

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 24, 2019

Our Liturgy may be found in the Book of Common Prayer beginning on page 355.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude Christ have mercy

François Couperin

Please stand.

Hymn Forty days and forty nights

The Penitential Order

The Priest: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

All: His mercy endures forever.

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." [Mark 12:29-31]

The Decalogue: Contemporary

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage. You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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. **Amen.**

Kyrie

Healey Willan

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -
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on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
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Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Response: **And also with you**

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated.

The First Lesson Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also

seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 63:1-8

Give light to my eyes, O Lord.

S 415 Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)

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- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; ***my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.**
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, ***that I might behold your power and your glory.**
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; ***my lips shall give you praise.**
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live ***and lift up my hands in your Name.**
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, ***and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,**
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, ***and meditate on you in the night watches.**
- 7 For you have been my helper, ***and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.**
- 8 My soul clings to you; ***your right hand holds me fast.**

The Second Lesson A Reading from the First Letter of the Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Sequence Hymn 685 Rock of ages, cleft for me

The Gospel: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 13:1-9

All: Glory to You Lord Christ.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You Lord Christ.

Please be seated.

The Sermon The Rev. Dr. Chip Graves

Please stand.

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

In faith, hope and love let us pray for God's people throughout the world, for our Presiding Bishop Michael and for our Bishops Andrew, Allen, and Mary, for this gathering, and for the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church, saying:

Lord, make us one.

That we worship God in spirit and in truth. For the peace that comes from God alone, for the unity of all peoples, and for the salvation of souls.

Let us pray in the purpose of Christ:

Lord, make us one.

That we may be freed from our sins against one another: from prejudice and hasty judgment; from ignorance or pride; from isolation and exclusivity; from apathy and complacency.

Let us pray in the forgiveness of Christ:

Lord, make us one.

That the leaders of all nations may seek peace and justice, and that they may give priority to the poor and the homeless, to children, refugees, and victims of random violence,

Let us pray in the spirit of Christ:

Lord, make us one.

That the churches may discover again their unity in the one baptism, that we may share joy and wonder at God's works.

Let us pray with the heart of Christ:

Lord, make us one.

That this congregation may begin this new year and new ministry with wisdom and courage,

Let us pray in the strength of Christ:

Lord, make us one.

That our homes may be filled with grace during the year, and that our families may have confidence and peace in following Christ.

Let us pray in the wisdom of Christ:

Lord, make us one.

That we may care for the earth that God has given us and conserve it wisely.

Let us pray in the peace of Christ:

Lord, make us one.

That all Christians may embrace together Christ's command to care for those in need; the sick, the poor, the hungry, the lonely, the outcast. That those who mourn maybe comforted, and those who are troubled may find peace.

Let us pray in the mercy of Christ:

Lord make us one.

Priest: Eternal God, giver of love and peace, you call us to live together as one community; give us grace to learn your ways and to fulfill your purpose, that we may bring justice and peace to all people, in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen**

The Peace

Please be seated.

Announcements

The Offertory

Walk in love, as Christ loves us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Offertory Anthem *Wash me thoroughly (Please stand)*

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

Offertory Hymn 574 *Before thy throne, O God, we kneel:*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

Sanctus and Benedictus

Barrie Cabena

Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord God of

6 Pow - er and mght heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho -

12 sa - na in the High - est Bles - sed is he who comes in the

17 name of the Lord Ho - sa - na in the High - est

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

Agnus Dei S161

Barrie Cabena

Lamb of God you take a - way the

5 sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

10 take a - way the sin of the world have mer - cy on us Lamb of

15 God you take a - way the sin of the world grant us

20 peace.

