Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church
An Ancient Faith for Modern Times

February 21, 2016
The Second Sunday of Lent

For I know the plans I have for you.
Jeremiah 29:11

Prelude

Please stand

The Processional Hymn  What Wondrous Love is This?  Hymnal 439

The Liturgy of the Word

Celebrant  Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People  His mercy endures for ever.

Celebrant  Almighty God, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.  Amen.

All sing

The Trisagion

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

Holy God,
Holy and Mighty,
Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.
The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please be seated

The First Reading

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.
When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

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

The Psalm

Psalm 27

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *
   the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

2 When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, *
   it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

3 Though an army should encamp against me, *
   yet my heart shall not be afraid;

4 And though war should rise up against me, *
   yet will I put my trust in him.

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; *
   that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
   and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
   he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head *
   above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
   I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
    have mercy on me and answer me.
11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." * 
   Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, * 
   nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; * 
   do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

14 Though my father and my mother forsake me, * 
   the LORD will sustain me.

15 Show me your way, O LORD; * 
   lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.

16 Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, * 
   for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also those who 
   speak malice.

17 What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness of the LORD * 
   in the land of the living!

18 O tarry and await the LORD's pleasure; be strong, and he shall comfort your 
   heart; * 
   wait patiently for the LORD.

Reader   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 forever. Amen.

The Second Reading

Reader   A Reading from Paul’s Letter to the Philippians 3:17-4:1
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.

Please stand

**The Gradual Hymn** If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee  *Hymnal 635*

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**The Gospel**

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

People    Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Deacon  Some Pharisees came and said to Jesus, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Deacon  The Gospel of the Lord.

People    Praise to You, Lord Christ.

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**Sermon**    Father Jonathan French

Celebrant  Let us stand together and affirm our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed:

**The 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.

Please kneel as able
The Reader leads the people in a series of prayers to which the people respond.

The Prayers of the People

Reader  After each bidding, please offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

The Confession and Absolution

Deacon  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.

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

The Peace

Please stand
The Celebrant and the People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People  And also with you.
Welcome and Announcements

If you are a newcomer, we are glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning, and we want you to feel at home. To learn more about who we are and how we can serve you, please pick up a red Welcome Packet as you leave and complete and mail the pre-stamped newcomer card enclosed.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

The People are invited to offer their gifts to God.

Celebrant Ascribe to the Lord the honor due His Name; bring offerings and come into His courts.

Please stand and sing

The Doxology

Hymnal 380, v.3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Please remain standing

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.
Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say:

Celebrant and People say together

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.

Please sit or kneel

Celebrant We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at
supper with them he 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.”

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Celebrant Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

Amen.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Please take the hand of the person on either side of you

The Lord’s Prayer

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

Celebrant  Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
People    Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Prayer of Humble Access

People and Celebrant

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant  The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All baptized Christians are welcome to come to the Lord’s table for Communion. Please hold your hands palms up so the celebrant may place a host on your palm. Either place the host into your mouth or leave it on your hand. If you leave it on your hand, the chalice minister will take it from you and dip it into the wine and then place it on your tongue. Tip your head up and open your mouth and extend your tongue to ease this process. Please do not put the host into the cup yourself. If you desire to drink from the cup, grasp the chalice at the base and guide it to your lips.
A prayer team is available during Communion at the back of the church. Please come with your prayer needs.

Silent Prayer Before Receiving Communion

Be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as You were present with Your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Prayer After Receiving Communion

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who in a wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of Your passion: Grant us, so to venerate the sacred mysteries of Your Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of Your redemption; Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

During Communion, please join in singing the music found on the following pages.

“For he who sings prays twice.” (Attributed to Augustine of Hippo)
Here I Am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin,
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them,
Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them,
My hand will save
Finest bread I will provide,
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give My life to them,
Whom shall I send?

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Here I am Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.

“Thy Kingdom Come”  Hymnal 615
Abide With Me  Hymnal 662

The Post Communion Prayer

People  Eternal God, heavenly Father, You have graciously accepted us as living members of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and You have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve You with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant  May the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Please stand

The Recessional  The Church’s One Foundation  Hymnal 525, vs. 1,2,3

The Dismissal

Deacon  Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People  Thanks be to God.
**THIS WEEK’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We are now in the Season of Lent.** During this penitential Season, you will note changes in the liturgy as well as the physical appearance of the church as we engage God in a different way. Please review the bulletin carefully, so as to be aware of these changes.

*After You Believe: Why Christian Character Matters, our Lenten study series,* is in progress and will continue through March 16th. We begin with a simple meal of soup following the 9:45 Service and move into the study period. The soup and study will be repeated Wednesday afternoons at 1:00pm. Even if you missed last week, it’s not too late to join us.

