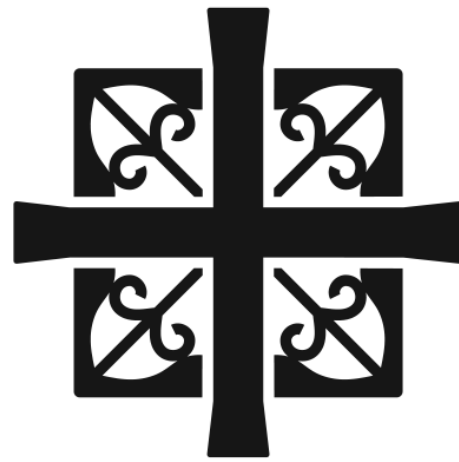


The First Sunday in Lent
Holy Eucharist Rite II with
The Great Litany



GRACE
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

March 9, 2025
10:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TO VISITORS

*Welcome! We are delighted that you have joined us for worship this morning. You have a vital role to play in our worship! The **bolded** print indicates that all in attendance are invited to join in responding/ speaking/ praying. You will also notice italicized print. The italicized print is called “rubrics.” Rubrics are the ‘stage directions’ of worship; they offer instruction on who is speaking, when to stand, sit, kneel and so forth. (Even though the rubrics invite you to stand or kneel, if you need to sit, please feel free to do so!) The page numbers in your bulletin are for the music we will sing together: the red or blue book in your pew is the **Hymnal**; the red-and-black book is **Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS)**.*

Anyone sitting near you will be happy to answer questions about our community here at Grace Episcopal Church. Even better, come meet one of the clergy after the service at the back of the church near the exit, or down in the Undercroft (aka the basement) during Coffee Hour. Peace and welcome!

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH MISSION & VISION

MISSION: Nourishing an inclusive community as we walk with Jesus in love, justice, and faith.

VISION: At Grace Church we...

- are leaders in our community, and champions of racial and social justice
- are a place where we can come as we are, be curious, and find meaningful connection, support, and fellowship
- provide worship and ministry opportunities that can engage and inspire everyone who comes here
- provide opportunities to grow our faith through exploration and service
- want to make sure that Grace is here for generations to come

Grace Church Statement of Inclusivity and Anti-racism

As members of Grace Church and followers of Jesus and His Way of Love, we are called to keep our eyes and energies fixed on addressing the root causes of systematic racism and white supremacy in all its forms. As a church, we are committed to bravely uncovering, understanding, reckoning with and acting to dismantle racism within ourselves, our faith communities, and our localities. *(Adapted from the Episcopal Diocese of Washington website.)*

Please stand, as you are able. All are invited to respond to each bidding with the sung responses as indicated.

THE GREAT LITANY

EOW I, p. 46

Cantor
Holy God, Creator of heaven and earth,
Choir
Have mer - cy on us.

Cantor Holy and Mighty, Redeemer of the world,
People **Have mercy on us.**

Cantor Holy Immortal One, Sanctifier of the faithful,
People **Have mercy on us.**

Cantor Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, One God,
People **Have mercy on us.**

Cantor
From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity and
hypocrisy; from envy, hatred and malice; and from all e - vil in - tent,
Choir
Sa - vior de - liv - er us.

Cantor From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart and contempt for your word and your laws,
People **Savior deliver us.**

Cantor From sins of body and mind; from deceits of the world, flesh and the devil,
People **Savior deliver us.**

Cantor From famine and disaster; from violence, murder, and dying unprepared,
People **Savior deliver us.**

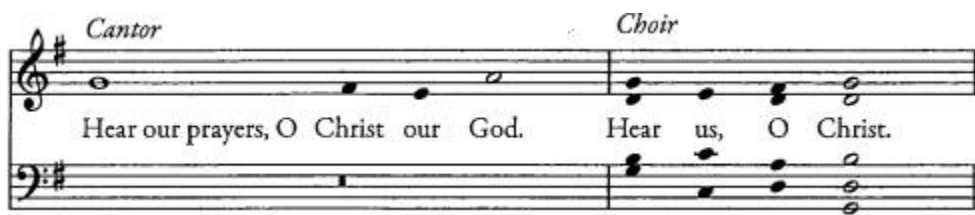
Cantor In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of our death and at the day of judgment,
People **Savior deliver us.**

