

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

• VISION FOR THE FUTURE •

We believe that Grace Church is called to be that “city on a hill” where people of all races and cultures can come to build their relationships with God and others.

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WELCOME

HYMN • LEVAS 69 *Sung by all, standing.*
In the garden

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE KYRIE

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON • GENESIS 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'"

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

PSALM 37:1-12, 41-42

- 1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- 2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.

ALSO OF NOTE

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER MISSION TRIP TO DOOR CHICAGO Youth (currently in 8th Grade through graduating seniors) are invited to participate in Grace Church's summer mission trip June 16-21 to Chicago, IL with DOOR (Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection). Through service work and community interactions participants will seek the face of God in the city. DOOR Chicago has a particular focus on racial justice and community organizing. To learn more about this experience, please contact Rev. Amanda. The registration deadline is March 1.

REFUGEE MINISTRY UPDATE Grace Church Sunday School students, who made welcome posters for family when they arrived, recently made flash cards and bookmarks for the family and also held a book drive. There are still many ways to help, and if you would like to volunteer, please email Katrina Kugel at katrinaemerson@yahoo.com. If you would like to make a financial contribution, you can write a check to Grace Church with "Refugee Ministry" written in the memo line, or for a credit card donation, please contact Gib Baily, our Financial Officer, at gib@graceepiscopalchurch.org

PASTORAL CARE

There are many ways to connect with Grace Church in times of joy and need. To share news or request pastoral support, please call the parish office (301-585-3515), and outside of office hours, the church voicemail will direct you to the clergy. To add a name to the prayer list, please email our Parish Administrator, Sunny Simmons, at sunny@graceepiscopalchurch.org.

Throughout the week, the clergy and Grace Church chapter of the Daughters of the King pray for the people listed on our prayer list. The Daughters of the King also pray daily for those who submit prayer requests via the prayer box in the chapel. Please join us by holding these people in your hearts and prayers. Names will remain on the Friends of Grace prayer list for four weeks.

GRACE CHURCH MEMBERS

Treva & Joy Alston; Marc Biagas; Marnie Brown; Belva Burney; Denise Brown-Collie; Louise Clark; Michael Clark; Wayne Clarke & family; Kennita Collard; Deborah M. Copeland; Steve Crockett; Jim Henley & Family; Mary Hughes; Maria Jenkins; Natalie Jensen; Laurie Joyner; Roberta Kiawu; Ethel Lockett; Mary Lyons; Evelyn McKetty; Louise Mitchell & family; Monica and Nigel Scott; Paul & Fay Webber; Clyde Wheeler; Helen Wheeler; and Elizabeth & Manny Wilson.

FRIENDS OF GRACE

Cecily Buckley (mother of Ruth Buckley); Jocelyn Simon (friend of Susan and Andrew Walter); Thomas Reich (nephew of Martha Obusek); Tim Chappell (friend of Debbie Harrison); Ben Huston (great-grandson of Steve Dean & Pam Hinds, Beverly Dean (sister-in-law of Steve Dean); David Tasman & Geoffrey Burns (friends of Sarah & Jason Williams); Barbara Hundley-LaCour (Godmother of Kara Nicole Jones); and Laura Wood (friend of Gail and Kirby Rowe).

Blessings to all those celebrating birthdays this week: Muriel Best, Dana Bradford, William Cameron, Brigitte Herron, Noe Jacobs, Marilyn Lynk, Clement Williams, Brannon Chisholm, Tracy Holmes, Emeric Nicol, and Bill Scott.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Andrew W. Walter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Standing or kneeling, as you prefer.*

Intercessor That we may see God's presence in the lives of even the enemy, let us offer to God the needs of the whole world, standing or kneeling as you prefer, saying: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Living God, you spoke to your people of old. Give to your church ears to hear your voice speaking in our day, even through those we name as enemy. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Lord, for the nations of the world we pray. Let not anger consume us. Take away from us false virtue, and break down all dividing walls of hostility. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Lord, in Jesus you called us to sacrificial love. Enable us to serve all those in need, the poor, the homeless, the sick, and the dying. Especially we pray for Treva & Joy; Marc; Marnie; Belva; Denise; Louise; Michael; Wayne & family; Kennita; Deborah; Steve; Jim & Family; Mary; Maria; Natalie; Laurie; Roberta; Ethel; Mary; Evelyn; Louise & family; Monica & Nigel; Paul & Fay; Clyde; Helen; and Elizabeth & Manny. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Lord, through the hardships of the Hebrew leaders you preserved the life of your people. Comfort all those in distress. Make of human suffering a gracious gift of life for others. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Lord, in Jesus you have given us the first fruit of your dominion. Plant your life-giving Spirit in us and in our land, that we may bring forth justice and peace. Lord, in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for the special needs and concerns of this community. We pray for our Muslim and Jewish brothers and sisters, that all children of Abraham may live together in peace and strive for the Kingdom of God. We pray for the men and women serving in the armed forces, that they and their families may be sustained by grace. We pray for our Vestry, staff, lay leaders, and Day School faculty and staff, that God may guide them in their work and ministry.

