

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
FEBRUARY 26, 2023



## PRELUDE

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

HYMNAL 688

## OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant* Grace and peace to you from God.  
*People* **God fill you with truth and joy**

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

## KYRIE ELEISON

*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.

**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..**

*People* **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**Welcome to Grace,  
we're glad you are here!**

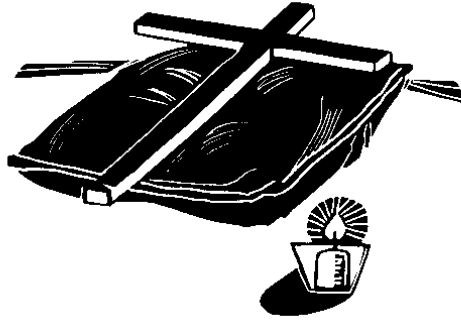
*If you have any questions, our  
ushers, greeters and members are  
here to help, don't hesitate to ask!*

**Restrooms** are located through  
the door to the left of the pulpit at  
the top and bottom of the stairs.  
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narthex (front entrance) if you  
need assistance getting to the  
lower level.

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## SERVING TODAY

**ACOLYTE** Cary Brown  
**ALTAR GUILD** Virginia Danner  
S. Slocum-Schaffer  
**CHALICIST** S. Slocum-Schaffer  
**FELLOWSHIP** Kathy Brown  
**GREET/USHER** Brian Reid  
Brett Brenner  
**LECTOR** Julia Byrd  
Kara DeBord  
**LIVESTREAM** Kathy Brown  
**TELLERS** Brian Reid  
Chuck Szuberla



## THE LESSONS

### THE FIRST LESSON

GENESIS 2:15-17; 3:1-7

*Lector*      A reading from the book of Genesis.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die."

Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Read responsively by the whole verse*

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, \*  
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 **Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, \*  
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, \*  
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 **I said," I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." \***  
**Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble;\*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 **You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; \*  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; \*  
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 **Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,  
or else they will not stay near you."**
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
- 12 **Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

*Lector*      A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned-- sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand if you are comfortable doing so for the hymn and the reading of the Gospel*

## SEQUENCE HYMN

THE GLORY OF THESE FORTY DAYS (*Verses 1,2,4,5*)

**HYMNAL 143**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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

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## THE NICENE CREED

*When prompted, please stand if you are able.*

*People*     **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.  
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
Who 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.**

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## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM IV

*Lector* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,  
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace;  
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources  
rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ  
in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Lector* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and  
hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

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*Lector* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*Lector* Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant* Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*People* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.**  
**Amen.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, ✠ forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*People* **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

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

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

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Then all are seated.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



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## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY HYMN

ABIDE WITH ME

HYMNAL 662

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING | EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

*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 God thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was 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:

*People* **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues:*

Holy and gracious Father: 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 Father of all. He 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 Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

*Celebrant* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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.

*Celebrant* All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

*People* **AMEN.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*People* **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.**

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## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ

*People* **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

May all who share these gifts be found in Christ and may Christ be found in you.



*What follows is the Holy Communion, the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church, as do all other denominations rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist, yet no one who comes forward to receive the bread and wine at communion is ever turned away from God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, the Episcopal Church welcomes you, and we invite you to explore with us what baptism may mean for you. Want to know more? Please see Rev. Edie or Deacon Kathleen following the service.*

*When receiving the Holy Communion, you may take just the bread if you prefer, or the clergy person can give a gluten-free wafer if you request it. If you are not baptized, or would prefer not to receive communion for any personal or religious reason, you are still invited to come forward at the time of communion to receive a blessing from the priest. (Please place your arms across your chest to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.) Above all, remember that all are welcome here at Grace!*



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## COMMUNION HYMN

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION (*verses 1,2,4,5*)

HYMNAL 525

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Celebrant* Let us Pray.

