

# Grace Episcopal Church

107 S. Prospect Street  
Galena, Illinois 61036

# The Sunday of the Passion:

## Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024  
10:30am Eucharist



## Welcome to Grace Church

It is, as always, a pleasure and privilege to worship together today. Please know that your presence is valued whether this is your first time at Grace or whether you are a regular. Please be aware that we are live streaming this service to YouTube and our website. It is possible that you will be shown briefly in the recording.

## Ministers of the Service

Rev. Dr. Paula Harris, *Celebrant*

Terri Jackman, *Lector*

Elizabeth Ludescher, *Acolyte*

Patricia Schaller, *Chalice Bearer*

Phil Jackman, *Vestry Coordinator*

Cathie Elsbree, *Greeter*

Teresa Burke, Cathie Elsbree, Lynn Giles, Melanie Hoffman, Terri Jackman, Debbie Kallback,

Kim Kreiser, & Debbie Pausz, *Passion Readers*

Robin French, *Music Director*

Nancy Cook/Joy von Wolffersdorff,

*Erben Organists*

Pat Golden & Charlotte Stryker,

*Altar Guild*

Greg & Karen Serwich, *LEMs*

Pat Golden, *Sound/Livestream Tech*

## The Holy Eucharist

*Weather permitting, today's service will begin in the parking lot.  
In case of inclement weather, we will move to the Parish Hall.*

**Prelude**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Ellacombe/Hayes

**Welcome**

Celebrant: Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.

**All: Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of those mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**Reading**

Mark 11:1-11

Lector: A reading from Mark.

<sup>1</sup>When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples <sup>2</sup>and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. <sup>3</sup>If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" <sup>4</sup>They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, <sup>5</sup>some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" <sup>6</sup>They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. <sup>7</sup>Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. <sup>8</sup>Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. <sup>9</sup>Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

<sup>10</sup>Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

<sup>11</sup>Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

**Blessing of the Palms**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right to praise you, Almighty God, for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way. Let these branches be for us signs of his victory, and grant that we who bear them in his name may ever hail him as our King, and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life; who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**All: Hosanna in the highest.**

### **The Procession**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

**All: In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*During the procession, all hold branches in their hands.*

### **Procession Hymn**

154: All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*Refrain*

**All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King!  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.**

**Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed One. *Refrain***

**The company of angels is praising thee on high;  
and we with all creation in chorus make reply. *Refrain***

**The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. *Refrain***

**To thee before thy passion they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *Refrain***

**Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King. *Refrain***

*Theodulph of Orleans (d. 821); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.  
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## The Collect

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## The Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Lector: A reading from Isaiah.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.

<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**The Response**—*Please respond after the asterisk, as directed by the lector.*

Psalm 31:9-16

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; \*

**my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.**

<sup>10</sup>For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing; \*

**my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup>I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \*

**when they see me in the street they avoid me.**

<sup>12</sup>I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*

**I am as useless as a broken pot.**

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is all around; \*

**they put their heads together against me;  
they plot to take my life.**

<sup>14</sup>But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. \*

**I have said, “You are my God.**

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; \*

**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.**

<sup>16</sup>Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*

**and in your loving-kindness save me.”**

**The Epistle**

Philippians 2:5-11

Lector: A reading from Philippians.

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,

<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
 and gave him the name  
 that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
 every knee should bend,  
 in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
 that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
 to the glory of God the Father.

Lector:       The Word of the Lord.  
 All:            **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**Sequence Hymn**

148: Creator of the Earth and Skies, v. 1, 5



1 Cre - a - tor of the earth and skies, to whom the  
 2 We have not known you: to the skies our mon - u -  
 3 We have not loved you: far and wide the wreck - age  
 4 For this, our fool - ish con - fi - dence, our pride of  
 5 Teach us to know and love you, Lord, and hum - bly



1 words of life be - long, grant us your truth to make us  
 2 ments of fol - ly soar, and all our self - wrought mis - er -  
 3 of our ha - tred spreads, and e - vils wrought by hu - man  
 4 know - ledge and our sin, we come to you in pen - i -  
 5 fol - low in your way. Speak to our souls the quick - ening



1 wise; grant us your power to make us strong.  
 2 ies have made us trust our - selves the more.  
 3 pride re - coil on un - re - pent - ant heads.  
 4 tence; in us the work of grace be - gin.  
 5 word, and turn our dark - ness in - to day.

## The Gospel

Mark 14:1-15:47

Celebrant: The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Narrator: It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; for they said

Priests: “Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.”

Narrator: While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. But some were there who said to one another in anger,

Bystander: “Why was the ointment wasted in this way? For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor.”

Narrator: And they scolded her. But Jesus said,

Jesus: “Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.”

Narrator: Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him,

Disciples: “Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?”

