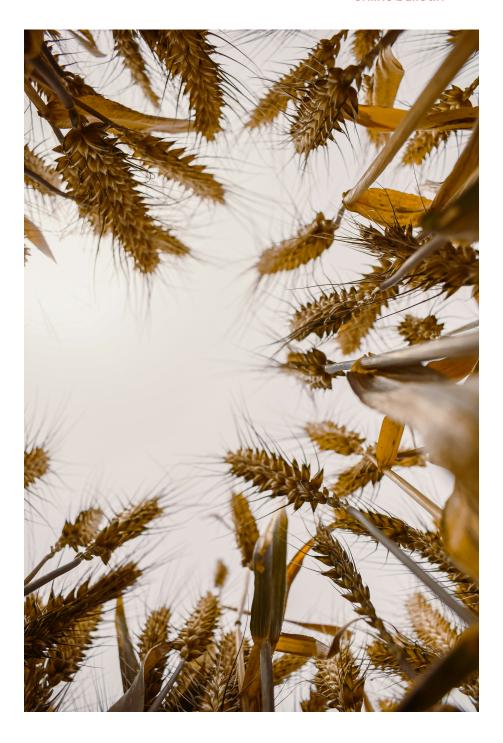


# The Fifth Sunday in Lent March 17, 2024

online bulletin



# YOU ARE WELCOME!

Grace Episcopal Church is a place for all – the curious, the hurting, the imperfect, the joyful. We gather as a lively and visible group of Christians dedicated to social justice and positive change in Chicago's South Loop neighborhood and beyond.

Whoever you are, whatever you bring to God's table today, you are in the right place this morning. Welcome!

#### How can I be respectful while at church?

In the interest of creating a peaceful and prayerful space for worship, please mute yourself once the prelude begins.

#### Can I receive Communion?

Those at home may unwrap their host and consume it. If you do not have communion at home, you are invited to pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion following the Great Thanksgiving. You can always request communion hosts to be delivered to your home by the Grace clergy.

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### **Prelude**

Beneath the Cross of Jesus, arr. M. Hayes

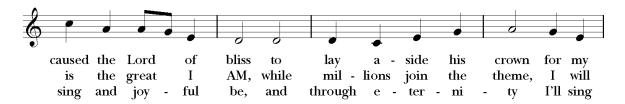
Please stand as the bells rings







What won-drous love O my soul! won-drous love this that is this, is God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who free, I'll sing on. when from death I'm I'll when from death I'm And free





The Hymnal 1982 #439

The presider welcomes the congregation.

# The Penitential Order

The congregation says all bolded text aloud.

Blessed be the +God of our salvation.

Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence

#### God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,

in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,

the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

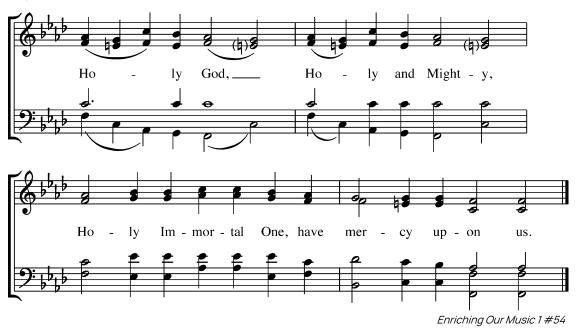
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us

through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love

and serve only your will. Amen.

#### sing three times



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

# The Word of God

God be with you. **And also with you.**Let us pray.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Hebrew Bible Lesson

the readings are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible (NRSV), one of 14 Bible translations authorized by the Episcopal Church for use in worship and by most major Christian churches

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

The days are surely coming," says the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. 32It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband," says the LORD. 35" But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days," says the LORD: "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest," says the LORD; "for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 51:1-13 online worshipers proclaim all the verses

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
Wash me through and through from my wickedness, \*
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions, \*
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you only have I sinned \*
and done what is evil in your sight.
And so you are justified when you speak \*
and upright in your judgment.
Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*
a sinner from my mother's womb.
For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*

wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

- 9Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*
  - that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- OHide your face from my sins, \* and blot out all my iniquities.
- "Create in me a clean heart, O God, \* and renew a right spirit within me.
- <sup>12</sup>Cast me not away from your presence, \* and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- <sup>13</sup>Give me the joy of your saving help again \* and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

