

# 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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HYMN • LEVAS 205 *Sung by all, standing.*

*Trust and obey*

#### 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 COLLECT FOR PURITY *Said by all.*

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### GLORIA *Said by all.*

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards all. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O Lord, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; Send thy Holy Ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee 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.'"

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## *NEXT WEEKEND*

**FAITH, GENDER & SEXUALITY WORKSHOP – MARCH 2** Grace Church welcomes The Rev. Marie Alford-Harkey, president and CEO of the Religious Institute, a national multi-faith nonprofit dedicated to advocating for sexual, gender, and reproductive health, education, and justice in faith communities and society. On Saturday, March 2, Rev. Marie will lead a parish-wide conversation about how faith, gender and sexuality intersect. This workshop will be educational and reflective. We'll learn together about Sexuality and Gender 101 and how we, as a faith community, can be a place of welcome to members of the LGBTQ+ community. It will be a place to bring your questions, curiosities, and hopes. All are welcome. The workshop will be held in the Undercroft from 9:30 a.m. until noon.

## *NEXT SUNDAY*

**ADULT FORUM: RECLAIMING THE SCRIPTURES FOR GENDER & SOCIAL JUSTICE** Join The Rev. Marie Alford-Harkey, president and CEO of the Religious Institute, for this special adult forum topic. The bible says revolutionary things about community, sexuality, love and justice, but that message is often distorted and manipulated. Join Rev. Marie from 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the Undercroft to take a closer look at the scriptures and discover the power within them to promote gender justice and social justice.

## *UPCOMING*

**BALLROOM DANCE LESSONS – BEGINNING MONDAY, MARCH 4** Would you like to try ballroom dancing for the first time? Or, just improve your social dancing? Come join fellow parishioners for a free lesson, or lessons on Mondays in March (March 4, 11, 18, & 25) from 7-8pm in the Undercroft. We will do such dances as swing, waltz, and rhumba. No partner necessary and the lessons are free! If you have any questions, email Taylor Denyer [TaylorDenyer@gmail.com](mailto:TaylorDenyer@gmail.com).

**ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER – TUESDAY, MARCH 5** Join us from 5:30-8 p.m. for our Shrove Tuesday/Mardi Gras celebration, complete with pancakes and all the fixings, beads, masks and a flurry of alleluias before they're put away for Lent. For more information contact Rev. Amanda.

**ASH WEDNESDAY – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6** Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. We will have two services of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes at 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m.

**SAMARITAN MINISTRY NEXT STEP BREAKFAST – THURSDAY, MARCH 14** The Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington is sponsoring its Next Step Breakfast on Thursday, March 14th from 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. at the National Press Club in downtown Washington. The breakfast showcases the work done by Samaritan to help our neighbors who are struggling to set goals for themselves, and work to achieve them. Please come and join us at Grace's table that morning. Contact Christy Joria ([cljoria@gmail.com](mailto:cljoria@gmail.com)) for more information and to register for the event.

**BISHOP'S VISIT – SUNDAY, MARCH 17** We look forward to welcoming the Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of Washington, for her official visitation to Grace Church. Bishop Mariann will preach and celebrate at both morning services, as well as lead the Adult Forum.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

#### THE GOSPEL • LUKE 6:27-38

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

*People* Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"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 be to thee, O Christ.

#### THE SERMON

The Rev. Andrew W. Walter

THE NICENE CREED *Said by all, standing.*

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 COMMUNION

*All those who seek a closer relation with God are invited to the altar rail, regardless of age.*

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

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

**HYMN • HYMNAL 423** *Sung by all, standing.*  
*Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

## DISMISSAL

*Leader* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

## *THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR*

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 08:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I (SANCTUARY)
- 09:30 A.M. ADULT FORUM: REFLECTIONS ON ROME (UNDERCROFT)
- 10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (SANCTUARY)
- 11:45 P.M. WADE IN THE WATER DISCUSSION GROUP (PARISH HALL)
- 11:45 P.M. PENNYWORTH SHOP OPEN HOUSE (GRACE HOUSE)
- 05:30 P.M. AFTERNOON WORSHIP SERVICE (SANCTUARY)

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 10:00 A.M. STAFF MEETING (GRACE HOUSE)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- 04:30 P.M. CHERUBS CHOIR REHEARSAL (MUSIC ROOM)
- 05:20 P.M. CHIMES CHOIR REHEARSAL (MUSIC ROOM)
- 06:00 P.M. JUNIOR CHOIR REHEARSAL (MUSIC ROOM)
- 06:30 P.M. CANTORIS CHOIR REHEARSAL (MUSIC ROOM)
- 07:15 P.M. SENIOR GIRLS CHOIR REHEARSAL (MUSIC ROOM)

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 10:30 A.M. STROLLING SENIORS: BASILICA OF THE SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
- 05:30 P.M. CHERUBS CHOIR REHEARSAL (MUSIC ROOM)
- 07:45 P.M. ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL (MUSIC ROOM)

### FRIDAY, MARCH 1

- 08:30 P.M. AA MEETING (PARISH HALL)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 2

- 08:00 A.M. MEN'S GROUP (UNDERCROFT)
- 09:30 A.M. FAITH, GENDER, & SEXUALITY WORKSHOP (UNDERCROFT)
- 06:30 P.M. PARISHIONER EVENT (UNDERCROFT)

**ABSOLUTION** *Said by the Celebrant.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE OFFERTORY**

*The people remain seated while an offering is collected in support of the ongoing work and ministry of Grace Church. If you would like to make a contribution by credit card, please see the ushers in the lobby, either now or after the service. A donation can also be made using the QR code on the last page of this bulletin which will take you directly to the online giving portal on our website*

**THE PRESENTATION • HYMNAL 380, vs. 3** *Sung by all.*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below, praise God above ye heavn'ly hosts; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER II**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

*People* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Celebrant* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

*Celebrant adds a proper preface before saying*

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:**

**Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.