

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

22 March 2026



Choral Holy Eucharist : Rite II
10:00 am

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Welcome!

Welcome to those of you here. Here's some information:

Most Sundays, we have Church School at 10:00 am with trained teachers. The classroom is located through the door at the front right of the chapel and down the hall; please ask if you need help finding it. The children will join us in church at the Peace and for Communion. All baptized children of any age are welcome to receive Communion.

Please join in the singing! Hymnals are in the pew and the numbers are listed in the leaflet. "S" numbered hymns are found in the front of the *Hymnal 1982*. The *Book of Common Prayer* may also be found in the rack in front of you.

This is a self-supporting congregation, so when the plate is passed in the middle of the service, please be generous. Today's collection will support our ministries to the community.

At the Eucharist, God welcomes all to the heavenly banquet.

The Episcopal Church offers the sacraments to anyone baptized in any denomination who, through prayer and thoughtful consideration, desires them. Please come to the communion rail to receive the bread whether you are an Episcopalian or not, or to receive a blessing.

When coming to the rail for Communion, please kneel or stand at the rail from right to left until the rail is full. You may receive the wafer, receive the wine after consuming the wafer (no intinction) or may ask for a blessing. Please let the priest know if you need a gluten free wafer.

If this is your first time here, please sign the book at the entrance of the church. If you want more information, our website is www.gracechurchsaalem.org. Our weekly newsletter, called Grace Notes, can be found there. If you wish to receive the newsletter, simply go to the website, open Grace Notes and subscribe.

May we all find the service meaningful and the embrace of the community inviting. It is a joy to worship together, wherever we are on our journey.

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10:00 AM

The Opening Rite

Prelude

Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele

Johann Sebastian Bach

Opening Hymn

When I survey the wondrous cross

The Hymnal 1982, #474

Rockingham

A Penitential Order

The Book of Common Prayer, page 351

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy upon us *Healey Willan*

The Hymnal 1982, S91

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

The Lessons *(The people sit)*

The First Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath,

prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.'

Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



- 1 *Out öf* the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LÓRD, hear mÿ voice; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my sup/plicáuön.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to nóte what is dóne ämiss, *
O Lord, / who cóuld ständ?
- 3 For there is forgíveness wíth you; *
therefore you / shall bé féared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my sóul waits fôr him; *
in his word / is mÿ höpe.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,
more than wáctmen for thé mörning, *
more than watchmen for / the mörning.
- 6 O Israel, wáit for thê LORD, *
for with the LORD there / is mércÿ;
- 7 With him there is plénteous redëmption, *
and he shall redeem Israel / from áll their sÿns.

The Epistle

Romans 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, #547

Awake, O sleeper, rise from death

Marsh Chapel

The Gospel

John 11:1-45

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When Jesus arrived, he found that

Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

The Sermon	The Reverend Sarah A. Conner
The Nicene Creed	<i>The Book of Common Prayer, page 358</i>
The Prayers of the People: Form II	<i>BCP, page 385</i>
The Peace	
Welcome and Announcements	

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem	<i>Richard Farrant</i>
Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake	
<i>Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake, lay not our sins to our charge, But forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives, To decline from sin and incline to virtue, That we may walk with a perfect heart before Thee now and evermore.</i>	
The Hymn at the Presentation	<i>The Hymnal 1982, #691</i>
My faith looks up to thee	<i>Olivet</i>
The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A	<i>BCP, page 361</i>
Sanctus	<i>The Hymnal 1982, S124</i>
Holy, holy, holy	<i>New Plainsong</i>
The Lord's Prayer	<i>BCP, page 364</i>
The Fraction Anthem	<i>The Hymnal 1982, S159</i>
O Lamb of God	<i>Missa Marialis</i>
Communion	
<i>All present are invited to reverently receive the Holy Sacrament</i>	
Hymn at Communion	<i>The Hymnal 1982, #313</i>
Let thy Blood in mercy poured	<i>Jesus, meine Zuversicht</i>
Postcommunion Prayer	<i>BCP, page 365</i>

