

The First Sunday in Lent

Grace Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Dr. John C. Bauerschmidt, Bishop

The Rev. Joseph N. Davis, Vicar

Deanie Moore, Director of Music

February 21, 2021

That we may all compose ourselves for worship in peace, let us turn off our cell phones and keep silence for ten minutes before the service begins.

Prelude

Procession *"The Glory of These Forty Days"* Hymn 143

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

Collect for Purity BCP, p. 355

Kyrie Eleison BCP, p. 356

The Collect of the Day BCP, p. 218

First Reading Genesis 9:8-17

Epistle 1 Peter 3:18-22

Sequence Hymn "Now Let Us All With One Accord" Hymn 147

The Gospel Mark 1:9-15

(Before the Gospel)

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Mark

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

(After the Gospel)

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. John Bauerschmidt

Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People

Form V, BCP p. 389

Confession and Absolution

BCP, p. 360

The Peace

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant

(The loose offering today goes to the bishop's discretionary fund.

You may also contribute online to the bishop's discretionary fund by selecting "Bishop Discretionary" on the drop-down menu.)

Offertory Hymn "Forty Days and Forty Nights"

Hymn 150

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional*)

BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)

BCP p. 407

Invitation to Communion

(The priest will bring communion in one kind down the aisle to those who choose to receive. Please stay in your pew. You may cross your arms over your chest if you would prefer a blessing.)

Prayer for those who cannot receive the sacrament in person:

*Dear Lord, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come into my heart in the power of your Holy Spirit.
I unite myself to you and embrace you with all the affections
of my soul. Let me never be separated from you.
May I live and die in your love.*

Communion Music

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 366

Recession

“O Love, How Deep”

Hymn 448

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks Be to God.

Postlude

***** *Welcome to our Visitors!* *****

Please complete a visitor's card and place it in the offering plate. After the service, join us in the parish hall for coffee and a chance for us to get to know one another.

Online visitors are welcome to write us an email to request more information about Grace Church, to ask about membership, or to be added to our mailing list so you can receive mailings and the monthly newsletter, *Grace Notes*.

The Bishop's Annual Visitation This Sunday

We are delighted to have our Bishop with us this Sunday to preach and celebrate the Eucharist. Throughout the year, he visits every congregation in the Diocese of Tennessee week by week. Being with him strengthens us for the ministry Christ has called us to, and we thank him for the leadership he provides in Tennessee and in the councils of the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church of Christ.

Announcements

Wednesdays, February 24- March 24
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer and Lenten Happy Hour

During Lent, you are invited to join me online by Zoom for Evening Prayer each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. I will send a link with the passcode and Zoom meeting ID number. You will need a copy of the Book of Common Prayer to read along when we do the psalms. I will announce page numbers and guide you through the service if you need assistance. Attendees may volunteer to read a lesson, so have your favorite Bible handy also. There will be an opportunity to add your own intercessions, either silently or aloud. Rite II Evening Prayer begins on p. 117 of the Prayer Book. The service takes about twenty to twenty-five minutes.

And what, pray tell, is a Lenten Happy Hour? After Evening Prayer, we will have a chance to check in with each other for “godly conversation.” This may be just the thing we need for mid-week during the second spring of the pandemic.

Here is a note about the **Vicar’s Vacation**. I will be taking off from **Monday, March 8 through Wednesday, March 17**. On Sunday, March 14, Fr. Sandy Herrmann will be our supply priest. Please call John Harvey in case of emergencies.

Father Joe

If you would like to contribute to the purchase of Easter lilies in honor of anyone, in memory of a friend or loved one, or to the glory of God, please write your check to the church with “Easter Lillies” on the memorandum line. Please contact Linda Colmore for more information.

Giving to Grace: You may make a contribution to Grace Church online by scanning the code below with your smartphone.



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Weekly Schedule

Services and Bible Study

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. Bible Study on the Lessons for Sunday

Wednesdays in Lent 5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

It is the Mission of Grace Episcopal Church to bring glory to God, build the spirituality of our people, and bring Christ to our community.