Prelude

Please stand

The Processional Hymn

Hail To The Lord’s Anointed

Hymnal 616, vs. 1,2,3

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 recite

The Gloria

(Spoken)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you."

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

**Reader**

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

**Psalm 22:22-30**

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *

*stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.*

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; *

*but when they cry to him he hears them.*

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

*I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.*

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *

*and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.*

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *

*he rules over the nations.*

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

*all who go down to the dust fall before him.*
29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; *
   they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
   the saving deeds that he has done.

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

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans 4:13-25

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") - in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

Please stand
The Gospel

Mark 8:31-38

Celebrant  The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People     Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Celebrant  Then Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, Lord Christ.

Fr. Jonathan French

Let us stand together and affirm our faith in 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

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

The Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Offertory Anthem

Wade In The Water
Arranged by Moses Hogan

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*The Celebrant offers a Preface, and concludes saying,*

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**

      *(Spoken)*

      *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 kneel as able*

Celebrant      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.”

Therefor we proclaim the mystery of faith:

      *People*      Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant      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 forever.

      *Amen.*
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Please join hands with those on either side of you for the Lord’s Prayer*

**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 below.
“For he who sings prays twice.” (Attributed to Augustine of Hippo)

COMMUNION MUSIC

Breathe On Me, Breath Of God Hymnal 508
Fairest Lord Jesus Hymnal 383
Just As I Am Hymnal 693, Verses 1,2,3,6

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
**THIS WEEK’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thank you to Rick’s Cleaners,** 305 S Magnolia Ave for the complimentary cleaning of our American flag.

**The March/April issue of the Grace to You parish newsletter** is being distributed today. If you did not receive one when you entered the church, be sure to pick a copy up when you leave.

**The Church I’ve Always Wanted, our Lenten study series, has begun** and will continue through March 22nd. We’ll begin with a simple meal of soup following the 9:45 Service and move into the study. The soup and study will be repeated Wednesday afternoons at 1:00pm. Nursery for children up to age 3 and child care for those older will be provided at the Sunday sessions. If you missed last week’s session, please begin attending today - you’ll find it worthwhile.

**Everyone is welcome to attend the Annual Birthday Party** honoring Our Greatest Generation Members of Grace Episcopal Church. Mark your calendars for Saturday March 7th and join in the celebration at 2:00p.m. in the Parish House.

**Our Greatest Generation Birthday Party Honorees please RSVP** to Elaine Sarbeck 622-1072 by March 2nd, 2015. All others are welcome to come on Saturday March 7th, 2015 at 2 p.m. in the Parish House to help celebrate!

**ECW will not have a regular meeting in March,** but anyone who can help with the preparations for the Annual Birthday Party on Friday or Saturday, the 6th and 7th, please contact Jackie Blasucci.

**Can you house Liberty College students overnight?** On Monday, March 9th, there will be a concert here at Grace performed by a group of musicians from Liberty College, Josh’s alma mater. They’re on a tour throughout the Southeast, and will only be here 1 night. We’re looking for people willing to provide bed and breakfast for a pair of musicians (they’re required to remain in groups of at least 2). There will be sign-up sheets in front of the church today, and we ask that you please consider showing Grace’s hospitality to these students.

**The Daughters of the King have changed the date and location of their March meeting** to Monday, March 16th at Mary Naughton’s house. Please contact Ruth Kraan for more information.

**If you didn’t pick up a Lenten Devotional booklet or Mite Box last Sunday,** they are available in the back of the church.

**There will be a training session for all LEV’s** at 9AM on Sunday, March 8th in the church. LEV’s, or Licensed Eucharistic Visitors, are members of the congregation who bring Communion to our shut-ins. If you are interested in becoming an LEV, please attend this training.
**BIRTHDAYS**

**February**
22 Pamela Pouncy
25 Kristin Dean
Tommy Kay
27 Kendall Dean
Jackie Kay
Elizabeth Sponenberg
28 Patrick Brady
Vivian Rauba

**March**
2 Roy Rolle Jr.
3 Mary Jane Allison
Julia Penuel
6 Lindsey Turner
8 Joan Canzoneri
Lou Kerti
William Rose

**ANNIVERSARIES**

6 Mike & Kristen Rose

**WEEKLY CALENDAR**

**March 1, 2015 - March 8, 2015**

**Sunday, March 1**
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 Series and Simple Soup, Parish House

**Monday, March 2**
9:15am: Prayer Walk, Grace Campus
Noon: Bulletin Deadline

**Tuesday, March 3**
7:00am: Men’s Group Bible Study, Eggs Over Easy
10:00am: Prayer Shawl Ministry, Grace Hall

**Wednesday, March 4**
9:30am: Damascus Group, Grace Hall
12:05pm: Midweek at Grace, Church
1:00pm: Lenten Series and Simple Soup, Parish House
7:00pm: Choir Practice, Choir Room

**Friday, March 6**
6:30pm: Downtown Recovery Group, Parish House

**Saturday, March 7**
2:00pm: 80th Birthday Party, Parish House
8:00pm: Grace Group AA Meeting, Grace Hall

**Sunday, March 8**
**Daylight Savings Time Begins**
7:30am: Rite One Service, Church
8:00am: LEV Training, Church
8:30am: Breakfast, Grace Hall
9:45am: Rite Two Service with music, Church
9:45am: Children’s Church, Faith Factory
11:00am: Lenten Series and Simple Soup, Parish House
4:00pm: Youth Group, Live Oak

**Mark the Date**

**March 9** - Liberty University Chamber Singers Concert

**Next Week’s Readings**

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22
HEAD
Jesus Christ

BISHOP
The Right Rev. Greg Brewer

CHURCH WORSHIP TEAM
The Rev. Jonathan French: Rector
The Rev. Mike Anderson: Deacon
The Rev. Mary Delancey: Deacon currently serving in the Philippine Islands
Joshua Head: Worship Coordinator
Buff Moring: Children’s Ministry Coordinator
Dave Rubin: Verger
Bob Cubbage, Sharon Mai: Organists

VESTRY
Greg Harrell - Senior Warden  Todd Craig - Junior Warden
Carolyn Ayres  Pae Barberie  Joseph Bryant  Alan Garri  Linda Harrison
Jeremiah Hetzel  Karen Kudia  Ted Schatt  Jeff Shealy  Carol Walker

Today’s Servers
First Lesson/Psalm: Karen Holland
Second Lesson/Prayers: Don Hires
Chalice Ministers: Joe Morgan, Gail Van Deusen
Acolytes: Michael Ashley, Alexis Ashley, Sydney Irwin
Ushers: Joan Canzoneri, Dianna LaBeur
Prayer Team: Diane Parks, Deborah Pratt
Altar Guild: Lise Kent, Bobby Berryman, Patti Gilman, Lynda Peek, Joan Canzoneri
Vestry Person of the Day: Pae Barberie
Children’s Church: Buff Moring, Anissa Cunjie
Sound Board: Erik Rauba

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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.