Cantor By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation,
People **Savior deliver us.**

Cantor By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power; by the preaching of your reign,
People **Savior deliver us.**

Cantor By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,
People **Savior deliver us.**

Cantor By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,
People **Savior deliver us.**



- Cantor* Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.
- People* **Hear us, O Christ.**
- Cantor* Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world, and to make disciples of all the nations.
- People* **Hear us, O Christ.**
- Cantor* Enlighten your bishops, priests and deacons with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.
- People* **Hear us, O Christ.**
- Cantor* Give your people grace to witness to your word and bring forth the fruit of your Spirit.
- People* **Hear us, O Christ.**
- Cantor* Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.
- People* **Hear us, O Christ.**
- Cantor* Strengthen those who stand; comfort and help the fainthearted; raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.
- People* **Hear us, O Christ.**
- Cantor* Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice. Hear us, O Christ. Give your wisdom and strength to Donald, the President of the United States, Wes, the Governor of this state, and Marc, our County Executive that in all things they may do your will, for your glory and the common good.
- People* **Hear us, O Christ.**
- Cantor* Give to the Congress of the United States, the members of the President's Cabinet, those who serve in our state legislature, and all others in authority the grace to walk always in the ways of truth.
- People* **Hear us, O Christ.**
- Cantor* Bless the justices of the Supreme Court and all those who administer the law, that they may act with integrity and do justice for all your people.
- People* **Hear us, O Christ.**
- Cantor* Give us the will to use the resources of the earth to your glory and for the good of all. Hear us, O Christ. Bless and keep all your people,
- People* **Hear us, O Christ.**
- Cantor* Comfort and liberate the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed. Hear us, O Christ. Keep in safety those who travel and all who are in peril.
- People* **Hear us, O Christ.**
- Cantor* Heal the sick in body, mind or spirit especially those on the Grace Church Prayer List, and provide for the unhoused, the hungry and the destitute.
- People* **Hear us, O Christ.**
- Cantor* Guard and protect all children who are in danger.
- People* **Hear us, O Christ.**

Cantor Shower your compassion on prisoners, hostages and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Cantor Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Cantor Hear us as we remember those who have died and grant us with them a share in your eternal glory.

People **Hear us, O Christ.**

Cantor Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your word.

Cantor ... according to your word. *Cantor* Lord, have mer-cy on us. *Choir* Christ, have mer-cy on us. *Cantor* Lord, have mer-cy on us.

THE COLLECT

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Lector A Reading from Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16

Qui habitat

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
 abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
 He shall say to the LORD,
 "You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
 my God in whom I put my trust."
 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
 and the Most High your habitation,
 There shall no evil happen to you, *
 neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
 to keep you in all your ways.
 They shall bear you in their hands, *
 lest you dash your foot against a stone.
 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
 you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
 Because he is bound to me in love,
 therefore will I deliver him; *
 I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
 I am with him in trouble;
 I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
 With long life will I satisfy him, *
 and show him my salvation.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 10:8b-13

Lector A Reading from the letter to the Romans.

"The word is near you,
 on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

Forty days and forty nights
(V.s. 1-3 & 4,5)

Hymnal 150

THE GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

And

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Aaron R. Dunn

Please stand, as you are able.

THE NICENE CREED

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 PEACE

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Please greet one another with God's Peace.

THE OFFERTORY

*Please place your offering in the baskets as the Usbers arrive at your pen,
or Text to Give: text GIVGRACESILVERSPRING to 73256 and follow the prompts.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies Sake

Richard Farrant (1525-1580)
Text: *Lidley's Prayers* (1566)

*Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past,
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in an upright heart before thee,
now and evermore. Amen.*

PRESENTATION HYMN

Day by Day

Hymnal 654

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer A (BCP p.367)

Celebrant 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 our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 power and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker and of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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:

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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 Jesus Christ our Savior.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has 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

Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast.

FRACTION ANTHEM

S. 160

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Bread and wine are distributed at the base of the chancel steps. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Should you wish to participate but not take Communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as you approach the clergy to indicate that you desire a blessing. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, please let an usher know, and a clergy member will bring Holy Communion to you. Please join us for the feast!

