

*Welcome to Grace Church*

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2023

10:00 a.m. at Crissey Farm  
and on Zoom



**GRACE CHURCH**

**an Episcopal Community in the Southern Berkshires**

*Step into Grace where strangers become friends.*

*We are an open and affirming church.*

*Every one of every age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, or economic status is invited to join us as together we live out the Gospel message of love, forgiveness, service, and justice.*

*No matter where you are in your spiritual journey—  
you are welcome here.*

**PRELUDE**

*De blin' man stood on the road an' cried*

Negro Spiritual arr. J. Rosamond Johnson

***The Word of God***

**OPENING HYMN**

*O for a thousand tongues to sing*

**H 493**

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim  
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;  
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,  
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
 be now and ever given  
 by saints below and saints above,  
 the Church in earth and heaven.

*Celebrant* Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins  
*People* **God's mercy endures forever.**

*Celebrant* Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Here 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."

## THE CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

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

## KYRIE *Lord, have mercy* Richard Proulx S113

*Cantor or Choir* *All* *Cantor or Choir*  
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

*All* *Cantor or Choir* *All*  
Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

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 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*        Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 23**

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
    I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
    and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
    and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 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.
- 5 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.

6 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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## SEQUENCE HYMN

**H 679**

*Surely it is God who saves me*

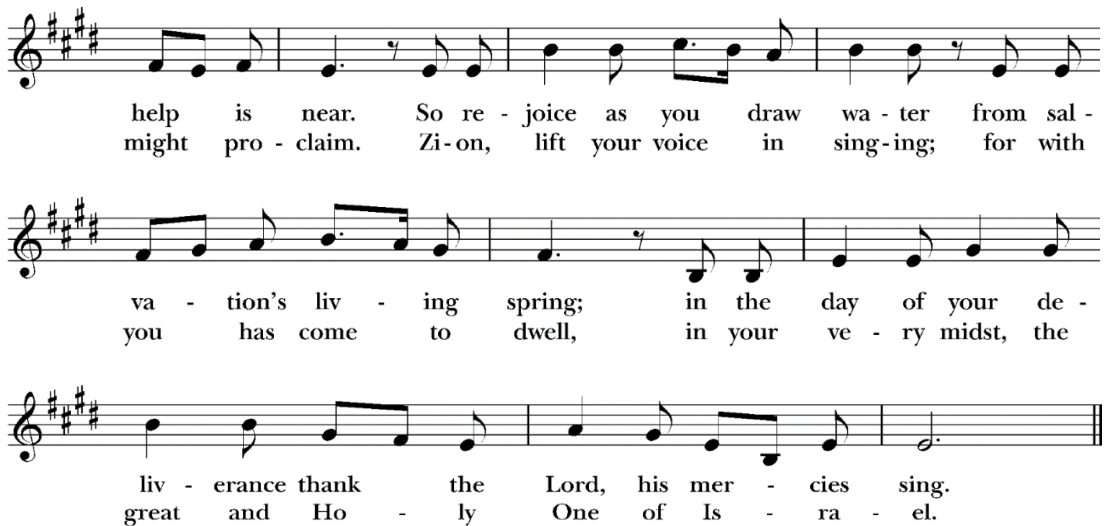
vs 1 before Gospel, 2 after



1 Sure - ly it is God— who saves me; trust-ing him, I shall not  
2 Make his deeds— known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing  
Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -  
 might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with  
 va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -  
 you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the  
 liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.  
 great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

*Celebrant*    The Holy Gospel 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."

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

**THE SERMON**

**The Rev. Dr. Stephen L. White**

## NICENE CREED

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.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*A Prayer book for New Zealand, First Form*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

*Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.*

Father, enliven the Church for its mission

**That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Breathe fresh life into your people.

**Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

We pray for the world:

*Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.*

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

**That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

**Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

We pray for the community:

*Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.*

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others

**That all may act with integrity and courage.**

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

**May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

We pray for those in need:

*Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.*

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

**May they know the power of your healing love.**

We pray for those who have died.

*Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered.*

Give comfort to those who mourn.

**Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

**Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

*Celebrant*    The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **A GRATITUDE MOMENT**

Take a few moments to think of one thing during the past week for which you thank God. If you wish to share your gratitude moment with the congregation, please come to the microphone.

# The Holy Communion

## OFFERTORY HYMN

H 490

*I want to walk as a child of the light*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.  
I want to look at Je-sus.  
I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and  
When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je-sus.  
show me the way to the Fa-ther.  
shall know the joy of Je-sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

*a tempo*  
Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

*Celebrant* All things come from you, O Lord.  
*People* And of your own have we given you.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

*Book of Common Prayer*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you  
*People* **And also with you**

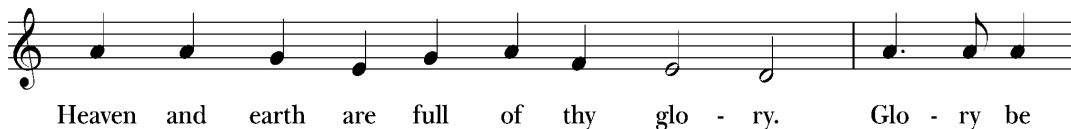
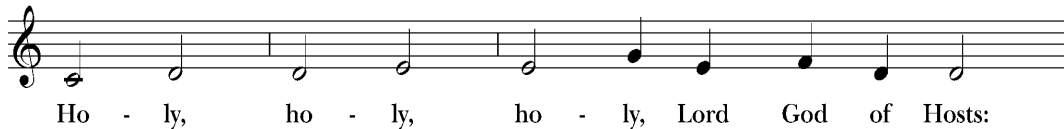
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts  
*People* **We lift them up to the Lord**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

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:

## SANCTUS *Holy, holy, holy Lord* John Merbecke S 113



to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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."

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.**

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.**

*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**

**FRACTION ANTHEM** *Agnus Dei* John Merbecke **S 157**



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the



sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the



sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the



sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

### All Are Welcome at God's Table

Gluten-free bread is available. Please let the priest know if you would prefer this. If you would rather receive a blessing instead of communion, please come forward and cross your hands over your chest. And lastly, if you need communion brought to you, just let the usher know. All are welcome at God's feast.

The Grace Healing Team is in the back of the room during Communion to offer the laying on of hands and a prayer for healing to anyone who desires it for themselves or another.

*If you can't physically receive the communion bread because you are participating in this service virtually, you are invited to pray this Prayer for Spiritual Communion:*

Lord Jesus, as you promised to be with us in the bread and wine that is your body and blood, grant that we may receive you spiritually today into our hearts, minds, and souls. Stay with us; be our companion in the way; kindle our hearts and awaken hope that we may know you and have confidence in your loving care, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN *My Shepherd will supply my need*

H 664



1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah  
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence  
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me



is his Name; \_\_\_\_\_ in pas - tures fresh he  
 is my stay; \_\_\_\_\_ one word of thy sup -  
 all my days; \_\_\_\_\_ oh, may thy house be



makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.\_\_\_\_  
 port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.\_\_\_\_  
 mine a - bode and all my work be praise.\_\_\_\_



He brings my wan - dering spi - rit back when I for -  
 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my  
 There would I find a sett - led rest, while o - thers



sake his ways, \_\_\_\_\_ and leads me, for his  
 ta - ble spread; \_\_\_\_\_ my cup with bless - ings  
 go and come; \_\_\_\_\_ no more a stran - ger



mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.\_\_\_\_  
 o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head.\_\_\_\_  
 or a guest, but like a child at home.\_\_\_\_

## **THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray.

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## **A PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN**

**Most generous and loving God, we thank you for the gift of children. With each child you refresh your promises to all of us. Through each child you remind us to take care of all you have created.**

**We pray your blessing on each child today. Teach them to love courage and to trust you. Help them see you at work in your world. Help them speak words of love, peace, and friendship. Turn their faces in kindness toward their neighbors, and fill each one with confidence in your steadfast love. This we ask in the name of your child, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OVER THE PEOPLE**

*Celebrant:* Bow down before the Lord. 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. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

*I'll praise my Maker while I've breath*

H 429



1 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice is lost in  
 2 How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God, who made the  
 3 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports the faint - ing  
 4 I'll praise him while he lends me breath; and when my voice is lost in



death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My  
 sky and earth and seas with all their train; whose  
 mind and sends the la - boring con - science peace. He  
 death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers. My



days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing  
 truth for ev - er stands se - cure, who saves the op - pressed, and feeds the  
 helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - owed and the fa - ther -  
 days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought and be - ing



last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.  
 poor. And none shall find his prom - ise vain.  
 less, and grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.  
 last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

## DISMISSAL

*Celebrant*    Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*How bright appears the Morning Star*

Orig. words/melody by Philip Nicolas; harm. J. S. Bach

## WORSHIP LEADERS ~ LENT

ROTA	TODAY 3/19	Next SUNDAY 3/26
WELCOME TEAM	Carol Way, Marcia Doelman	Sally Brooke, Sarah Sieber
ACOLYTE	Kathy Clausen	Cathy Haywood
LECTOR	Robert Forman	Holly Murray
INTERCESSOR	Pennie Curry	Kathy Clausen
CHALICE BEARERS	Kathy Clausen Lynn Walker	Cathy Haywood, Caroline and Holly Murray
HEALING TEAM	Pennie Curry Joel Jorgensen	Kathy Clausen Pennie Curry
ALTAR GUILD	Kathy Clausen Annalise Clausen	Cathy Haywood Margaret Layton
COFFEE HOUR	Booton, Holmes	Anderson, Jordahl
COUNTERS	Ian Booton Sarah Sieber	Anne Andrews Kathy Clausen

## GRACE CHURCH INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*Please Include in Your Prayers This Week*

**Members of the Parish Family:** Doone Marshall, Ray Wilson, Cathy Haywood; Linda White; Stacey Thomas, and her children, Claire, Mark and Johnny; Mark and Dindy Anderson; Doreen Hutchinson; Meredith Haider; Rosemarie Blakely; Marina Bowens; Barbara Gore; and Barbara Turner.

**Others we Love:** Vincent Pelletier, beloved family member of Kevin and Desside; Michael Holmes, Debbie Holmes' grandson; Kelly & Elijah; Denise Chandler; James Driscoll; Livia Driscoll; All those grieving the death of Ellen Elizabeth Hilpl, Jack Stedman, Wendy Reeve and Ed Hunt; Cynthia Griesing, Holly Murray's mother; Karen LaRocque friend of Sue Gore; Rosalind Haywood, Sue Gore's mother; Deborah McCurdy; the Hardenberg family, friends of Lynn Walker; Sophia, grieving the sudden death of her son; Michael Rywkin, Monique's father.

**Those who have died:** Claire White, Steve White's mother; Jeanne Litterio, Steve White's aunt; Ellen Elizabeth Hilpl; Joe Merola; Jim Driscoll, father of Gideon's Garden intern, James Driscoll; Michael Rywkin, Monique Kirchoff's father; Wendy Reeve, Cathy Haywood's sister; Jack Stedman; Ed Hunt, brother-in-law of Anne Andrews; Richard Edelstein, husband of Pat and beloved friend of our congregation; Sam Raymond; Alan Sparks, brother of Debbie Holmes.

**Our world:** For all those who have died, who have been wounded, or have lost someone they love in the earthquake in Syria and Turkey. For the people of the Ukraine and of all places of violence and war, that peace may prevail and human fear and suffering diminish. For Tyre Nichols and his mother RowVaughn Wells and for all who love him. For all victims of gun violence and institutionalized racism in this country. We pray also for those who inflict gun violence on others. For people who are suffering from COVID, those who have died and those who mourn. For all who are alone, or afraid, or despairing. For prisoners, unhoused people, newly arrived immigrants and all our neighbors, near and far.

**The many ministries of our local community,** especially for our partners at St. Paul's and the Revs. Libby Wade, Jane Tillman; Christ Trinity and the Rev. Erik Karas; our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Doug Fisher; and the Mampong Babies' Home.



## LENTEN WORSHIP CALENDAR

TUESDAYS	Psalm Workshop ~ on Zoom	7:00 pm
WEDNESDAYS	Contemplative Eucharist ~ In-person at Grace Church Chapel and on Zoom	10:00 am
THURSDAYS	Centering Prayer ~ In-person at Grace Church Chapel and on Zoom	5:00 pm
SUNDAYS	Worship Service ~ Crissy Farm and on Zoom	10:00 am

If you are unable to join us in person, please visit our website,  
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## Holy Week Services, April 2023

<b>April 2</b>	<b>Palm Sunday ~ Crissey Farm</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>
<b>April 6</b>	<b>Maundy Thursday ~ Worship &amp; foot washing St. Paul's Church 29 Main Street, Stockbridge</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>April 7</b>	<b>Good Friday Service ~ Grace Church Chapel 67 State Road, Great Barrington</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>April 8</b>	<b>Holy Vigil of Easter ~ Christ Trinity Church 180 Main Street, Sheffield</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>
<b>April 9</b>	<b>Celebration of Easter ~ Crissey Farm</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>

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