#### The New Testament Lesson

A reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son,

today I have begotten you";

eas he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

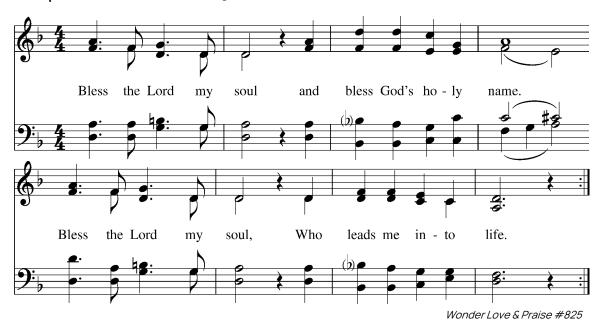
Balthough he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 5:5-10

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Thanks be to God.

### Gospel Acclamation sing three times



The Gospel

You are invited to cross yourself at the + below.

+The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory to you, O Christ.

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

\*\*John 12:20-33\*\*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon silence follows the sermon beginning and ending with a bell

### The Apostles' Creed

From Enriching Our Worship. The Apostles' Creed is prayed during the season of Lent because it was the creed recited before baptism in the early church. It was the basis for the original baptismal formula, with origins dating back to a 2nd century creed.

We believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

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,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

We 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.

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# The Prayers

from A New Zealand Prayer Book—He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa, adapted

Blessed are you eternal God,

to be praised and glorified for ever.

O Holy One, hear us as we pray for the unity of the Church. Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you,

that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world.

Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.

Make us alive to the needs of our community.

Help us to share one another's joys and burdens.

Have compassion on those who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble. We pray especially for...

Michael (Presiding Bishop)

The people of the Holy Land & all those in conflict zones

Larry (Kim Callis' uncle)

Nathaniel (Anderson)

Bernard & Brenda (Monique Patterson's family)

Janet (Harper)

Heather (Wynette & Jim's granddaughter)

Mary (Pastor Amity's aunt) Arthur (Craig Bivins' uncle)

Brody (grandson of Mary Lou Wade)

Cynthia (Marvin Foltz's wife)

#### In your presence may they find strength.

We remember those who have died. We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

#### May we also come to share your heavenly kingdom.

Look with your kindness on our homes and families.

May we celebrate with those who delight in your blessings, especially:

J (Burger - 22)

Darrial Brown (hired in 2010 - 23)

Grace's Budget Surplus Recipients (list of recipients in the announcements)

Grace's faith partners (Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Onnuri Church & Hope's Table Chicago)

#### Grant that your love may grow in our hearts.

I invite your prayers and petitions.

People may add their own prayers.

Online worshippers are invited to unmute and offer their prayers first. Those in the sanctuary are invited to come to the microphone.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**.

#### The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The people greet one another.

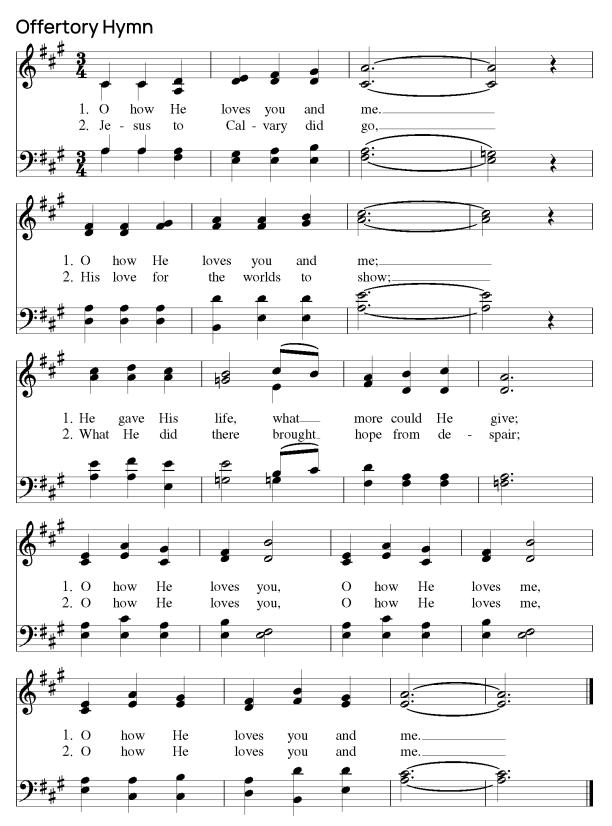
#### **Announcements**

Some announcements will be given; more information is at the end of this bulletin.