The Invitation BCP 364

The Holy Communion

You are invited and welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Anthem Sicut Cervus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Please stand

Hymn 439 What wondrous love is this

The Prayer of Thanksgiving BCP 365

Sending forth of the Eucharistic Visitors:

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many are one body because we share one bread, one cup. **Amen.**

Blessing

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 334 Lord dismiss us with thy blessing

Dismissal

Postlude Kyrie and Fugue

François Couperin

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Dr. Chip Graves

Organist Peter Roberts

Lectors 8 AM Linda Heusser, Priscilla Read

10 AM Karen Southwick, Carlos Munoz

Intercessor Carmen Greenidge

Eucharistic Ministers 8 AM Brinda Bradley

10 AM Jean Chambers, Melanie Jackson

Acolytes Aaron Bradford, Sam Brown, Eva Bradford Gabrielle Parkinson

Ushers 10 AM Jo-Ann B. Boylan, Gloria Chang, Giovanni Green, Michael Heffner,
Andrea Spencer

Eucharistic Visitors: Sandy Gadsden-McAllister, Arlene Grant

Vestry Greeter: Michael Heffner

Coffee Hour Carmen Roberts Assistant: Sylvia Simon

Nursery Care is available during the 10:00 AM service.

The altar flowers are given by Elsie Adams and family.

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we welcome you to Grace Church!

Our liturgy is found in the Book of Common Prayer.

Our communion is open to all baptized Christians.

Please take the time to fill out one of our visitor cards which the ushers have available.

Your presence is a blessing to us may our worship together be a blessing to you.

Grace Church Prayer List: We hold the following people in prayer:

Steven Ancona, Corine Bradley, Norene Bueti, Bernice Burton, Gloria Chang, Cynthia Cole, Inez Dale, Jimmy Delaney, Carol DiGilio, Vincent Doria, Bill Dunphy, Cathy Dunphy, Sandra Esannason, Lydia Green, Sylvia Howard, Ivy John, Evgeniy Kaufman, Manoris Long, Paxton Louis, Janice Moore, Giovanna Mustac, Selena Perry, Gladstone Reid, Leroy Reid, Renee Reid, Uriel Reid, Charlotte Roberson, Phil Sawyer, Marilyn Seimia, Norman Stanton, Susan Stanton, Natasha Vodyanitskaya, Marthe Watkins, Ray Williams

Bethel Nursing and Rehabilitation Center: Verna Brown

Burke Rehabilitation Center: Susan Stanton

Cedar Manor, Ossining: Robert Auld

Sarah Neumann, Mamaroneck: Nellie King

Serving in the Armed Forces: Kenny Duffy, Denny J. Edmondson, Christopher P. Halstead, David Packer, Sgt. Christopher Vigliotti, Gunnery Sgt. Les Yearwood.
Please call the Parish Office or contact Sandy Gadsden McAllister if you would like to place someone's name on our prayer list.

Birthdays

March 24th Harrison Richards
March 26th Isabella Preston
March 28th Jahaira Perez, Tiffany Reid,

Anniversaries

March 24th George O'Hanlon and Karen Southwick O'Hanlon

Please contact the Parish office to update birthday or anniversary entries for 2019.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, March 24th

8:00 AM The Holy Eucharist Service- Rite Two
10:00 AM The Holy Eucharist

Tuesday, March 26th

NEW UPDATE: 12:05PM Eucharist in the Chapel.
7:30 PM Vestry Meeting - Library

Wednesday, March 27th

12:10 PM Downtown Music at Grace
3:00PM - 5:00PM Ada's Outreach - Library
6:30 PM Stations of the Cross - Library
6:45 PM Labyrinth Walk – Parish Hall
Lenten Educational Series/ 3rd Week –Library

Thursday, March 28th

12:05 PM Eucharist in the Chapel
7:30 PM Santa Eucaristia in the Church & Library

Friday, March 29th

The Parish Office will be closed

Bring a friend to Easter because ...

We want to share our joy...
We want to get to know new people...
We have an amazing church...
We have a fantastic choir and music...
Jesus wants us to share with others...

Easter is the most important day for us as Christians. Therefore, let us share this joy with others – friends, family members, other people we meet. Let the world know that Grace Church is joy-filled and celebrating Easter in a big way this year.

So, bring a friend to Easter and let's celebrate!