Narrator: So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them,

Jesus: “Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, ‘The Teacher asks, Where

is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?’ He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.”

Narrator: So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

When it was evening, he came with the twelve. And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said,

Jesus: “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.”

Narrator: They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another,

Disciples: “Surely, not I?”

Narrator: He said to them,

Jesus: “It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.”

Narrator: While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said,

Jesus: “Take; this is my body.”

Narrator: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. He said to them,

Jesus: “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly I tell you, I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”

Narrator: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. And Jesus said to them,

Jesus: “You will all become deserters; for it is written, ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”

Narrator: Peter said to him,



Peter: “Even though all become deserters, I will not.”

Narrator: Jesus said to him,

Jesus: “Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.”

Narrator: But he said vehemently,

Peter: “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.”

Narrator: And all of them said the same.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

Jesus: “Sit here while I pray.”

Narrator: He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them,

Jesus: “I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.”

Narrator: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said,

Jesus: “Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.”

Narrator: He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus: “Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

Narrator: And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them,

Jesus: “Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”

Narrator: Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Judas: “The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.”

Narrator: So when he came, he went up to him at once and said,

Judas: “Rabbi!”

Narrator: and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus: “Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.”

Narrator: All of them deserted him and fled.

A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying,

Bystander: “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’”

Narrator: But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus,

Priest 1: “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?”

Narrator: But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him,

Priest 1: “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?”

Narrator: Jesus said,

Jesus: “I am; and ‘you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power,’ and ‘coming with the clouds of heaven.’”

Narrator: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

Priest 1: “Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?”

Narrator: All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him,

Bystander: “Prophecy!”

Narrator: The guards also took him over and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said,

Servant Girl: “You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.”

Narrator: But he denied it, saying,

Peter: “I do not know or understand what you are talking about.”

Narrator: And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders,

Servant Girl: “This man is one of them.”

Narrator: But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter,

Bystander: “Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.”

Narrator: But he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter: “I do not know this man you are talking about.”

Narrator: At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him,

Jesus: “Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.”

Narrator: And he broke down and wept.

Narrator: As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate: “Are you the King of the Jews?”

Jesus: “You say so.”

Narrator: Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

Pilate: “Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.”

Narrator: But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

Pilate: “Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?”

Narrator: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

Pilate: “Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?”

Priests: “Crucify him!”

Pilate: “Why, what evil has he done?”

Priests: “Crucify him!”

Narrator: So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor’s headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him

in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

Soldiers: “Hail, King of the Jews!”

Narrator: They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus.

*At the verse which mentions the arrival at Golgotha all stand.*

Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

Bystander: “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!”

Narrator: In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

Priests: “He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.”

Narrator: Those who were crucified with him also taunted him. When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon.

At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

Jesus: “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?”

Narrator: which means,

Jesus: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Narrator: When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

Bystander: “Listen, he is calling for Elijah.”

Narrator: And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

Bystander: “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.”

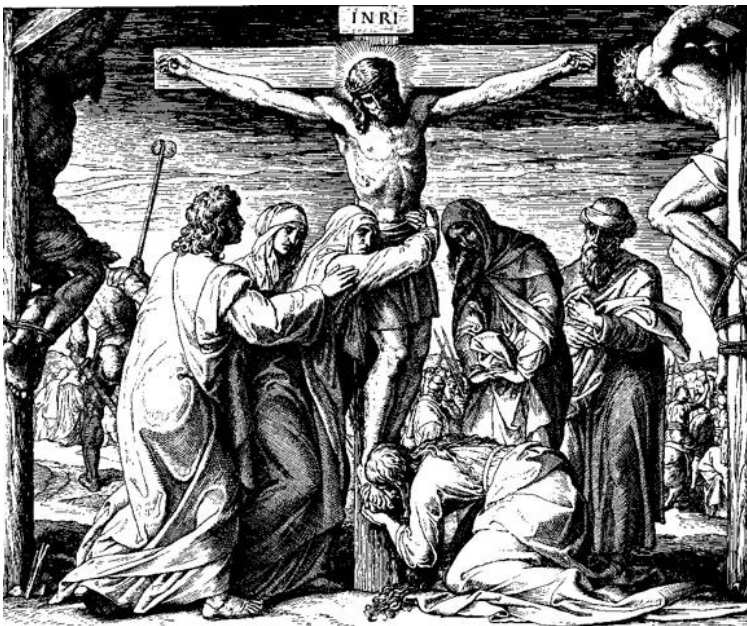
Narrator: Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

Centurion: “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

Narrator: There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

*Please be seated.*



*Woodcuts by Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld*

*We keep a brief moment of silence after the sermon.*

*Please stand.*

**Prayers of the People**

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Lector: I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

Lector: I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

Lector: I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

Lector: I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

Lector: I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Lector: Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

