



# Grace Episcopal Church

The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
Lent

March 22, 2020

*Everyone is welcome here at Grace! All who seek God and are drawn to know Christ in a deeper way are welcome to receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion. If you are our guest this morning, we would like to hear about your hopes and dreams. Please fill out the Welcome card in the pew pocket and place it in the offering plate. Fr. Butterworth would enjoy getting to know you better. You may reach him through the church office at 254-1086.*

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS & BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE**

*At the tolling of the tower bell, the congregation is asked to stand.*

**THE ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY**

BCP 355

**THE KYRIE**

BCP 356

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

BCP 219

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**THE PSALM 23** (*Unison*)

**The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.**

**He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.**

**He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.**

**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.**

**Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

**THE SECOND READING:** Ephesians 5:8-14

Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light — for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Sleeper, awake!  
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

*Reader*        **The Word of the Lord**

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

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

**THE GOSPEL:** John 9:1-41

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

*Deacon*      The Gospel of the Lord

*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE HOMILY

Fr. Gary

*(Quiet Time for Reflection)*



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.

## PRAYER FOR OUR TIME OF TRANSITION

*Intercessor invites congregation to say together:*

*All*        **Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for Grace Church, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

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*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and 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 Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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.**

## THE PEACE

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

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

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

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 him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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

*Here a Proper Preface is said,*

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:

*Celebrant and 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 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.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

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."

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and 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.

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. **AMEN.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Traditional)*

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*Celebrant* 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,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

### **THE FRACTION**

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

### SOLEMN PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE *(the people kneel)*

*Deacon* Bow down before the Lord.

### THE DISMISSAL

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

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The season of Lent invites us to simplicity in our worship. Church decoration is at a minimum; simple hangings and greenery are used. "Alleluias" are conspicuously absent from our liturgy; many of our processions will be in silence. Music is toned down, chanting is more evident, different prayers, acclamations, etc. are used. Our worship will seem almost bare, as we open ourselves, and our souls, to God's piercing light and love.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Church is closed due to recommendations made regarding the COVID-19 virus. Therefore, all live meetings are cancelled or postponed until further notice. Join us online at our YouTube Channel, on Facebook or through a Zoom Meeting.



### **HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II SUNDAY SERVICE: 10:30 a.m. online**

We won't be meeting in church, but join us via internet. The service will be **LIVESTREAMED**. Go to [www.YouTube.com](http://www.YouTube.com), search for **Grace Church Asheville** and click on the icon shown here, or type in [tinyurl.com/GraceUT](http://tinyurl.com/GraceUT). Near the top of the homepage on our website [www.graceavl.com/](http://www.graceavl.com/) on Friday, and in Friday's email, you'll find a link to our bulletin so you can follow along.

### **COMPLINE EVERY EVENING EXCEPT SUNDAY ON GRACE'S FACEBOOK PAGE,**



**8 P.M.** Join us at <https://www.facebook.com/graceasheville/>.

Then open a new tab and go to [graceavl.com/](http://graceavl.com/), click on the turquoise bar near the top of the page called **An Order for Compline PDF** which you can download or read online. Note

that these services are also recorded, so you can tune in anytime if you have a time conflict at 8 p.m. The easiest way to find them is to click on "Videos" in the list on the left side of the Facebook page.

**SHEPHERD'S MINISTRY:** This is our ministry for staying connected with each other! In light of the virus keeping us home, we would like you to join in helping us to stay connected. Are you willing to connect with 4 or 5 other members of Grace and just check in with them, and if necessary, relay any needs, concerns, or happy notes to Fr. Gary? If so, please contact Shannon Townsend at [gstownend@att.net](mailto:gstownend@att.net) or 828-713-5081 and she will be happy to help you connect!



**GRACE ZOOM IS HERE.** Zoom is an online meeting portal that allows groups to meet together in a similar way as face to face meetings. We now have an account and are testing the various ways we can use it, then we will offer this tool to our ministry groups to use as well. Vestry meetings, EfM,

OSL, Centering Prayer, Outreach Committee, Worship Committee are just a few of the possibilities. Once we test it out, we will put out the procedures and how to use it. We are continuing to adapt, and we hope you join in. Remember, we are still called to be Christ's feet and hands during these times.

**A SUMMARY OF ONLINE HELPS.** As we continue to live into this new normal, we are looking at ways to make things easier for our parishioners to participate in our services. With that in mind we have posted a Compline Booklet on the web site [www.graceavl.com/](http://www.graceavl.com/) which can be accessed near the top of the home page, or go to [www.graceavl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Compline.pdf](http://www.graceavl.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Compline.pdf). We will also be posting each Friday a full text bulletin to help you follow along with the Sunday streamed service. As a reminder nightly Compline can be found on Grace's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/graceasheville/](http://www.facebook.com/graceasheville/) and the Sunday streamed services can be found on our YouTube channel located at [tinyurl.com/GraceUT](http://tinyurl.com/GraceUT).