**Lenten Mite Boxes and Calendars are available** in the back of the church. You may choose to pick one up to be returned at Easter. *Mark 12:41-44*

**The Men’s Group Bible Study has shifted our meeting place and time** for the duration of Lent. We now meet at 7:30AM Wednesday morning at Eggs Over Easy, 5855 SE 5 St. (Baseline Rd. and SE 5 St.). If you’d like to join us, contact Verger Dave at (954) 614-6250 or just show up.

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**Mark the Date**

**February 28** - Easter Eggs for the Group Homes  
**March 5** - Parish Work Day  
**March 12** - 80th Birthday Party (all invited!)  
**March 18** - Palm Cross Workshop  
**March 19** - Parish Quiet Day  
**March 20** - Palm Sunday
**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**February 21, 2016 - February 28, 2016**

**Sunday, February 21**
7:30am: Rite One Service, Church  
8:45am: Adult Sunday School, Grace Hall  
9:45am: Rite Two Service with music, Church  
9:45am: Children’s Church, Faith Factory  
11:00am: Lenten Soup and Study, Parish House

**Monday, February 22**
9:15am: Prayer Walk: Meet in church office  
Noon: Bulletin Deadline

**Wednesday, February 24**
7:30am: Men’s Group Bible Study, Eggs Over Easy  
9:30am: Damascus Group, Grace Hall  
12:05pm: Midweek at Grace, Church  
1:00pm: Lenten Soup and Study, Parish Hall  
7:00pm: Choir Practice, Choir Room

**Saturday, February 27**
8:00pm: Grace Group AA Meeting, Grace Hall

**Sunday, February 28**
7:30am: Rite One Service, Church  
8:45am: Adult Sunday School, Grace Hall  
9:45am: Rite Two Service with music, Church  
9:45am: Children’s Church, Faith Factory  
11:00am: Lenten Soup and Study, Parish House

**BIRTHDAYS**

14 Betty Boyle  
Reynaldo Gordon Jr.  
Heather Hetzel  
17 Craig Baggs  
18 Ruth Kraan  
Ron Livsey  
19 Carolyn Ayres  
20 Joyce Finger  
River Head  
Tristan Van Voorhis  
21 Lynn Foster  
Bowen Williams  
Nita Zarcone  
22 Pam Pouncy  
25 Kristen Dean  
Tommy Kay  
27 Kendall Dean  
Jackie Kay  
Elizabeth Sponenberg

**Next Week’s Readings**

Exodus 3:1-15  
Psalm 63:1-8  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13  

**ANNIVERSARIES**

14 Jim & Joyce Peoples  
27 Frank & Ronnie Doughty
HEAD
Jesus Christ

BISHOP
The Right Rev. Greg Brewer

CHURCH WORSHIP TEAM
The Rev. Jonathan French: Rector
The Rev. Mary Delancey: Deacon
The Rev. Chester Trow: Deacon
Joshua Head: Worship Coordinator
Buff Moring: Children’s Ministry Coordinator
Deb Bockhold: Verger
Dave Rubin: Verger
Sharon Mai: Organist

VESTRY
Michael Owen - Senior Warden    Jeff Shealy - Junior Warden
Pae Barberie    Frank Blasucci    Joseph Bryant    Greg Harrell    Linda Harrison
Jeremiah Hetzel    Karen Kudia    Andy Rose    Ted Schatt

Today’s Servers
First Lesson/Psalm: Greg Harrell
Second Lesson/Prayers: Don Hires
Chalice Ministers: Joe Morgan, Conn Whetstone
Acolytes: Alia French, Emily Ayres, Gail Van Deusen
Ushers: David Baines, Jerry Parks
Prayer Team: Ann Anderson, Bethany Anderson
Altar Guild: Pae Barberie, Marylin Corsiglia, Lynn Nobles, Amy Robertson
Children’s Church: Buff Moring, Elaine Heitman
Nursery: Ligia/Christine
Sound Board: Erik Rauba
Vestry Person of the Day: Frank Blasucci

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Adult Sunday School in Grace Hall: Sunday 8:45am.
Children’s Church in the Faith Factory in the Church Office Building Sunday during 9:45am Service.

WORSHIP
Sunday 7:30am—Rite I
Sunday 9:45am—Rite II with music
Wednesday 12:05pm—Midweek at Grace

NURSERY
Care is available for all children up to 3 years of age from 9:30 to 11:15am. Child care is located in the Nursery room at Ambleside.