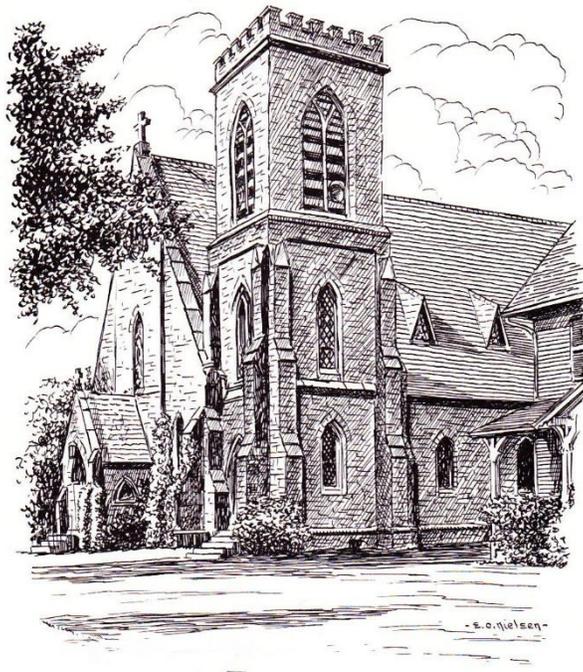


Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023 10:00am
Online Service
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Grace Episcopal Church
336 Main St, Old Saybrook, CT

PRELUDE

LORD YOU ARE SO PRECIOUS TO ME

by: Graham Kendrick

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THE ENTRANCE RITE (pg. 355, BCP)

OPENING HYMN

HYMN #511

HOLY SPIRIT, EVER LIVING

**Holy Spirit, ever living as the Church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving through her in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming in the Church the mind of Christ;
Thee we praise with endless worship for thy fruits and gifts unpriced.**

**Holy Spirit, ever working through the Church's ministry;
Quickening, strengthening and absolving, setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age, and soul to soul,
In a fellowship unending thee we worship and extol.**

A PENITENTIAL ORDER

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

***People* His mercy endures for ever.**

The celebrant reads

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:14, 16

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

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.**

congregation stands and sings

MASS OF PEACE - KYRIE

by: Dave Moore, ICEL, and Lauren Moore

**Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy.
Christe eleison. Christ have mercy.
Kyrie eleison. Lord have mercy.**

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THE COLLECT *of the DAY*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

***People* And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD *of GOD*

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling,

and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 130

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice; *

let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss, *
O Lord, who could stand?

For there is forgiveness with you; *
therefore you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; *
in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord,
more than watchmen for the morning, *
more than watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the Lord, *
for with the Lord there is mercy;

With him there is plenteous redemption, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

THE EPISTLE

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

YOU ARE MY KING (AMAZING LOVE)

by: Billy J. Foote

**I'm forgiven because You were forsaken. I'm accepted; You were condemned.
I'm alive and well, Your Spirit is within me because You died and rose again.**

Chorus: **Amazing love, how can it be that You, my King, would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it's true; it's my joy to honor You.
In all I do I honor You.**

**You are my King, You are my King.
Jesus, You are my King. Jesus, You are my King. (Chorus)**

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THE GOSPEL

John 11:1-45

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

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

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

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world."

When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward

and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

Deacon or other leader

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy".

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, for Jeff and Laura our own Bishops, for all bishops and other ministers, and for all the holy people of God, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all who fear God and believe in you, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as you and the Father are one, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth. We pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the peace of the world, especially today in Russia and Ukraine, that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer. Please add your own petitions either out loud or in silence. (Silent Pause) We pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For our enemies and those who wish us harm; and for all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, O Lord.

***People:* Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends, and

neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: For all who have died in the communion of your Church, especially Thomas and Donna DiMauro for whom the altar flowers were provided, and those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Leader: Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People: To you, O Lord our God.

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



THE OFFERTORY

HEALER OF MY SOUL

by: John Michael Talbot

Healer of my soul, keep me at even.
Keep me at morning, keep me at noon, Healer of my soul.

Keeper of my soul, on rough course faring.
Help and safeguard my means this night, Keeper of my soul.

I am tired, astray and stumbling, shield my soul from the snare of sin.

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OFFERTORY PROCESSION

LORD, AS TO THY DEAR CROSS WE FLEE

St. Columba

**Lord, as to Thy dear cross we flee,
And plead to be forgiven,
So let Thy life our pattern be,
And form our souls for heav'n.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer unto ourselves, but unto him who died for us and rose again.

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:

Celebrant and People

Hymn S-129 (*sung*)

SANCTUS

**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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

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 before he died for us, 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, according to his command O Father:

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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 Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The following may be said

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, **have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world, **grant us your peace.**

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 SONG

Hymn #335

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

I am the bread of life; they who come to me shall not hunger;

They who believe in me shall not thirst.

No one can come to me unless the Father draw them.