**The Peace**

Celebrant: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*All may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*Please be seated.*



## Announcements

Warden Minute

Thanksgiving for the anniversaries of: Brian & Frani Beadle, Steve & Maren Coates

Blessing:

**All: Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase;  
bless and guide them wherever they may be.  
Strengthen them when they stand;  
comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful;  
raise them up if they fall;  
and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding  
abide all the days of their lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Holy Communion

*But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have,  
for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. – Hebrews 13:15-16*

Offertory

Hosanna to the Son of David

L. Jakobs

*Please stand.*

## Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

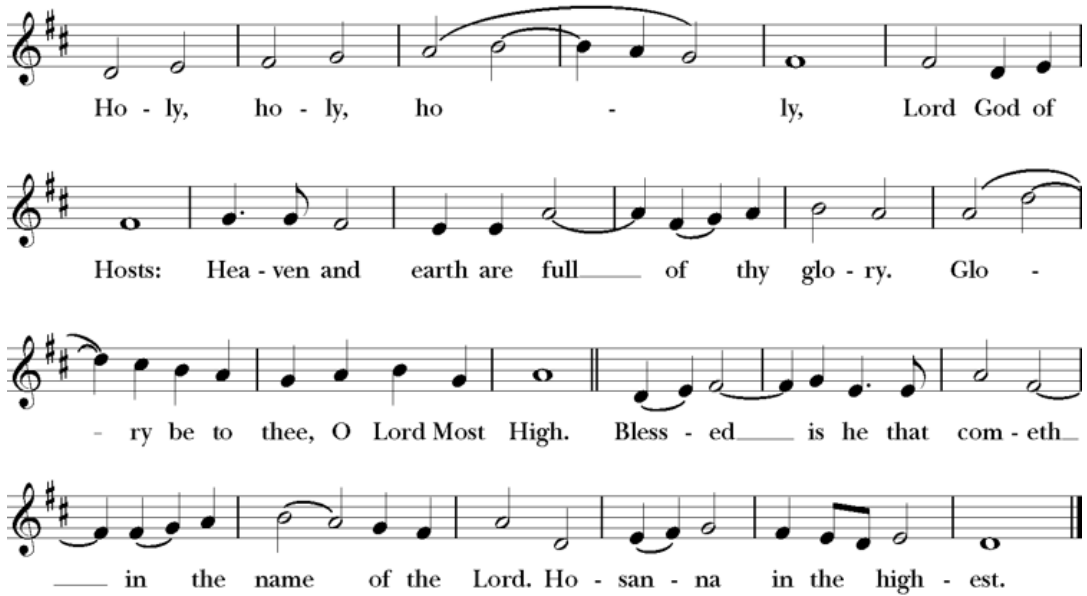
Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him.

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

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of  
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -  
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please continue standing or kneel.*

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: 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 for ever.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: 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**

*Silence*

**Agnus Dei**

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O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of God, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Communion Hymn**

435: At the Name of Jesus

**Communion Hymn**

328: Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord

*Please stand.*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All: 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.**

### **Sending the Eucharistic Ministers**

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

**All: We who are many are one Body, because we all share in one bread, one cup.**

### **Blessing**

Celebrant: Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn**

164: Alone Thou Goest Forth

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### **Postlude**

Prelude No. 12

J.S. Bach

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## Announcements

*Find additional information in Grace Happenings, our weekly email newsletter sent every Friday.*

*To subscribe, send a request to [gracesec@gracegalena.org](mailto:gracesec@gracegalena.org).*

*The deadline for announcements is noon on Tuesdays. Thank You!*

**Good Friday Offering** – For 102 years, Episcopalians have generously supported the ministry of the Anglican Communion Province of Jerusalem, and the Middle East, through the Good Friday Offering. Donate online at [episcopalchicago.org/donate](http://episcopalchicago.org/donate) or send a check to the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago, 65 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611 with “Good Friday Offering” in the memo.

**Easter Potluck** – You are invited to join your Grace family at the annual Easter Potluck Brunch in the parish hall, immediately following the Easter service. Please sign-up to bring a dish.

**March Collection for Rector’s Discretionary Fund** – Most Episcopal churches maintain a “Rector’s Discretionary Fund” which is used—just like it sounds—at the Rector’s judgment. These funds are intended to be used for urgent assistance to people in need. If you are in a position to give, and this is a need that moves you, you’re invited to contribute to it during the month of March. An in-depth explanation is provided in the weekly e-news. If you have questions, see Mother Paula Harris or Tom Van Gelder, our Treasurer.