And now, let us offer to God the names of those for whom we pray, either silently or aloud.

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

Celebrant Lord, who formed humanity of the dust of the earth, reform us into the likeness of your Christ. May your mercy pour into our laps. May we see ourselves as one with those we accuse and so know the joy of forgiveness given and received, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

TODAY AT GRACE

ADULT FORUM: REFLECTIONS ON ROME Join our seminarian, Jean Cotting, as she speaks about her recent study abroad experience in the Eternal City and the topic of Christian unity, sharing the spiritual significance of being surprised not only by new experiences but also by new insights into the familiar. Adult Forum takes place at 9:30 a.m. in the Undercroft.

MINISTRY VISIT TO SUNDAY SCHOOL The last Sunday of the month is a "Ministry Visit" Sunday in Sunday School. Instead of meeting in their individual classes, children stay together in the multi-purpose room for a special visit from representatives of a Grace Church ministry. Next Sunday, leaders from Wade in the Water, our Ministry for Racial Justice, will lead an engaging conversation and kids' activity. We will learn about God's call to young people in the Bible to be leaders for love, justice, and mercy - and how young people of the Civil Rights Movement took up this call and changed the world.

BECAUSE OF THEM WE CAN: CELEBRATING CHILDREN OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT In celebration of Black History Month, we invite church families to participate in an event which focuses on children of the civil rights movement. We invite you all to purchase a copy of "Child of the Civil Rights Movement" written by children's book author Paula Young Shelton, daughter of Civil Rights activist, Andrew Young. (Please purchase the book using this link: https://www.amazon.com/dp/B004GTLFGO/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?_encoding=UTF8&btcr=1) Join us for a discussion of this engaging and award winning book following the 10:30 am service in the Multipurpose Room of the Parish Hall building. Refreshments will be served.

PENNYWORTH OPEN HOUSE The Pennyworth Board would like to invite the church family to come and see the new Pennyworth shop at Grace House next Sunday after the 10:30 service. Come and see the great work the Men's group have done, learn how you can help (and maybe buy some plastic shelves and storage bins which need new homes), learn about what to donate to keep this Grace Ministry going. The Open house for volunteers will be from 10-11 on Saturday February 23.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON WORSHIP @ 5:30 P.M. Every Sunday afternoon at 5:30, we hold a worship service featuring great gospel music, including all of our favorite hymns from *Lift Every Voice and Sing*. If you cannot make it to church on Sunday morning, join us in the afternoon!

CRIB NURSERY AVAILABLE We love having our youngest parishioners in worship, but for parents who would like it, we also have the Grace Crib Nursery to provide childcare for infants through 3-year-olds. The nursery is located downstairs in the Undercroft.

CHANGING STATIONS ALSO AVAILABLE For families who need them, changing tables are available in the bathroom just off the sanctuary, which you can find by taking the exit door near the organ, and in the handicap accessible bathroom on the undercroft level, located across the undercroft from the kitchen. If you need help finding your way, the ushers will gladly direct you.

THIS WEEK

STROLLING SENIORS TRIP – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28 The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. A guided tour of the shrine leading us through the major works of art, history and other highlights traversing the massive expansive of the Great Upper Church and the Crypt Level in a one hour tour. We will depart the church at 10:00 AM and our tour will begin at 11:00 AM. After or before the tour you may want to stop in the bookstore. We will depart the Shrine and go to Busboys and Poets Cornerstone, 625 Monroe St NE, Washington, DC 20017 for lunch. Lunch is at your expense and the tour is free. Contact Rev. Richard or Mary Monti for more information

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Celebrant and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Celebrant Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All 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.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

COMMUNION HYMN • LEVAS 152 *Sung by all.*

Let us break bread together

COMMUNION HYMN • LEVAS 34 *Sung by all.*

He will remember me

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *Said by all, standing or kneeling, as you prefer.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

All God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING