

3rd Sunday in



*Welcome to our home!
We would love for you
to join our family!*

March 23, 2025

We Gather for Worship

The ministers enter in silence.

Opening Acclamation

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Officiant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: **His mercy endures for ever. Amen.**

Decalogue

Please kneel, sit, or stand.

Officiant: 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.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant: You shall not make for yourself any idol.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

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

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant: Remember the Sabbath Day and keep it holy.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant: Honor your father and your mother.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant: You shall not commit murder.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant: You shall not commit adultery.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant: You shall not steal.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant: You shall not be a false witness.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Officiant: You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.

People: **Amen. Lord have mercy.**

Opening Sentence

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Officiant: Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

Mark 8:34

Confession

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Please sit or kneel.

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

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.**

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Invitatory

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Please stand as you are able.

Officiant: O Lord, open our lips;

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

All: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!**

Antiphon for Lent

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Officiant: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

People: **Come let us adore him.**

Jubilate: Psalm 100

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Officiant: Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

People: **serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.**

Officiant: Know this: The Lord himself is God; *

People: **he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Officiant: Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *

People: **give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

Officiant: For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *

People: **and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Antiphon for Lent

BCP Page 81

Officiant: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:

People: **Come let us adore him.**

Psalm 63:1-8

Read responsively by half verse.

Reader 1: O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;

People: **my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.**

Reader 1: Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,

People: **that I might behold your power and your glory.**

Reader 1: For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;

People: **my lips shall give you praise.**

Reader 1: So will I bless you as long as I live

People: **and lift up my hands in your Name.**

Reader 1: My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,

People: **and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,**

Reader 1: When I remember you upon my bed,

People: **and meditate on you in the night watches.**

Reader 1: For you have been my helper,

People: **and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.**

Reader 1: My soul clings to you;

People: **your right hand holds me fast.**

Reader 1: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

People: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15

Please be seated

Reader 1: A reading from the Book of Exodus.

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 9: The First Song of Isaiah: Isaiah 12:2-6

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In Unison

All: **Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior. Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation. And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen .

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Reader 2: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god

is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn:

Holy Spirit

Please stand and sing.

(v. 1-2 Chorus before, 1-2 Chorus after Gospel)

1. There's noth - ing worth more that will ev - er come close. No - thing can com - pare;
2. I've tast - ed and seen of the sweet - est of loves, where my heart be - comes free

You're our liv - ing hope. Your Pres - ence, Lord.
and my shame is un - done, in your Pres - ence, Lord.

CHORUS

Ho - ly Spir - it, You are wel - come here; Come flood this place and fill the at - mos - phere; Your
glo - ry, God, is what our hearts long for, to be o - ver - come by Your Pres - ence, Lord. _____

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Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Please remain standing as you are able.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: **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.'"

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily: Edith Lubin

Please be seated.

Apostles' Creed

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Please stand as you are able.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

We Pray

Lord's Prayer

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Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

All: **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.**

Suffrages: Set B

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Please be seated.

Officiant: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

People: **Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

Officiant: Day by day we bless you;

People: **We praise your Name for ever.**

Officiant: Lord, keep us from all sin today;

People: **Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

Officiant: Lord, show us your love and mercy;

People: **For we put our trust in you.**

Officiant: In you, Lord, is our hope;

People: **And we shall never hope in vain.**

Collect of the Day

The collect prayer "collects" the themes from the various readings for the day.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray. 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.**

Collect for Renewal of Life

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Officiant: O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Peace

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Officiant: O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Grace

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Officiant: Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Guidance

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Officiant: Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for the Parish and Search Process

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Officiant: Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and bring us all to be of one heart and mind, especially as we go through our search process. Guide us to the priest that you want us to have; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Collect for Mission

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Officiant: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

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Please kneel, sit, or stand.

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, especially...

People: **Santa Maria Virgen, Oklahoma City; Diocese of West Virginia; Diocese of Alabama; Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.**

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

People: **Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Tom, our clergy; Katherine and B.J., our wardens; vestry, delegates, all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.** *(Silence.)*

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; especially our leaders...

People: **Donald, our President; J.D., our Vice-President; Josh, our Congressman; James and Markwayne, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Patrick, our Mayor.**

Reader: That we may honor one another and serve the common good. *(Silence.)*

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

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

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially...

People: **Melody, John, Jason, Gabby, Phoebe, Trapper, and Blake.**

Reader: And grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. *(Silence.)*

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially...

People: **Ronnie, Mike, John, Stuart, Nancy, Catheryne, Jennifer, Paula, Ched, Phillip, Roger, Patricia, Leslie, Anna, Jonathan, D.G., Lester, Mark, Falling family, Joe, Connie, Dorothy, Marlene, Dusty, Larry, Manuel, Sharon those impacted by war and violence, all emergency responders, United States Military, and those whose suffering is known only to God.**

Reader: Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. *(Silence.)*

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

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

Reader: Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Greet one another in the name of Christ. Please return to your seats when you hear the bell.

Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Prayers

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Please be seated.

Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here once or twice before, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the plate. We promise not to harass you, but we would like to include you on our weekly email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.

For a Birthday

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Officiant: Let us pray. O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn:

The Blessing

Remain seated.

VERSE

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The Lord bless you and keep you, make his face shine up - on
you and be gra - cious to you. The Lord turn his face toward you

CHORUS

and give you peace. A - men, a -
-men, a - men. A - men, a - men, a -
-men. D.C. D.S. (2nd x to Br.) **INSTRUMENTAL**
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BRIDGE

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-men, a - men. A - men, a - men, a -
-men. - men. - men.

We Go Out To Do Our Work

General Thanksgiving

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All: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: #344

Lord dismiss us with thy blessing

Please stand and sing.

Sending

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Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13:14



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Confirmation and Reception

Bishop Poulson

will visit Grace Muskogee on

Sunday, June 8th.

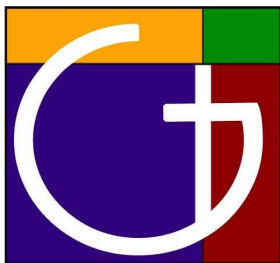
Youth and adults wishing to be

Confirmed or Received

are invited to do so during this visit.

Classes will begin **April 16th**

Please let Katherine or Nancy
know if you are interested
or have any questions.



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Ministers: All the People of God (BCP p. 855)

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