

# Grace Episcopal Church

A Parish Church in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta  
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Maundy Thursday: The First Liturgy in the Triduum

April 17, 2025 ✦ 7 PM

## **Our Mission**

Grace Episcopal Church is a congregation in communion with all that is in God, seen and unseen. We are led by the example of Jesus Christ and are empowered by the Holy Spirit to support each other through prayer, formation, worship, and service.

## **Our Vision**

We will welcome all with kindness, acceptance, and love, with God's help.  
We are Grace, grounded in faith and relentless in compassion.



*The Maundy Thursday Liturgy is the first part of the Triduum, the three days prior to Easter Sunday.*

**Community Minute**

**Prelude Meditation**

Lee Rogers

**Silent Procession**

BCP 351

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

**Collect for Purity**

BCP 355

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.*

**Kyrie: S91** *Hymns beginning with an S are found in the service music section at the front of the hymnal.*

**Collect of the Day**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.  
People *And also with you.*  
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The First Reading: Exodus 12:1-14**

Reader: Helen Scovill

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord \*  
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the Lord's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

**The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

Reader: Susan Lahey

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

**At the Sequence: Hymn 439**

*Wondrous Love*

**The Gospel Lesson: John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I

have done to you. Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.

“Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Homily: The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Park**

**The Ceremony of Washing of Feet**

*All are invited to participate in the foot washing. Please remove shoes & socks before coming forward and have a seat in one of the chairs on either side of the nave.*

**Music during the Foot Washing** *sung by all*

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

1. Lord, whose love through hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of  
2. Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry  
3. As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-  
4. Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear

hu-man need, who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,  
cry for bread; still the cap-tives long for free-dom;  
veal-ing light in its height and depth and great-ness  
name we go to the child, the youth, the a-ged,

of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed: we, your ser-vants, bring the  
still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com-  
dawns up-on our quick-ened sight, mak-ing known the needs and  
love in liv-ing deeds to show; hope and health, good will and

wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart, con-se-crat-ing  
pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your  
bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear, stir-ring us to  
com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser-vants,

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,  
 Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.  
 live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

**The Prayers of the People Form VI** *Please stand or kneel as you are able.*

Leader: Elizabeth Horton BCP 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, and Rob our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*Who put their trust in you.*

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We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Leader and People*

*Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **The Absolution**

### **The Peace**

BCP 360

Celebrant        The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People            *And also with you.*

*Please be seated.*

**The Offertory Anthem** *Lamb of God, What Wondrous Love* based on "Pavane" by Gabriel Faure, arr. Allan Robert Petker

Lamb of God, what wondrous love, what wondrous love, O my soul,  
Love, such love, that Thou shouldst die, that Thou, for me, shouldst die.  
Lord of Grace, what matchless love, what matchless love, O my soul.  
Song of God, Thou loving sacrifice, Thou loving sacrifice for me.  
Here, O Lord, am I, fearful, sinful, man, guilty and condemned, Thy death is surely mine.  
Cross of God, I would to turn away, yet Love it bids me stay, O my soul.  
Can it be the very death I fear, is that which draws me near, Lord to Thee? Died for me.  
Lamb of God, Thou died for me. Lamb of God, what wondrous love.

**At the Presentation: Hymn 149** *verses 1 & 3*

*Old 124th*

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

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 our 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.

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: Hymn S114**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues.*

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

*The Celebrant continues*

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 for ever. AMEN.



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

*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**

BCP 364

**The Fraction Anthem: S158**

*Helpful notes: To receive, please proceed up the center aisle and fill around the altar from the back to the front. If you do not wish to receive the consecrated bread and wine, simply cross your arms over your chest. We will offer a blessing for you as we share in Holy Communion. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please return to your seat by the side aisles.*

**Communion Music**

**Hymn 336**

*Werde munter*

**Hymn 329**

*Pange lingua*

**Prayer after Communion** *Please kneel or stand as you are able.*

BCP 366

Celebrant Let us pray.

*Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

## The Stripping of the Altar

**Psalm 22: 1-11**     *read in unison as altar furnishings are removed*

BCP 610

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? \*  
and are so far from my cry  
and from the words of my distress?
- 2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; \*  
by night as well, but I find no rest.
- 3 Yet you are the Holy One, \*  
enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
- 4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; \*  
they trusted, and you delivered them.
- 5 They cried out to you and were delivered; \*  
they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, \*  
scorned by all and despised by the people.
- 7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; \*  
they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him; \*  
let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
- 9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, \*  
and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
- 10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; \*  
you were my God when I was still in my  
mother's womb.
- 11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, \*  
and there is none to help.

### **Silent Procession**

*The clergy will take the consecrated bread and wine into the Columbarium Garden. All who wish may spend a few moments there in silence in veneration following the service.*

*No dismissal is given, as the worship begun tonight continues at 12 noon tomorrow at the Good Friday Liturgy, which is the second part of the Triduum.*

## GOOD FRIDAY

- The **Community Good Friday Service** will be at First Presbyterian Church on April 18 at 9 AM.
- The **Good Friday service** at Grace will be held at 12 PM on April 18. Following the service, the nave will be open until 3 PM for individuals and families to reflect on the **Stations of the Cross**. At 3 PM, the Tower Bells will toll to mark the traditional time of Jesus' death.

## EASTER

- The **Great Vigil of Easter** is Holy Saturday, April 19, at 7PM. *Incense will be used. No nursery will be available.*
- Services on April 20, **The Sunday of the Resurrection**, will be at 9 & 11 AM.
  - No CE and no Children's Chapel. **Nursery** available from 8:45 AM-12:15 PM for children age 4 and under.
  - A **continental breakfast** will be served in the parish hall between worship services. Come end your Lenten fast.
  - All parishioners are invited to bring flowers and greenery from their garden to help **flower the cross**.
  - There will be an **egg hunt** following the 11 AM service for children 5th grade and younger.

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- Join us for **morning of prayer and reflection** Saturday, May 3 from 9 AM - 12 PM on Zoom, with modern-day mystic, Episcopal priest, writer, and retreat leader Cynthia Bourgeault. [www.gracechurchgainesville.org/what-is-mine-to-hold/](http://www.gracechurchgainesville.org/what-is-mine-to-hold/)
- **Graduate recognition** is May 18! High school and college graduates, please submit the information form at [www.gracechurchgainesville.org/graduate](http://www.gracechurchgainesville.org/graduate) before 9:00 AM on Monday, May 12 to be included in the slideshow.
- Grace Church Friends of Music welcomes **virtuoso violinist Ava Pakiam** on Sunday, May 18 at 4:00 PM. A reception will follow. Ava will offer a Q&A session at 3 PM in the nave for anyone interested.
- **Christian Education** (CE/Sunday School) classes will not meet April 20. Last days for CE are April 27 and May 4. At the forum on April 27 we will explore religious life and spiritual practices and on May 4 we'll hear more about our parish finances and endowment.

## THINGS TO NOTE

- We will welcome the UNG Treble Choir and the Region 6-AAA Literary Meet winners from Chestatee High School as **guest musicians** on April 27.
- Explore the **Glimpses of Grace podcast** on your podcast app of choice or at [www.gracechurchgainesville.org/podcast](http://www.gracechurchgainesville.org/podcast).
- Prayer is at the heart of our life as a faith community. Grace Church invites members of the parish to **request prayer** at [www.gracechurchgainesville.org/prayer](http://www.gracechurchgainesville.org/prayer).
- We invite **visitors and newcomers** to fill out a Welcome Card, online at [www.gracechurchgainesville.org/welcome](http://www.gracechurchgainesville.org/welcome) or in the pew (and dropped in the offering plate), so we can share information about Grace and answer any questions.
- The **nursery** is located in the children's education wing and is available to all children age 4 and under on Sunday mornings from 8:00 AM until noon.
- Services at Grace Church are **live-streamed/recorded** so that we may include those who cannot be with us physically. [www.gracechurchgainesville.org/photo-video-policy](http://www.gracechurchgainesville.org/photo-video-policy).

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