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 18, 2024 10:00 a.m.

Please keep silence in the church before the service and turn off all cell phones. Prelude

Procession	"Eternal Lord of Love	Hymn 149
Acclamati	on	BCP, p. 355
Priest: People:	Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.	
Collect for Purity		
Kyrie Eleison Hymnal S-95; BCP p. 356 (See service music sheet in your pew.)		
The Collect of the Day		BCP, p. 218
First Reading:		Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-9 (See service music sheet in your pew.) BCP, p. 614		
Epistle	1	Peter 3:18-22
Sequence	"Christ, When For Us"	Hymn 121

The Gospel

Mark 1:9-15

Before the Gospel Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. Glory to you, Lord Christ. People: After the Gospel The Gospel of the Lord. Priest: People: Praise to you, Lord Christ. The Sermon The Reverend Joseph N. Davis Nicene Creed BCP, p. 358 The Prayers of the People Form III, BCP, p. 387 Confession BCP, p. 360 The Peace BCP, p. 360

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

"Now Let Us All" (All stand and sing.)

Hymn 147

The Great Thanksgiving (All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion.) Eucharistic Prayer A BCP, p. 361 Sanctus Hymn S-124; BCP, p. 362 *(See service music sheet in your pew.)*

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread Agnus Dei S-161; BCP, p. 407 (See service music sheet in your pew.)

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

(You may come to the altar rail for communion. If you would like a blessing instead of receiving communion, bow your head and cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing. If you need to receive at your pew, please tell an usher, and he will ask the priest to bring you communion.)

Communion

"Father We Thank Thee""I Come With Joy to Meet My Lord""Seek Ye First the Kingdome of God"Hymn 711

Post Communion Prayer Blessing BCP, p. 365

Procession "O Love How Deep, How Broad" Hymn 448 The Dismissal Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

A Note to Visitors

We are glad to have you with us. Please fill out a visitor's card and drop it in the offering plate and sign our guest register in the narthex. If you have any questions about our service or about membership in Grace Church, please reach out to us at one of the email addresses listed on the last page of this bulletin.

Giving to Grace Church

To make a contribution to Grace Church, you may put a check in one of the offering plates at the front and back of the church; or you may send your offering in the mail to the office; or you may make a contribution online through our website or by scanning the computer code below into your smartphone.

Father Joe



Lenten Series

On Wednesdays in Lent this year, February 21-March 20, we will say Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m. followed by a light supper and a book study led by Fr. Joe on N. T. Wright's book *Surprised by Hope*. Please buy the book and start reading so you will be ready. You may also come if you don't read the book, but this is a good one to own and study thoroughly. If you need help getting the book, talk to Fr. Joe orf James Dallas. Ghostlight Books down the road from us has ordered some copies for us.

The Well

In Lent, it is a good time to remember to bring food for The Well, the food ministry to which Grace regularly contributes.

Stewardship Idea

One year, I took on using my own shopping bags whenever I went to the grocery store instead of the plastic bags provided. For about a month, I would sometimes forget the bags. Finally, I made myself go back to the car and get my shopping bags if I forgot to bring them with me. Now, I have the habit. There's no merit in it, but it's one way of doing something I can do.

Plastic bags may be recycled, but it's better if we don't even use them in the first place. I know this is a little thing, but if millions of us did this, it could make a difference.

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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.