Holy Week and Easter at Grace La Gracia 2019

April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

8:00 AM and 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist with Liturgy of the Palms with Choir
12:30 PM La Santa Eucaristía y Domingo de Ramos

April 18, 2019

Maundy Thursday

7:00 PM Bi-Lingual Holy Eucharist with Choir

April 19, 2019

Good Friday

12:00 PM Good Friday Liturgy with Choir
7:00 PM Viernes Santo

Holy Saturday

Saturday, April 20, 2019

7:00 PM The Great Vigil of Easter – Bilingual Service with Choir

April 21, 2019

Sunday, April 21st

Easter Day

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist - In English
10:00 AM Festival Holy Eucharist - In English with Choir
12:30 PM Domingo de Pascua Misa en español

Monthly Gratitude

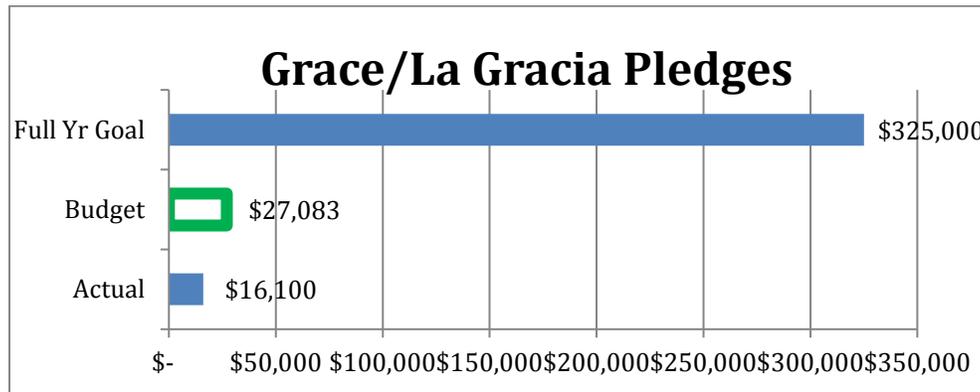
Thank you to all our Altar Guild volunteers for your dedication and outstanding commitment to Grace La Gracia.

Be sure to thank and congratulate them next time you see them.

Altar Guild

Brinda Bradley (Chair)
JoAnn B. Boylan
Cynthia Cole
Lyris Cooper
Sandy Gadsden-McAllister
Cecil Henry
Edith Gonzalez
Melanie Jackson
Matilde Lazcano
Carol Mitchell
Shirley V. Spencer
Audrey Taylor
Dorothy Thompson

The chart below shows our annual pledge goal and our progress by month. The church pays its bills based on the donations received and our pledges amount to about half of our annual budget. Thank you for staying current on your pledge.



What's New:

- Parking Placards for Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday & Good Friday**
 For the 2019 Pledgers, we have placards for the HAMILTON AVE. municipal garage. Kindly place yours on the dashboard of your car for free parking on **non-Sunday holidays only**. Please do NOT use these for the metered street parking or you will get a ticket. I will distribute the placards this **Sunday, March 24th at the 10:00 am service. If you are a new pledger who has not received your 2019 pledge box, please see me.** Thank you for your anticipated cooperation – Cynthia S. Brown
- Lenten Educational Series Attendees – March 27, 2019 to April 3, 2019**
 Parishioners who signed up to attend Father Chip's Lenten Educational Series are to read Chapters 4 and 5 before attending the third session on Wednesday, March 27th. Chapters 6 and 7 before attending the fourth (final) session on April 3, 2019.
At each of the remaining sessions, we will have Stations of the Cross starting at 6:30 PM. The Labyrinth walk will begin at 6:45 PM. Please use the slipper socks, which were provided at the first session, before walking the Labyrinth.
- United Thank Offering**
 Today's epistle warns us against complaining. A great way to do that is to list your blessings instead and offer thanks for each one. Offer thanks for all of the times you have been blessed in the past for your patience and share that blessing by putting an offering in your Blue Box. Additional Blue Boxes are available in the back of the church. Thank you. ECW

Looking Ahead:

