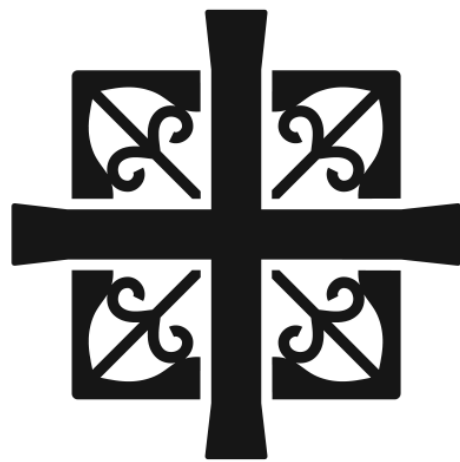


Sunday of the Passion:
Palm Sunday
Holy Eucharist Rite II



GRACE
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

April 13, 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.*)

INTROIT

Hosanna filio David

Antiphon for Palm Sunday
Verses from Psalm 117

*Hosanna filio David:
benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Rex Israel: Hosanna in excelsis.*

*Hosanna to the son of David:
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
O King of Israel: Hosanna in the highest.*

Please stand as you are able

Presider Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Presider Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GOSPEL

Luke 19:28-40

After telling a parable to the crowd at Jericho, Jesus went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven,
and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who

bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Presider Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People **Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider Let us go forth in peace.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Please follow the choir and process into the Church

OPENING HYMN

All glory, laud, and honor

Hymnal 154

THE COLLECT

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Lector A reading from Isaiah

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.

The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.

I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;

I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.

The Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;

therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.

THE EPISTLE

Philippians 2:5-11

Lector A reading from Philippians

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death--
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father

Lector The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand, as you are able.

SEQUENCE HYMN

My song is love unknown
(*Vss 1-4 & 6-7*)

Hymnal 458

You may be seated until the verse that mentions the arrival at Golgotha, then all stand as you are able. The assembly joins in reading the bolded text.

THE GOSPEL

Luke 23:1-49

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Evangelist The assembly of the elders of the people rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate.
They began to accuse him, saying,

Elder We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and
saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.

Evangelist Then Pilate asked him,

Pilate Are you the king of the Jews?

Evangelist He answered,

Jesus You say so.

Evangelist Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate I find no basis for an accusation against this man.

Evangelist But they were insistent and said,

Elder He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.

Evangelist When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Pilate You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.

Evangelist Then they all shouted out together,

All **Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!**

Evangelist (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

All **Crucify, crucify him!**

Evangelist A third time he said to them,

Pilate Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.

Evangelist But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their

voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.' Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us'; and to the hills, 'Cover us.' For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?"

Evangelist Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him.

The Congregation stands as they are able.

Evangelist When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.

Evangelist And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

Elder He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!"

Evangelist The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

Centurion If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!

Evangelist There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

First Criminal Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!

Evangelist But the other rebuked him, saying,

Second Criminal Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.

Evangelist Then he said,

Second Criminal Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Evangelist He replied,

Jesus Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

Evangelist It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.

Evangelist Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Centurion Certainly this man was innocent.

Evangelist And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Please be seated

THE SERMON

The Rev. Yaa Addison

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Intervessor Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.
A brief silence.
Guide your church this Holy Week as we follow in the servant way of Jesus. Protect those who face hostility or oppression for their faith. Humble those who would use faith to dominate others and reinforce their own power. God, in your mercy,

People **Receive our prayer.**

Intervessor Make your creation a living witness to Christ's passion and resurrection: in waving palms, shouting stones, fragrant vineyards, murmuring wheat, and revealing fire. Make us attentive to your holy presence in the world, that we may care for the earth you love. God, in your mercy,

People **Receive our prayer.**

Intervessor Let your face shine upon the leaders of nations and let the same mind be in them as was in Christ Jesus, so that those with the most power may humble themselves to serve the most vulnerable. We pray for those serving in our nation's armed services especially Anna, Michelle, Patrick, and Paul. God, in your mercy,

People **Receive our prayer.**

Intervessor Sustain the weary with a word. Grant perseverance to political prisoners and to any who are exploited, unjustly accused, or wrongly convicted. Abide with all who are in jails, detention centers, or prisons. Console all who experience times of trial or suffering especially Federal Employees & Contractors and those in Federally Funded Employment, Those threatened by deportation, members of the LGBTQ+ community, family of Susan Kutz, Lorton McFarland, Traci Thompson, the family of Bill and Kate Fralin. God, in your mercy,

People **Receive our prayer.**

Intercessor Give strength to those who will lead worship during Holy Week: Priests, flower and altar guilds, musicians, acolytes, readers, LEMs, ushers, and office staff. Instill in them awe and joy, that their service may reflect the love of Jesus. God, in your mercy,

People **Receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Intercessor We give thanks to you for our beloved dead, trusting that as the cross of Jesus led to the empty tomb, so you welcome those who have died into the paradise of your presence. God, in your mercy,

People **Receive our prayer.**

Intercessor Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

All **Amen.**

Please stand, as you are able.