Refrain: **And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up on the last day.**

The Bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world,

And they who eat of this bread, they shall live forever, they shall live forever. (*Refrain*)

Refrain: **And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up on the last day.**

**Unless you eat of the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his Blood,
You shall not have life within you, you shall not have life within you. (*Refrain*)**

**I am the resurrection, I am the life.
They who believe in me, even if they die, they shall live forever. (*Refrain*)**

**Yes, Lord we believe that you are the Christ,
the Son of God who has come into the world. (*Refrain*)**

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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (pg. 365, BCP)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

HYMN #495

HAIL, THOU ONCE DESPISED JESUS

Hail, thou once despised Jesus! Hail, thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us; thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou universal Savior, bearer of our sin and shame!
By thy merit we find favor: life is given through thy Name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on thee were laid:
By almighty love anointed, thou hast full atonement made.
All thy people are forgiven through the virtue of thy blood:
Opened is the gate of heaven, reconciled are we with God.

Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory, there forever to abide;
All the heavenly hosts adore thee, seated at thy Father's side.
There for sinners thou art pleading: there thou didst our place prepare;
Ever for us interceding, till in glory we appear.

Worship, honor, power, and blessing thou art worthy to receive;
Highest praises, without ceasing, right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits, all your noblest anthems raise;
Help to sing our Savior's merits, help to chant Emmanuel's praise!

THE DISMISSAL

After the Recessional the Priest or Deacon says

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Celebrant and People

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

FAMOUS ONE

by: Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves

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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, Nancy, 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, Justin Iondo, Margie, Jordan Forest, Bill Ross, Emily, Valerie and Richard Beers, Mary, Doug Hamill, Honey, JJ Evola and family, Will, Lois Connell, Marla, Sunny, Kay O'Day, Jane Hamill, Donna Crooks, Kathi Jones, Cheryl Dudek, Debra Sticht, Elsie, Donna, Alicia Winalski and family, Bethany & Ben, Elizabeth Davey, Dianne Warley, Janet Viets, Michael, Amber, David, Jean, Mary Beth, Barbara Bowie, Tanya, Phil, Patti, Dick Watson, John, Elizabeth Davey, Carter, Judy Cowper Linda, Christina Gleason, Emily, Jackson, Oliver, Robert Soudan and Connie Ross.

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

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 All Saints', Meriden; St. Andrew's, Meriden; Christ Church, Middle Haddam. And for Collaborative ministries and Ministry Networks.

PARTICIPANTS:

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Elizabeth Davey	8 am
	Jason Howey	10 am
LECTOR:	John Martin	10 am
USHERS:	Jacquelyn Mitchell, Michelle Briggs	8 am
	Gretchen DiGiannantonio, Steve North	10 am
CAMERA TECH TEAM	Kyle Trask-Kuchta	
ALTAR GUILD:	Karen Newton, Joan Trzcinski	
FLOWER DELIVERY:	Betty Jo Stosse	

GRACE CHURCH STAFF

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Music Director, Bethany Hamill
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Junior Warden, Ken Soudan
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Clerk, Julie Peace
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Dale Schneider, Heather Masse,
Lisa DiStasio, Gretchen DiGiannantonio

THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH: Mar 26th – April 2nd

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 7:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)

Wednesday 12:00-1pm Shoreline Soup Kitchens Community Lunch (Merrill Hall)
 7:00 pm Lenten Evening Prayer (Sanctuary, NO Holy Communion)

Thursday

Friday 10:00 am Women of Grace (Folsom House)
 2:00 pm Men's Bible Study (Zoom)

Saturday

Sunday PALM SUNDAY SERVICE with Procession of the Palms
 8:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sanctuary)
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sanctuary)
 4:00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)

Church Offices Hours:

Monday, Closed

Tuesday–Friday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lent Evening Prayer on Wednesdays at 7pm in Grace Church sanctuary Wed. March 29 and April 5

Join us on Wednesday evenings in Lent for a short service of Evening Prayer with prayer, Scripture and reflections on classic spiritual disciplines. Each evening we will briefly discuss two of twelve spiritual disciplines that have been used over the centuries to draw Christians closer to Christ and one another. The evening will run about 7-7:45pm. The service may also be live-streamed, keep an ear out for more info on that!

Women of Grace (WOG) beginning new study on the book of James!

All Grace Church women are welcome. We meet at **10:00 a.m. on Friday mornings**. 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.

Grace Church Men's Discipleship. NO Meeting in April!

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 church by email 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.

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 or 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.



PLEDGE, WALK, DONATE

**American Legion's Walk-a-thon
for CT Children's Medical Center (CCMC)
at Grace Church, 336 Main Street, Old Saybrook
April 15th, 2023 ~ 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM**

**Contact Frazier Brinley for more info:
fb.pnh05@gmail.com**

**and you can go to Grace Church's website for info
and to download pledge sheets**

<https://www.graceoldsaybrook.org/special-events>

HOLY WEEK 2023

Palm Sunday Sunday April 2

8am & 10am with Holy Communion and Palm Procession
(10am service will be live-streamed)

Wednesday April 5

Healing Service with Holy Communion and Anointing with Oil
10am

Lenten Evening Prayer (Sanctuary, NO Holy Communion)
7pm (live-streamed)

Maundy Thursday Thursday April 6

6pm Holy Communion service with potluck dinner in Merrill Hall
followed by Service of Stripping of the Altar in sanctuary
Grace Church will provide entrée and beverages, and we ask that all who come
bring either a side or dessert.
(no live-stream)

Good Friday Friday April 7

12 Noon (No Holy Communion)
(service will be live-streamed)

Easter Sunday! Sunday April 9

8am & 10am with Holy Communion
(10am service will be live-streamed)

“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), 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 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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