**CHECKS INSTEAD OF FOOD DONATIONS FOR ABCCM.** In light of our current in-person attendance limitations at Grace, the Outreach Committee is asking that you write a check to ABCCM for their now urgent food needs instead of our usual way of bringing food in the marked paper bags to church. This special food drive will last through April and is especially needed for those who will be hit the hardest in our COVID crisis: the poor, the homeless and the homebound. You can make your checks to ABCCM and write "Grace Spring Food Drive" on the For line. Then mail your checks to: ABCCM, 24 Cumberland Ave.,

Asheville, NC 28801 ATTN: Rev. Mary Messara.

**KEEP FILLING YOUR GO BOX to Help ABCCM's Medical Clinic Ministry Serve Those in Need:** Recently re-opened after the change in ownership at Mission Hospital, ABCCM's Medical Ministry is up and running again. With the change you put in your GO box, you can help this ministry continue providing urgent care, medication assistance, and crisis dental care to nearly 4,000 indigent and homeless people in Buncombe County.



## OUR PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: **Chris Carson** (son of Martha & Randy); **Nancy Clark**; **Cuyler Dupree**; **Eva Dupree**; **Vicki Enox** (spouse of Lorie Tola); **Eunice Ferguson**; **Doug Haldane**; **Mary Ida Sprague**; **Mary Israel**; **Don Lewis**; **Gael Paschall**; **Nancy Porter**; **The Reverend Jim Rains and Sharon Rains**, **Sonny Rawls**; **Beth Stahl**; **Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder**; **Corinne Spencer**; **Rita Spragg**; **Sydnor Thompson**; **Mickey Trinite**; **Paul Vest**; **Pat Walters**; **Judy Warner**; **Katie Warren**; **Jane Whitman**; **Don Wills**.

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Henny Caldwell**; **Bobbie Eblen**; **Ed Denison**, **Straudia Luedtke**; **Rita Lyda**; **Marion Mayfield-Johnson**; **Tom Paine**; **Deb Pegel**; **Cal Remmers**; **Mary Ida Sprague**; **Laura Stephens**.

For Others (names will stay on the list for six weeks; call Kathleen Griffin or the office to keep names on the list for a longer time): **Joe Adams** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Carolyn Brown** (friend of Ray & Jeanne Robertson); **Deane Brown** (brother of Barbara Wilcox); **Heath Davis** (son of Chuck Davis); **Jerry Drum** (brother of Nancy Clark); **Melinda Franks** (sister of Becky Smith); **William Fredericksen** (brother of Barbara Wilcox); **Robin Fulk** (niece of Charlotte & Travers Chiott); **Judy Hinman** (sister of Barbara Wilcox); **Laura Julian** (daughter of Rusty Herman); **Bob Noble** (brother of Walt Noble); **Janice Orson** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Joanne Poston** (sister-in-law of Corinne Spencer); **Sandra (Setzer) Rau** (friend of Nancy Clark); **Kathy Thomas** (friend of Doug & Carole McClellan); **Allison Waigand** (daughter of Jennifer Witt); **Franci Wolfson** (friend of Nancy Clark); **Angela** (sister of Steve Booth); **Isaiah** (friend of Shannon); **Patricia** (friend of Kathleen Griffin); **Tammy** (mother of Chance Wyatt).

For Those Who Have Died and their Families: **Mary Hayes**, **Maria Moessen (Mason)**

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy & Danny Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **David Ely** (son of Dave Ely); **Matthew George** (son of Zoe Davis); **Spencer & Erica High**; **Jason Marino** (son of Lynda McCredie); **Daniel Schultz** (son of Judy Rhodes); **Nancy Smith**; **Sarah Jane Wilkey** (daughter of Diane and Tony Wilkey); **Gus Whitman** (grandson of Jane Whitman).

For Those in the Episcopal Church: **Michael** (our presiding Bishop); **José** (our Bishop); **the clergy vestry, staff, ministries and people of this parish**; **Church of the Advocate**.

For our President Donald Trump, his Cabinet, Congress & our country; for victims of violence across the world; for local agencies & those who work for relief of the poor; for better stewardship of the environment; for resolution of crises throughout our world.

*The Bulletin and TEAM prayer list is one of many prayer lists at Grace. Please get permission from anyone you would like to add to the list and contact Kathleen Griffin at 337-8241 or [gkcgiffin7@gmail.com](mailto:gkcgiffin7@gmail.com) or the church office at [grace.church.asheville@gmail.com](mailto:grace.church.asheville@gmail.com).*



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The Right Reverend José McLoughlin, *Bishop*

The Reverend Dr. Gary Butterworth, *Interim Rector*

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