THE PEACE

Deacon The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME FROM THE CLERGY

THE OFFERTORY

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Carol of the Hill

Music: Stephen Paulus (1949-2014)

Text: Michael Dennis Brown (b. 1940)

*On my ground with a crown of thorn,
He died for us who for us was born,
The tree that flowered is cold and bare;
No songs, no singing anywhere;
O Bethlehem, Ah, Jerusalem.*

*Second Adam Son of Man,
Into my earth your life's blood ran.
Now from this earth new trees will grow
With fruits, with flowers I swear it so.
O Bethlehem, Ah, Jerusalem.*

*For you I shall wear a crown of trees,
And birds will sing from among their leaves,
For you I shall wear a crown of trees,
Now sing birds, sing, from among your leaves;
O Jerusalem.*

Please stand, as you are able.

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

Tune: *Rockingham*

Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an
of - fering far too small; love so a - maz - ing,
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

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. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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:

SANCTUS

S. 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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.163



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 VOLUNTARY *Vexilla Regis* Jeanne Demessieux (1921-1968)

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Were You There?* Bob Chilcott (b.1955)

Standing, or kneeling, as you prefer.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

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.

Please stand, as you are able.

THE SOLEMN PRAYER

Presider Bow down before the Lord

The People bow or kneel

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

There is a green hill far away

Hymnal 167

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Horsley"

Healy Willan (1880-1968)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

APRIL 13 - PALM SUNDAY

7:00PM WAY OF THE CROSS SERVICE

APRIL 17 - 6:00PM SOUP SUPPER IN THE UNDERCROFT

7:00PM THE MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

APRIL 18 - NOON GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

3:00PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS (CHILDREN'S SERVICE)

7:00PM GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

APRIL 19 - 10:00AM HOLY SATURDAY SERVICE

7:00PM EASTER VIGIL

APRIL 20 - EASTER

7:45AM EASTER SERVICE

9:00AM EASTER SERVICE

10:00AM EASTER CANDY HUNT

11:00AM EASTER SERVICE

*together
with their families*

*Xan Sayers
&
Kristian Amundson*

*invite you to their
wedding on the third of may
2025 at one o'clock
Grace Episcopal Church*

a tea and cake reception to follow

*It is a western Pennsylvania tradition to have a
cookie table at a wedding reception.
If you wish to participate, please feel free
to bring a plate of your favorite cookies*

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

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

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

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

April 27 – Creation Care

May 4 – Beans and Rice for San Mateo

Sunday School Schedule

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

2nd through 5th Grade Sunday School Class:

April 13- Donkey Procession

April 20 - Easter Candy Hunt

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Walk the Way of the Cross — Through the Lens of Our Racial History

Join us tonight, at 7:00 p.m. for a special Lenten service: walking the Way of the Cross through the lens of Grace's early history of race and racism. Members of the Parish History team have developed meditations, images, and prayers to guide you through the Way of the Cross during Holy Week. The materials for each station are informed by incidents from Grace's early history of race and racism, which we have shared with the parish over the last three years.

Calling all graduating students! If you have a student graduating this spring, please go to the QR code below and fill out the form by May 1st. We will honor our graduates on May 4th during our 10:30 a.m. service.

Would you like to learn more about how the Diocese supports migrants, refugees, and immigrants in our community? You probably will not be surprised to learn that the Episcopal Diocese of Washington has a very strong commitment to serving migrants, refugees, and immigrants in our region. I first got involved with Diocesan-wide initiatives about four years ago when Episcopal churches across the DMV came together to support our new neighbors arriving on buses from southern states. Our Diocese really stepped up then, and continues to do so now.

A great way to learn more about Diocesan efforts and how you can get involved is to attend the monthly evening meeting hosted by the Washington National Cathedral Sanctuary Ministry/EDOW Refugee Response Team. There is also an afternoon meeting on the second Tuesday of the month. If you would like to attend a meeting, please reach out to Carrie Beaudreau at carriellenc@gmail.com and I will get you connected. Thank you!

Federal Employees, contractors, and those in federally funded employment - 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.

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 giveaway. Please help Grace meet its pledge commitment by using the QR code below, Thank you!

Also,

It is time to plant our NATIVE PLANT garden! We are planting **April 26th from 12:30-3:00pm**. We need volunteers to help move wood chips off the site, dig holes, plant plants, water plants and put mulch down over the newly planted plants. If you can come and help us, please email Ariana Sutton-Grier (ariana.suttongrier@gmail.com) to sign-up to help!

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**.

Easter Book Study: How we Learn to be Brave

Our Easter book Study this year will be Bishop Mariann's book *How we Learn to be Brave*. Book Study will meet Mondays at 7:30 pm, April 28-June 2. Class will be held in person and on zoom.

On Thurs, May 22, Bp. Mariann will be present for a Q & A and book signing. All are welcome to join!

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.

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



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