COMMUNION ANTHEM

A Lenten Carol

Text: Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

Tune: *Quittez Pasteurs*

Setting: Gary Davison (b.1961)

Now quit your care
 And anxious fear and worry;
 For schemes are vain
 And fretting brings no gain.
 To prayer, to prayer!
 Bells call and clash and hurry,
 In Lent the bells do cry
 Come buy, come buy,
 Come buy with love the love most
 high.

Lent comes in the spring,
 And spring is pied with brightness;
 The sweetest flowers,
 Keen winds, and sun, and showers,
 Their health do bring
 To make Lent's chastened whiteness;
 For life to men brings light
 And might, and might,
 And might to those whose hearts are
 right.

To bow the head
 In sackcloth and in ashes,
 Or rend the soul,
 Such grief is not Lent's goal;
 But to be led
 To where God's glory flashes,
 His beauty to come nigh,
 To fly, to fly,
 To fly where truth and light do
 lie.

Then shall your light
 Break forth as doth the morning;
 Your health shall spring,
 The friends you make shall bring
 God's glory bright,
 Your way through life adorning
 And love shall be the prize.
 Arise, arise,
 Arise! and make a paradise!

Standing, or kneeling, as you prefer.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

All **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 SOLEMN PRAYER

Presider Bow down before the Lord

The People bow or kneel

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, who throughout these forty days

Hymnal 142

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Please see the Announcements section of this bulletin for detailed information regarding upcoming events.

- *March 10*, 6:30pm Tai Chi class in Undercroft
- *March 10*, 7:30pm Lenten Bible Study: Women in the Bible
- *March 11*, 7:00pm Handbell Choir
- *March 12*, 7:00pm Sacred Ground
- *March 13*, 5pm Chimers, 5:30 Treble choir, 7pm Chancel Choir
- *March 17*, 6:30pm Tai Chi class in Undercroft
- *March 18*, 7:00pm Handbell Choir
- *March 18*, 7:00pm Budget and Finance Committee
- *March 20*, 5pm Chimers, 5:30 Treble choir, 7pm Chancel Choir
- *March 22*, 9:00am to Noon Spring Cleaning of Grace Church

Sunday Forum Schedule 9:30 am - 10:25 am in the Undercroft

*Please contact Rev. Yaa if you have any questions about these events.

March 9 – Pretzel Making

March 16 – Youth Group Presentation

Sunday School Schedule

Pre-K through 1st Grade Sunday School meets each week.

2nd through 5th Grade Sunday School Class:

March 16 - Lesson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

By-laws Working Group – The Vestry is inviting volunteers to review the current by-laws and propose necessary updates. The working group will meet in late March or early April, with the goal of completing their work within 4-6 weeks. Revisions will include new language to align with recently passed Maryland state law regarding Episcopal Church incorporation. This is a relatively small time commitment. We encourage parishioners who are interested in helping to express their interest by March 17. Proposed revisions will need to be approved by the congregation before implementation. If you'd like to help, please contact Pastor Sarah at pastorsarah@graceepiscopalchurch.org.

Youth Sunday Loose Plate Offering - Sunday, March 16th is Youth Sunday. The loose plate offering that Sunday (cash not in envelopes, checks with "youth" in the memo line, and online giving designated to youth) will go to the Youth Group for their Mission and Work Trip to South Dakota this summer. Thank you for your generosity!

Music of Grace presents Mid-Lent Evensong: Sunday, March 30 at 5:00pm

The beloved institution of Evensong is considered the summit of choral activities in the Episcopal Church and contributes richly to the Anglican Church's treasury of hymnody and canticles. After the service, join us for wine, cheese, and fellowship in the Undercroft.

Lenten Study - In honor of Women's History Month, this year's Lenten study will focus on the Women of the Bible. Not only will we look at the vast array and importance of women in scripture, but we will learn how to read the Bible through their eyes. Sessions will be held in both the Undercroft and over Zoom, 7:30 pm. Reach out to Rev. Aaron with questions. All are welcome!