*People* **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.**

## SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* **Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

FORTY DAYS AND FORTY NIGHTS

HYMNAL 150

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

**Join us downstairs after the service for fellowship, snacks, and beverages.  
All are welcome!**

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

### THE CHURCH

For the clergy: ++Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; ++Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; +Eugene Taylor Sutton and +Robert Ilhoff, Bishops of the Diocese of Maryland; Edie+ Holton, our Priest; Kathleen+ Smith-Jones, our Deacon.

**In the Diocesan prayer cycle**, we pray for Christ Church, Columbia; Grace, ElkrIDGE; Holy Apostles & St. Stephen's, Arbutus; and for the Rev.'s Susan M. Wert, Nathaniel J. Gibson, Amy R. Shimonkevitz, and W. George Scarlett.

**In our Parish prayer cycle**, we pray for Carmen and Mark Lescure.

### OUR COMMUNITY

**The Homebound:** Teeny Phillips, Marvin Metzgar.

**We pray for the healing, wholeness, comfort, guidance, and safe travel of the following people in our faith community and beyond:** Shirley Shores; Bo Harris; The Szuberla Family; Reta Mercer; Paul David Moss; Peg Jung; Glenn, Robert, and Gay Eackles; The Killmayer Family; Kathy Brown; Abby & Tom Kahn; The Cendrowski Family; Sandy Cain; Tammy Trimmer; Marilyn Rich; Zoe Huck; Claudia; The Dean Family; William; Barry Slocum; Virginia Danner; Eddie Danner; Jason Harris; Fred Zupka & Family; Barry Stocks; Lisa Cox & Harriet Carr; Betty Ramsay; Steve Foust; Susan Kimble; Meghan Davidson & Family; Charlotte Barnhouse; Susan Mann; David & Mary Alice Thoma; Catherine Thompson; Felicia Watkins-Kimble.

### THE WORLD

For elected leaders in this country and around the world, especially President Joseph Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris; Governors Wes Moore (*MD*) and Glenn Youngkin (*VA*); and Mayors Nathan Brown (*Brunswick*) and Christopher Hornbaker (*Lovettsville*). For victims of hunger, human trafficking, substance abuse and natural disasters in the United States and throughout the world.

We pray for the people of Ukraine.

We pray for the victims, family, and communities that have suffered from senseless violence.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEET & GREETES WITH CANDIDATES FOR BISHOP COADJUTOR

The candidates to be our Bishop Coadjutor (and the next Bishop Diocesan when Bishop Sutton retires) will be travelling throughout the Diocese to meet parishioners and answer questions. All are welcome and encouraged to attend the Meet & Greets:

***Wednesday, 8 March 2023 | Monocacy Hall, Claggett Center | 7:30-9:30 PM***

Panel Style Forum with questions submitted by audience members and online.

***Thursday, 9 March 2023 | Emmanuel Parish, Cumberland | 5:30-7:30 PM***

Candidates will meet individually with small groups for questions.

***Friday, 10 March 2023 | St. James', Lothian | 6:30-8:30 PM***

Candidates will meet individually with small groups for questions.

***Saturday, 11 March 2023 | Church of the Redeemer, Baltimore | 1:00-3:00 PM***

Panel Style Forum with questions submitted by the audience.

Any questions you have for the candidates to answer at the meet & greets can be directed to the Transition Committee at [transition@episcopalmaryland.org](mailto:transition@episcopalmaryland.org).

### FOURTH SUNDAY POTLUCKS

Our next 4th Sunday Potluck Fellowship Hour will be on March 26, 2023. On each 4th Sunday, we'll have a potluck lunch that will give us the chance to break bread together and have some extra time to socialize. Sign up to bring something to the next potluck by going to

<https://tinyurl.com/Grace4thSunPotluck>

## COMING UP AT GRACE

3/14	Tue	5:00pm	Healing Service	<i>Nave</i>
4/6	Thu	7:00pm	Maundy Thursday Service	<i>Nave</i>
4/7	Fri	7:00pm	Good Friday Service	<i>Nave</i>
4/9	Sun	11:00am	Easter Sunday Service	<i>Nave</i>

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