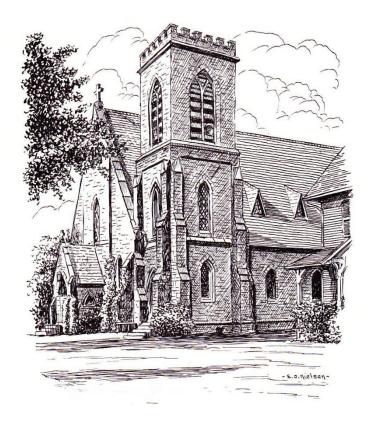
Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024 10:00am Online Service Facebook/YouTube



PRELUDE:

Psalm 23 by: Stuart Townend, arr. Bethany Hamill CCLI # 1585970, License #338180

THE ENTRANCE RITE (pg. 355, BCP)

OPENING HYMN

HYMN #205 GOOD CHRISTIANS ALL, REJOICE AND SING

vs. 1, 3–5

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die, And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia!

Your Name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

To God the Father, God the Son, to God the Spirit, always One, We sing for life in us begun: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD of GOD

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is `the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.

Acts 4:5-12

He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE EPISTLE:

1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us - and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

HYMN #645 vs. 1, 2, 4, 6

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth, And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; Thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

THE GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

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 said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

PeopleThe Gospel of the Lord.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 Arch & Steffe Buroff, 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

COME AWAY FROM RUSH AND HURRY by: Marva J. Dawn, Natalie Sleeth, Promise

Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace; From our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ to find release. Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace; Come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's grace.

In the pastures of God's goodness we lie down to rest our soul. From the waters of God's mercy we drink deeply, are made whole. At the table of God's presence all the saints are richly fed. With the oil of God's anointing into service we are led.

Come, then, children, with your burdens – life's confusions, fears, and pain. Leave them at the cross of Jesus, take instead his kingdom's reign. Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them – he alone will satisfy. All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.

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!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCHARISTIC 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:

by: William Mathias

Sanctus S-128 sung 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

CelebrantAlleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;PeopleTherefore 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

AS THE DEER by: Martin Nystrom

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after You. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.

Chorus: You alone are strength, my shield; To You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.

You're my friend and You are my brother, even though You are a King. I love You more than any other, so much more than anything. *(Chorus)*

I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy. You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye. *(Chorus)* You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.

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GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT by: Omer Westendorf, Robert E. Kreutz

Refrain: You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat; Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.

As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice; So when You call Your family, Lord, we follow and rejoice. (*Refrain*)

With joyful lips we sing to You our praise and gratitude, That You should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heavenly food. (*Refrain*)

Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured? Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord? (*Refrain*)

The mystery of Your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell; Whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. (*Refrain*)

You give Yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be, To serve each other in Your name in truth and charity. (*Refrain*)

Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat. Gift of finest wheat.

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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 #708 SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need thy tender care; In thy pleasant pastures feed us; for our use thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

Early let us seek thy favor, early let us learn thy will; Do thou, Lord, our only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill. Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us: love us still.

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:

God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him (Hymn #379) by: Timothy Rees, Abbot's Leigh, Cyril Vincent Taylor, arr. Bethany Hamill

OUR PARTICIPANTS TODAY

CELEBRANT/PREACHER:	The Rev. Charles Hamill	8 & 10 am
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	John Klages	8 am
	Betty Jo Stosse	10 am
LECTOR:	Michelle Kapp	10 am
USHERS:	Keith Coughlin, Elizabeth Davey	8 am
	Fred Kmietek, Penny Coleman	10 am
NURSERY:	Meredith Hall, Karen Mulvihill	10 am
CAMERA TECH TEAM:	Ken Soudan	10 am
COFFEE HOUR:	Skip Fiorelli & Linda Santangelo	10 am
ALTAR GUILD:	Karen Newton, Joan Trzcinski	
FLOWER DELIVERY:	Betty Jo Stosse	

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 DiGiannatonio Mary Matthews, Peter Knox

THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH: April 21st – April 28th

Today	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sanctuary) Choir Practice (Sanctuary) Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sanctuary) Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Monday	1	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Undercroft)
Wednesday	12:00-1pm 6:30 pm	Shoreline Soup Kitchens Community Lunch (Merrill Hall) Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
Thursday		
Friday	10:00 am 2:00 pm	Women of Grace (Folsom House) Men's Bible Study (Zoom)
Saturday		
Sunday	8:00 am 9:15 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm	Holy Eucharist, Rite I with Holy Communion (Sanctuary) Choir Practice (Sanctuary) Holy Eucharist, Rite II with music and Holy Communion (Sanctuary) 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, 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. Mark's, Mystic; St. Michael's, Naugatuck; St. Mark's, New Britain. And for clergy whose work is not in parishes; multivocational priests; clergy of ECCT whose ministry is carried out in other countries or dioceses.

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 Folsum 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 May 25th! 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**.

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** or Betty Salldin at **bettysalldin@gmail.com**.

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 or you can go to our website to find info for the meeting: <u>https://www.graceoldsaybrook.org/mens-bible-study</u>. 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.

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.

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 <u>www.graceoldsaybrook.org</u> 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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