March 10- Introduction and Women of the Garden

March 17- Women of the Covenant

March 24- Women of the Kingdom*

March 31- Women of the Gospels

April 7- Women of the Church

*Material covered in this session will deal explicitly with violence against women in the Bible and may be difficult for some.

March 16th will be Grace's Annual Youth Sunday. Our Youth will lead the 10:30 Morning Prayer with Eucharist. During our forum time, we will have a presentation on our Mission trip to South Dakota. We hope you will attend if you would like to learn more about the trip and how you can help the youth group! We will also have our annual Chili Cook Off after the 10:30 service. If you have any questions about the forum, Youth Sunday, or the Chili Cook Off please get in touch with Rev. Yaa.

Chili Cook-Off

On March 16th, Grace's Youth Group will host our now annual Chili Cook Off directly after the 10:30 service! If you want to make chili, use the QR code below and fill out the [form](#). Please make enough chili for about 20 people. We will not serve full bowls but small cups for tasting. There will not be an entry fee for the cook-off. Please mark in the form if you plan to make a vegetarian or a meat chili. I will provide more details about the format of the cook-off closer to the day.

If you want to be a judge/taster, we ask for donations of \$7 for children, \$10 for adults, and \$25 for families. In addition to tasting the entries, we will have a baked potato bar with all of the fixings and a house chili made by our Youth Group for those who donated to enjoy.

Tasters and cook-off participants will have the opportunity to taste the chilis entered and vote for which they think is the best. The winner will win a special prize! All of the proceeds from the cook-off will go towards our Youth Group Mission trip in June. If you cannot make the cook-off but would still like to contribute, you can donate through Realm. Please contact Rev. Yaa if you have any questions about the cook-off.

Federal Employees and contractors - Feeling like the ground has shifted beneath your feet? Wondering how you will navigate in this new landscape? Grace is convening a Federal Employees Support Group where you can converse with others who are walking the same ground you are. The gatherings take place **Sundays at noon** in the Chapel. If you have any questions/concerns, please contact Pastor Sarah pastorsarah@graceepiscopalchurch.org.

Join the Neema Chapter, Daughters of the King, in a contemplative session, *Lent: Strengthening Our Resolve*, dedicated to exploring the season of Lent. Where do our traditions come from? Why engage in giving something up or taking something on? How can we sustain our commitment beyond Lent? We will explore these topics together as we engage in making prayer beads and share in a light lunch. **Saturday, March 29, 9:30 to 1:00 pm**. Please RSVP to Cheryl Peterson – cherylpeterson5089@icloud.com. ALL are welcome to attend and go home with prayer beads to remind you of our time together.

Grace's Little Food Pantry – Grace Little Food pantry is located in front of Grace House on Georgia Ave - it is the cute house-like cabinet that holds non-perishable food which folks can take for free. Please consider purchasing non-perishable items (canned meats/fish, soup, vegetables etc.) and bringing them to church with you. There will always be a box for food donations in the Undercroft. For questions or to receive a SignUp Genius link, email Christy Joria at cljoria@gmail.com.

Grace Church offers Tai Chi and Qigong instruction and practice on Monday evenings. Classes, led by Grace Senior Warden Paul Purnell, will be conducted from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m., in the Grace Church Undercroft. It is suggested that you wear comfortable and loose-fitting clothes and comfortable shoes, preferably with no heel. For more information, contact Paul Purnell at (240) 308-1045.

Creation Care Native Plants – Complete Your Native Planting Pledges!

Thanks to those who attended the Native Plants formation hour on January 26. Grace Church is in the process of collecting pledges from congregation members to plant native plants in your gardens, yards, balcony pots, etc. Each pledging individual will receive 4 free native plants (sun or shade!) on May 10 at our native plant give-away. Please help Grace meet its pledge commitment by using the QR code below, Thank you!

Episcopal 101 - Episcopal 101 is a class for adults that teaches the fundamentals of the Christian faith through the lens of the Episcopal/Anglican tradition. All are welcome to attend, but it is particularly geared towards those seeking membership at Grace and/or those seeking confirmation or reception in the Episcopal Church. Classes start at 7:00 pm in the Undercroft. Below is the class schedule and topics of discussion! Use QR code below to register.