- Maria Campos, Grace La Gracia Office Administrator** will be out of the office from Monday, March 25th to Friday, March 29th. For a pastoral emergency, please call Fr. Chip (304 615 2105). If you need assistance while I am away, please contact one of our office volunteers at (914 949 2874). For Grace Church site rentals email Walter Simon (waltsimon907@gmail.com) or Maria Romeo at (914 949 2874 x13) for accounting questions. Please note on Friday, March 29th the parish office will be closed.
- Tuesday, March 26th** Due to unfortunate scheduling conflicts, there will not be a 12:05 PM Eucharist in the Chapel.
- Wednesday, April 3rd - S.A.G.E.** Our next meeting will be held on at 1:30 PM in the library.
- ECW Easter Raffle- Sunday April 7th**
 Tickets will be sold starting Sunday, April 7th during coffee hour. One ticket for \$1.00 Six tickets for \$5.00. There will be various baskets "something for everyone".
- Advocacy Forum - April 7th at 11:30 AM**
 Please join us in the library. Fr. Adolfo Moronta will talk about specific experiences of members of La Gracia with immigration issues to help the Grace community see that the threat

of ICE and deportation is very much an issue within our church, not just in the surrounding community. Fr. Hilario Albert (Priest-in-Charge) will talk about the involvement of St. Peter's in Port Chester with immigration issues to give us ideas as to how Grace/ La Gracia might become involved. See Michael Heffner, Sorraya Sampson, Priscilla Read or Giovanni Green with any questions.

- **Sunday, April 7th at 4:30 PM The Highbridge Voices Chamber Choir:** Spring Tour Farewell Concert featuring music from around the world and across centuries. Premium seating \$50 - Adults, \$25.00 – Seniors (65+) \$20 – Students \$15 A gala reception follows the concert.
- **Thursday, April 11th Lifting Up Westchester 40th Anniversary Oasis of Hope Gala**
The 2019 Gala celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the organization will be held on Thursday, April 11th, 6:00-9:30 PM at Scarsdale Golf Club. An individual ticket is \$225. A table of ten is \$2000, for a savings of \$25 per ticket. Won't you please consider forming a group to honor the vision of those of Grace Church who recognized the needs of the community? We will be honoring those founders at the Gala. If you are interested in attending, please speak with Linda Gallo. She will have invitations available beginning Sunday, March 17th.
- **On Palm Sunday, April 14th at the 8 AM Service** – We will be following Rite Two Liturgy. On May 12th we will go back to following Rite One liturgy during the second week of each non-summer months until June 2019
- **J2A Palm Sunday Pasta Dinner: Sunday April 14th 6 PM**
Please join J2A in the parish hall for a delicious, homemade pasta dinner. The cost of dinner is \$10 per person or \$25 for families of 3 or more. The proceeds will benefit Holy Trinity Primary School of Barbuda which was completely devastated in Hurricane Irma. Please RSVP by Wednesday, April 10th to Lauren Reid at lrrmink@gmail.com
- **Saturday, April 20th Community Easter Dinner:**
Donations and volunteers are needed to help feed our Soup Kitchen Guests. Ada Raiford requests donations for salads, desserts, rolls, soda, juice, chocolate candy and jelly beans. The sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the library. Hours 10 AM to 1 PM If you like to volunteer, please contact Ada Raiford Tel: 914 309 3381. Thank you.
- **Monday, April 22nd and Tuesday, April 23rd** – The parish office will be closed following Easter Sunday.
- **Sunday, April 28th The Book Club:**
Join the Book Club in discussing this year's parish-wide read, **When Breath Becomes Air** by Paul Kalanithi, on Sunday, April 28, in the church library after the 10:00 am service. A memoir, the book explores first-hand what makes life worth living when the author, a neurosurgeon, becomes a patient with a terminal disease. Interested in joining the Book Club? Contact Karen Odom (karenodom@yahoo.com).

The Spring Angelus is now available to read in our E-newsletter under General Information and on our Grace Church website. Additional copies can be found at the table in rear of the church and in the parish office.

Remember those you love by signing up for flowers to adorn the Altar for our worship. The sign-up sheets are located on the bulletin board near the library.

Coffee Hour Host & Assistants Needed

There are a few hosts and assistant slots remaining in our April 4th to June 30th sign up sheet location on the bulletin board near the library. Please note if these dates remain vacant, there will be no coffee hour after the 10 AM service.