#### Giving to Grace

You can give online to Grace during worship (or anytime) using your phone; simply scan the QR code and the church's online donation provider VANCO will appear in your browser. Thank you for supporting Grace's ministries! On the first Sunday of each month, the cash offering is designated for Grace Church's Discretionary Fund.





Lift Every Heart & Sing #35

# The Table of God

### The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 1

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. Through Jesus Christ our Savior; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By whose grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we proclaim:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

+Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

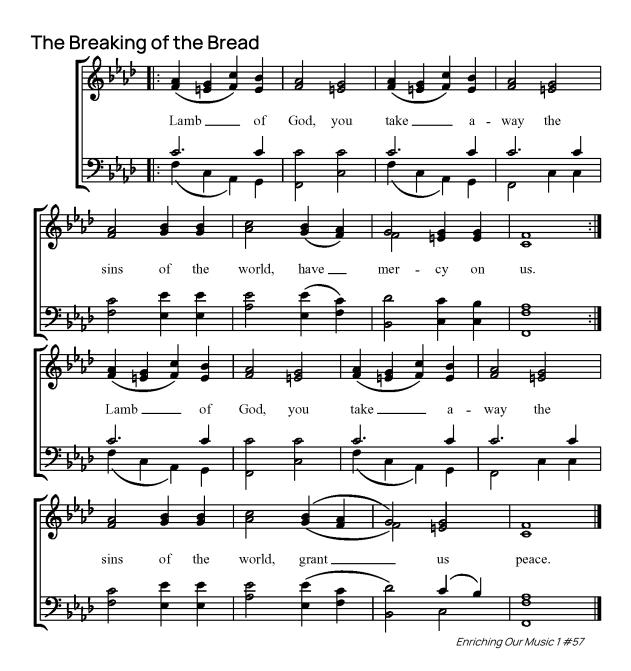
#### Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant

that we who share these gifts may be filled with the +Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.



God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.

#### Instrumental Interlude

The invitation to Communion comes from Jesus himself; everyone, without exception, is welcome to receive. Those at home may unwrap their host and consume it. If you do not have communion at home, you are invited to pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion below.

#### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

In union, dear Jesus, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, I offer you my praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament and that you are able, even when received by faith alone, to heal, enrich, and sanctify me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you and you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

### **Communion Hymn**



Taize #11

# Sending Forth

Let us pray.

Loving God,

we give you thanks

for restoring us in your image

and nourishing us with spiritual food

in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth

a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;

that we may proclaim your love to the world

and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior, Amen.

At the + below, you are invited to cross yourself.

May Christ who calls you to take up your cross, give you strength to bear your own and one another's burdens; and the blessing of +God: Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with you always. **Amen**.



R. Duck, Slane/Irish Traditional, Hope Publishing

#### Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### Postlude

Please remain online for conversation.

**TODAY'S MINISTERS** 

Guest Presider & PreacherDeaconMinister of MusicOnline HostMarvin FoltzAndrea BilhardtMarilyn HaverlyWendy Manning

Servers

Melissa Moore (lead), Janet Harper, Emma Koch, Kevin Malone

Bread Baker Kim Callis

Vestry

2025 Nolan Cooper (Treasurer), Emma Koch (Clerk) and Wendy Manning (Co-Warden) 2026 Melissa Moore and Ted Otto (Co-Warden) 2027 Kevin Malone and Tim Paprocki

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## **Announcements**

Welcome the Rev. Marvin Foltz as our Guest Presider today as Pastor Amity is on vacation.

#### Grace CAT Survey Results Presentation THIS Thursday, March 21

Grace's CAT Survey results are in! If you are curious to see how your responses compare with other Gracers' be sure to join the presentation with the Rev. Kevin Caruso this **Thursday, March 21 from 6-8pm** on Zoom (link below). Please plan to attend. And thanks again to everyone who completed the survey!

Meeting ID: 87262386348 Passcode: Grace637

#### Shamrock Shuffle is Next Sunday

The Shamrock Shuffle kicks off the Chicago running season, and the race always attracts big crowds of runners and spectators. Street closings for the race will impact getting to Grace on **Sunday, March 24**. To find a map of the race route to help plan your way to Grace next Sunday visit: shamrockshuffle.com/shufflers/maps

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#### **Grace's Budget Surplus Recipients**

Grace was blessed with a budget surplus of \$35,566.84 at the end of 2023. The Vestry wanted to share this blessing with organizations who serve some of our more vulnerable neighbors and asked the Service & Advocacy Committee to research and make recommendations. Lent is a particularly appropriate season to make these donations since almsgiving, or giving to the poor, is one of the three disciplines of Lent (in addition to fasting and praying). The committee recommended six organizations who address five general areas of need:

Food:Pilsen Food PantryHousing:Franciscan OutreachHealth:The Night MinistryChildren:The Primo CenterMigrants:Grace Episcopal Church, Oak Park Emergency ShelterBonus:Market Box

The Night Ministry (thenightministry.org) is a Chicago-based organization that provides human connection, support, and health care to members of our community who are unhoused or experiencing poverty. Accessing health care is extremely challenging for people who are unhoused and homelessness severely impacts the management of and recovery from a health condition. The Night Ministry offers healthcare via two programs: The Health Outreach Bus and The Street Medicine Program. The specially designed Health Outreach Bus features a fully equipped nurse's office and brings basic medical care and a sense of community to individuals and families six days per week in underserved areas of Chicago. They supply food, hygiene kits, warm winter wear, and condoms to prevent the spread of STIs. The Street Medicine Program visits encampments, expressway viaducts, and street corners across the city with a Nurse Practitioner, Case Manager, and Street Medicine Outreach Professional. The Night Ministry has received Charity Navigator's highest rating of 4 stars. They were recommended by Doreen Baker.

## **Lent with Grace**

Lent is one of the oldest liturgical seasons of the Christian tradition, developing as a period of preparation for those who would be baptized at Easter. The invitations to almsgiving, prayer and fasting at the beginning of the season on Ash Wednesday have been called the three disciplines of Lent. The discipline of fasting means not to denigrate the human body, but to symbolize the turn from self-indulgence to care for the neighbor and reliance on God. In the surprise of faith, we discover that these disciplines can accompany us to the alternative treasures that come from God alone. In our worship and in our adult forums, we will explore the three practices of almsgiving, prayer and fasting throughout the holy season of Lent.

#### **Changes in Worship Space during Lent**

Throughout the season of Lent, the sanctuary is rearranged to create a different worship experience. The chairs are set up in 'choir style' facing east/west. This creates a space for a "Lenten Wilderness" in the middle aisle. The tone of the liturgy is more penitential while still using contemporary language. The prayers are from *Enriching Our Worship*, the Episcopal Church's supplemental liturgical materials. For the duration of Lent, the historic font cover, honoring the Hibbard family, is placed on top of the font as the waters of baptism have been removed as a symbol of the wilderness.

#### **Lent Adult Formation Continues Today**

The 40 days of Lent poetically evoke the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness being "tested by the devil." In *The Screwtape Letters*, C.S. Lewis turned a satirical eye on the idea of such "testing." Grace is reading Lewis' beloved fictional work this season in study groups meeting each Sunday after worship and online Thursdays at Noon.

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## **Easter with Grace**

#### Planning for Grace's Easter Brunch on March 31

One of the great traditions at Grace is the post-service brunch on Easter Sunday. Grace member and professional chef Kim Callis makes the main dishes (ham and lamb) and the rest of us provide the sides, desserts and beverages. Signup sheets are available on the Welcome Table or you can email Kim to indicate what you will bring to this festive meal. Even if you are not able to bring something to the brunch, come anyway. All are welcome.

#### **Donate Easter Flowers**

On Easter Sunday, the sanctuary comes alive with blooms and greenery to celebrate the Risen Lord. You may make a flower donation in remembrance of a departed loved one or in thanksgiving for someone or something in your life. All contributions received by **Monday**, **March 25** will be included in the Easter bulletin. You can donate online following the "Give To Grace" button on the church homepage or write a check. Remember to write "Easter Flowers" in the memo line of your check along with a note of the thanksgiving or remembrance.

#### Sanctuary Spring Cleaning Saturday, March 30

On Holy Saturday, **March 30**, come and help make the sanctuary shine in preparation for Easter services. Gather at 11:30am to clean, polish, and decorate for Easter. The work should be finished by 1pm. Please join us if you can spare an hour or two; snacks will be provided to energize us.



# **WITH GRACE**

March 28 Maundy Thursday A beautiful service focused on table, fellowship, and service (dinner is included)	6:30PM
March 29 Good Friday  Commemorate the passion and death of  Jesus Christ through stirring liturgy	NOON 6:30PM
March 30 Easter Vigil at Saint James Cathedral	8PM
March 31 EASTER SUNDAY!  Bring your best "Alleluia" voice and a dish to share at the festive potluck	10AM

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