March 19: Welcome and Bible- **led by Rev. Aaron**

March 26: Theology and Spirituality- **led by Rev. Aaron**

April 2: Liturgy and Sacramentality- **led by Pr. Sarah**

April 9: History- from COE to TEC- **led by Pr. Sarah**

April 23: Polity and Anglican Communion- **led by Rev. Yaa**

April 30- Back on the Homefront- **led by Ministry Representatives and Stewardship.**

The class culminates in the **Confirmation Service** at the **National Cathedral** on **May 10.**

Altar Flower Dedications - Requests for altar flowers dedication should be directed to Fern Johnson-Clarke: fernmjohnson@hotmail.com. The cost of flowers starts at \$50.

Shepherd's Table sign-up Shepherds Table Ministry allows parishioners to be directly involved with the most vulnerable in our community. Shepherd's Table serves a population experiencing food insecurity, homelessness, and poverty. Grace Church members serve brunch on the first Saturday of the month, from 9am - 12pm. Duties include serving food and drinks, greeting and assisting clients with seating, washing dishes, food prep, and post-service clean up, sweeping and mopping. Volunteers need only sign up for the dates they are interested in – there is no standing commitment. Shepherd's Table provides SSL hours for students looking to complete their school-related volunteer requirements. Kids 13+ may volunteer with an adult, kids over 16 may volunteer on their own. If interested, please sign up by using the QR code below. Our next service date is **April 5**. It's recommended to sign up for September no later **March 29**. For questions, please contact Kecia Brown or Zaida Jocson.

Spring Cleaning, March 22 9 am-noon. Please join us in sprucing up our wonderful campus! Participants will be divided into teams and given specific tasks in our Church Building, Auburn School, Grace house, and grounds! Reach out to Rev. Aaron if you have questions or ideas!

Please use the QR code and go to our webpage for sign ups, donations, or RSVP.



You can also go straight to our website at www.graceepiscopalchurch.org and click the sign-up and RSVP button on the homepage.

GRACE CHURCH PRAYER LIST

PRAYERS FOR THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Anna Broadbent-Evelyn, Michelle Kalas, Patrick Njoya, and Paul Tumidolsky.

RECENTLY ADDED OR IMMEDIATE NEED

Federal Employees & Contractors, Those threatened by deportation,
Members of the LGBTQ+ community

CONTINUED SUPPORT

Roderick Harrison, Louise and Michael Clark, Kennita Collard, Maria Jenkins, Susan Maloney, Kala and Thomas Fowler, David Max-Johnson, Marc Biagas, Brigitte Johnson, Rebecca Morgan, Sandra Friedman, Will Turner, Lola Crawford, Barry Jackson, Rebecca Bagwell, Marlene McKetty Ekuban, Alfred Ekuban, Nate Henson, and Eva Cress.

FRIENDS OF GRACE

Matthew Parks, Olivia Engler, Georgean and Don Vorwek, Nicki Williams, Woudnesh Ewhetu, Betsy Burton, Laneisha Williams, Hayden McCain, John Buckley, Janice Flood, Eva Leach, Mason Williams, Sy Jones, Myrtle Gordon, Joel Ifraimoff, Carol McKetty-Frank, May Collard, Janet Foster Britt, Liz Samworth, Vernon Conton, Kent Stamps, Vonzela Vaughn, Joannie Adair, the Long family, Edmund Kent Friedman, Alice Mayiio, Linda Stratman, Lee Anne Barnes, David Zinger, Josh Holtgrewe, Bill Beling, Christy Beling, Gayle Mullins, Andrew Hall, Therese Dabady, Reginald Brown, Innocent d'Almeida, Naabia Ofosu-Amaah, David Gehrenbeck. Reuben Varghese, Eleanore Francoeur

PASTORAL CARE

To share news or request pastoral support, please call the parish office (301-585-3515). After office hours, the church voicemail system will prompt you to leave your message for the clergy. To add a name to the prayer list, please email communications@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. Prayer requests may be dropped in the designated box in the Chapel, or sent via email to our private, confidential email address: dok@graceepiscopalchurch.org.

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The Rev. Aaron R. Dunn

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The Rev. Yaa Addison

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