Postcommunion Hymn

Lord, who throughout these forty days

The Hymnal 1982, #142

St. Flavian

Blessing and Dismissal**Postlude**

Agincourt Hymn

John Dunstable

— Worship Leaders —

The Reverend Sarah A. Conner

Presider and Preacher

Joanne Moar

Verger

Gavin Watson-Bertrand

Acolyte

Deb Papps

Lector

Lisa Duffy

Chalicer

Jim Duffy and Peggy Carter

Usbers

Our Prayers are offered for

Mary Brown, Robert Borden, Linda Abbene, Deven Manthorne, Margarette Connor, Chuck Manck, Barbara Dwyer, Lilyann, John Gilbo, Vance Gilbert, Reny Sparapani, Laurel, Gary Young, Amy, Paul, Heather and Prescott, Ariana, Sheridan, Javy, Faith Aroko and Family, Jesse Hurst and Family, Maureen Joyce, Arthur, Deb Young, Cindy Rhodes, Ron, Allison Mascolo, Melissa Glassman, Max Joyce, Marc Britt, those battling cancer, Mel, Corey MacNeil, Dianne, Jenny, Loretta and Kris, Priscilla Lemons, Deb Papps, Derek Fuller and Family, for the peaceful repose of the soul of Smadar and all victims of war the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and their ministries; the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem, the Salem Public Schools and for an end to racism, war, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, gun violence and oppression. In thanksgiving, we pray for the ministry of The Reverend Debbie Phillips and her husband, Eric Wagner, this community of faith, for God's grace and forgiveness, for those with the courage to stand up to tyranny, for creation, for the diversity of people, and for all the blessings of this life.

If you have additions or deletions to the prayer list, please email prayerlist@gracechurchsalem.org by Tuesday at noon for publication in that week's e-news. The Parish Prayer List is read aloud each Wednesday at Morning Prayer.

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Easter Memorials and Thanksgivings

Each Easter, Grace Church offers the opportunity to remember loved ones or give thanks by including their names in the Easter service leaflet.

In this week's leaflets, you will find a form to complete with the name(s) of those you wish to remember or honor and your special Easter donation. Anyone may participate.

Donations may be made by check to Grace Church or online using the "Donate" button on our website. If you donate online, please email office@gracechurchsalem.org with your memorial information.

To be included in the Easter Day leaflets, submissions must be received by **Wednesday, April 1st at noon.**

UPCOMING Events



Guided Tour of the Church TODAY!

After both the 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. services today, Sarah will offer a guided tour of the church. Starting in the back of the church, we'll learn about the symbolism of the colors and candles, the vessels and vestments, the altar and the font, and other things we see each time we gather for worship. The tour will be brief, about 15-20 minutes.

Lenten Learning

Journeying with the Mystics *offered by Cliff*

Thursday, March 26th

Melangell, ancient Celtic mystic

Session begins at 7:00 p.m. and concludes by 8:00 p.m.

Meets in person at Grace (last course in series)

Includes an 8-minute presentation of a mystic followed by discussion. The course's purpose is not to make you an expert on the mystics presented, but to utilize these mystics to enhance each participant's capacity for their own spirituality, to awaken wonder and enchantment in daily life.



Annual Plant Sale

Saturday, May 16th

Welcome spring

Hi to all our green thumbs out there.

The annual Grace Church Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 16 this year. Please think of us as you start your seedlings and set a few aside for the sale. Breaking up houseplants? Dividing annuals?

We would be happy to take the extras for the sale. More information will be forthcoming as the date approaches.

Also we would love help with set up, sales and breakdown on the day of. If you don't have anything on your calendar for that day pencil in Grace Church plant sale "help."

Holy Week and Easter at Grace

March 29 ~ Palm Sunday

- 10 AM • Choral Eucharist with Blessing of the Palms and Reading of the Passion Gospel
- 4 PM • Celtic Evensong and Communion with Blessing of the Palms and Reading of the Passion Gospel

April 2 ~ Maundy Thursday

- 7 PM • Choral Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar

April 3 ~ Good Friday

- 7 PM • Proper Liturgy of the Day, Passion Gospel, and Veneration of the Cross

April 4 ~ Easter Eve

- 7 PM • Choral Eucharist with Lighting of the Paschal Candle, Holy Baptism, and Prayers from the Celtic Tradition

April 5 ~ Easter Sunday

- 10 AM • Festal Choral Eucharist

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The Mission of Grace Church is to unconditionally invite all people to join us in building a faithful Episcopal congregation that goes out into the community and through prayer, presence, and partnering improves the quality of life by bringing everyone closer to God.

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The Most Reverend Sean Rowe

The Right Reverend Julia Whitworth

The Reverend Sarah A. Conner

The Reverend E. Clifford Cutler

The Reverend Manny Faria

Mark N. Peterson

Tom and Karen Tucker

Jenny Connors

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