### Holy Week Schedule

- **Maundy Thursday, March 28:** 5:30pm Agape Meal and 7:00pm Worship Service
- **Good Friday, March 29:** Noon Worship Service at Grace and 7:00pm Ecumenical Service at Galena United Methodist Church
- **Easter Sunday, March 31:** 10:30am Festive Eucharist and Brunch to Follow

## In the Greater Galena Community

**Drake University Choirs in Concert** – 7pm, Wednesday, April 3 at Galena United Methodist. Also featuring the Galena High School choir.

**Jazz Church** – Lord of Love Lutheran Church is thrilled to host trumpeter Jon Ailabouni based in La Crosse, WI, along with members of the Luther College Jazz Orchestra to Galena for an experience you won’t forget! 11am on April 7, 2024 at Furlong Funeral Chapel. (Our Parish Administrator, Amanda Zasada, will be the vocalist!)

## Ongoing Happenings at Grace:

**Sunday Social Hour** – Join us for a time of fellowship each Sunday after service. The sign-up sheet for hosting is posted near the coffee pots.

**Monday Poetry Meeting, 2:00 pm** – Via Zoom for winter. Contact: Carol Poston, poston@sxu.edu or 815-777-0220.

**Tuesday Service of Compline, 8:30 pm** – Via Zoom, link in the weekly e-news. Contact: Lynn Giles, 815-757-2011

**Wednesday Morning Service, 8:00 am** – Worship in the Chapel. The group continues afterwards with breakfast at a local restaurant.

**Wednesday Morning Study Group, 10:00 am** – Lectionary study in the Conference Room and via Zoom, link in the weekly e-news. Contact: Greg Serwich, 312-933-6228. **Note:** The Bible Study group will not meet on Wed. March 27th, but will resume meeting the following week.

**Galena Foreign Policy Study Group, 2:30 pm** – Monthly on the second Wednesday in the Parish Hall. Contact: Greg Serwich, 312-933-6228.

**Thursday Yarn Ministry, 1:30-2:30 pm** – Meets in the Conference Room. Contact: Meg Gibbs 708-421-1512.

**Friday Centering Prayer, 9:00 am** – Via Zoom, link in the weekly e-news.

**Ministry of Care** – Provides congregational support (rides, meals, errands, etc.) during a time of need. Contact: Bonnielynn Kreiser, 815-777-1468 or 815-291-9005. **Note:** Bonnielynn Kreiser will be out to the country from March 19 through April 6. If you have any pastoral care needs, please contact Terri Jackman at 815-281-0485.

## **Prayers of the People**

*Please include the following concerns during worship today and throughout the week:*

**For Our Outreach Partners:** Opening Doors; Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk, South Sudan; La Santa Cruz Parish in the Diocese of Southeast Mexico; the United Thank Offering; the Galena ARC; the United Churches Food Pantry; Episcopal Relief and Development; Shelter Care Ministries; and Dubuque Rescue Mission.

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Paula, our Diocesan Bishop; Paula, our Rector; and all members of Grace Church.

**We pray for those who are sick or in need:** Connie Bennett, Kevin Beuge, Emery Beyer, Carl Blakemore, Dan Burke, Teresa Burke, Bob Burton, Mia Carson, Shawn Crossley, Bob Doering, Pete Doering, Ron Doser, Jocelyn Douglas, Matthew Dowe, Al Elsbree, Ed & Rita Ersfeldt, Carmen Ferguson, Jennie Fjelde, Olivia Gilbert, Ezryn “Ezzy” Gotautis, Elaine Guidry, Adeline Hanson, Megan Hearnburger, Kristi L, Richard Luther, Alice & Joe Maffit, Liam Malone,

Robert Marsh, JoAnn Mikelson, Ruth Neindorf, Mary Nelson, Pam Ohms, Tony Packard, Larry Poston, Doug Rector, Warren Schaller, Melody Serwich, Lori Severtson, Mike Simosky, Steve Symons, Pat Terry, Casey Walters, Joe Watts, Jim Webster, Tim Winters, Abby, Andrea, Carmella, Maria, Meghan, and Mina.

**We give thanks for the many blessings we have received:** those who serve in the military; all essential workers and their families; for the anniversaries of Brian & Frani Beadle and Steve & Maren Coates; and all who worship in this place & those who have not yet walked through these doors.

**We pray for those who have died, Diann Marsh & Jeff Kerkhoven; and for the anniversary of the deaths of:** Virginia Fitzgerald and Frederick Woodrow Roever.

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**The Altar Flowers Were Given by:** *No flowers during Lent.*

**Social Hour Hosts:** Terri & Phil

*There is a sign up sheet near the coffee, if you would like to host in future.*

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Tues./Thurs. 12:30pm – 4:30pm

Fri. 9:00am – 4:30pm

## **Vestry**

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**Tom Van Gelder**, Treasurer

**Eric Kallback**, Clerk

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**Amy Hardwicke** (2025)

**Sue Anderson** (2026)

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