	The Rev. Charles Hamill	8 & 10am
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Kathy Bartus	8 am
	Tom Larco	10 am
LECTOR:	The Board Family	10 am
USHERS:	Al Buroff, Keith Coughlin	8 am
	Fred & Karen Kmietek	10 am
CAMERA TECH TEAM:	Kyle Trask-Kuchta	
ALTAR GUILD:	Joan Trzcinski, Bunnie Lubs	
FLOWER DELIVERY:	The Holy Spirit	

GRACE CHURCH STAFF

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Dale Schneider, Cherie Suhie,
Lisa DiStasio, Gretchen DiGiannantonio

THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH: June 4th – June 11th

Today	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sanctuary)
	4:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Monday		OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday	9:00 am	Common Good Gardens—volunteers gather behind church
	7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Wednesday	12:00-1pm	Shoreline Soup Kitchens Community Lunch (Merrill Hall)
Thursday	9:00 am	Common Good Gardens-- volunteers gather behind church
Friday	10:00 am	Women of Grace (Folsom House)
	2:00 pm	Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
Saturday	9:00 am	Common Good Gardens—volunteers gather behind church
Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sanctuary)
	4:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)

SUMMER OUTDOOR SERVICES IN CHURCH BACKYARD!!

Last Saturday of the Month June, July & August at 5pm with Holy Communion
Saturday June 24, July 29 & August 26

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, Janice, Andrea, Lucinda, Hilda, Bryan, Barbara and Jon Zakhar, Laura & Tommy Urban, Dee Labelle, Thomas Burnham, Earlene Bell, Aurelia Knox, Sarah Craig, Joyce, Marjorie, Len Pass, Eugene Williams, James, Marguerite, Kay Hall, Frank Roman, Penny, Margie, Jordan Forest, Bill Ross, Emily, Valerie and Richard Beers, Mary, Doug Hamill, Honey, JJ Evola and family, Jane Hamill, Donna Crooks, Kathi Jones, Cheryl Dudek, Debra Sticht, Elsie, Donna, Alicia Winalski and family, Janet Viets, Michael, Amber, David, Barbara Bowie, Patti, Dick Watson, John, Carter, Judy Cowper, Linda, Emily, Robert Soudan, Charlie Brinley, Leah, Bill Benway and Father Bill.

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

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 Christ Church, Norwalk; Iglesia Betania, Stamford; St. Andrew's, Northford.

GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Common Good Gardens Needs You – Here's How You Can Help

- Garden with us on Tuesday, Thursday and/or Saturday mornings in the garden behind Grace Church
- Pick up produce from local Farm Markets
- Deliver produce to Old Saybrook, Niantic and/or Old Lyme pantries
- Help with PR
- Help with Fundraising
- Help with Volunteer Recruiting and Nurturing

For more information please contact Julie Peace at wpeace@snet.net.

Women of Grace (WOG) began a new 12-week study on Friday, 4/28, called: “Twelve Women of the Bible.” Each week we will watch a video on a different woman of the Bible and then discuss.

All Grace Church women are welcome. We meet at **10:00 a.m.** on **Friday mornings** in the Folsom House. No personal invitations are necessary. For more information contact Kathy Bartus or Christy Burnham. Phone numbers and email addresses are in the church directory. OR speak to Kathy after the 8:00 a.m. service, or Christy after the 10:00 a.m. service. We are hoping to have some new members join us for lively conversation, prayer and most importantly sharing the importance of having Jesus as our guide in the modern world.

Men's Bible Study 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 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 Acts.

Grace Church Men's Discipleship.

Meeting in Merrill Hall at Grace Church 8am-10am on 3rd Saturdays

On the 3rd Saturdays of each month from 8am-10am, Pastor Charlie will gather with the men of Grace Church looking for fellowship and deeper discipleship in Jesus Christ. The first hour we will gather for light breakfast and fellowship to get to know each other. During the second hour we will 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**.

Altar Flower Memorials

The Altar Guild is accepting donations for Sunday altar flowers made out to **"Grace Church Altar Guild"** in memory of loved ones. For more information: contact Barbara Bowie **coljim95@gmail.com** or Betty Salldin **bettysalldin@sbcglobal.net**.

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 receives requests from **9:00am to 8:30pm**. Typically the Prayer Line requests for the day go out to members about 7:00pm. However, requests of an emergency nature will be passed on immediately. 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.

Food Pantry Donation Basket at Grace Church

We continue to accept non-perishable food donations. The basket will remain outside the main side entrance to Grace Church 24/7. If you are curious as to what kind of food they are in need of most you can go to the Shoreline Soup Kitchen & Pantries (SSKP) website. However, typical food needs include soup cans, peanut butter, canned vegetables, rice and cereal. In addition, you can always make a cash donation to SSKP. Thank you for your ongoing donations to feed those in need along the shoreline!

Sunday and Holiday Sermon CD's and Grace Church Newsletters...

If you're interested in sharing or hearing the sermons again, you can order a CD with any Sunday's Sermon from our Digital Media Communications Director, Kate McKinney. In addition to our CD ministry, would you like to receive an email (digital) version of our monthly newsletter with updated events and pastoral notes and letters? For more info on the getting on the newsletter email list or to order CD's with the Sunday Sermons, email Kate at gracechurchdigital@gmail.com, leave a message for her at the church phone: **860-388-0895**, or catch her after the 10am service on certain Sundays.

“To Know Jesus...and To Make Him Known”

Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church in Old Saybrook

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). Go to our website graceoldsaybrook.org for more info and for bulletins to download for the 10am live-stream service.

Whether you are just exploring a new spiritual direction, curious about the Episcopal Church, or are ready to find a new church home, feel free to fill out a welcome card and place it in the collection plate, sign our guest book, or contact the church by phone or email for more info.

Grace Church is a close-knit community called by God to share the healing love of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. We are also engaged in the greater local and regional community in various outreach ministries as well. If interested, ask us how you can get involved in what Christ is doing at Grace, in Old Saybrook and Connecticut!! Or better yet, tell us where you find God at work in your life, and tell us how we can help or get involved!

If you have any questions feel free to call, email or Facebook us.

We hope your visit to Grace was Spirit-filled, welcoming and meaningful.

In Christ,

The Rev. Charlie Hamill, Rector, and the People of Grace Church

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