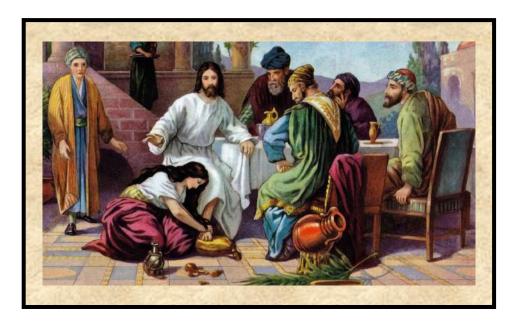
Grace Episcopal Church

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The Fifth Sunday in Lent April 6, 2025

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton, Rector The Rev James Seipel, Assisting David Aldrete, Choirmaster ~ Pavel Petrov, Organist

Welcome to Grace Parish! We are glad that you have answered God's call to worship, and we are honored that you have chosen to be with us. In addition to the service, we offer childcare for children age 4 and under, and Sunday School for preschool through 5th grade.

Visitors, we would like to meet you! Please take a moment to fill out the "Voice from the Pew" found in the red folders and place it in the offertory plate.

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10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

Prelude Pavel Petrov

The Word of God		
Processional Hymn 495	<u>In Babilone</u>	
"Hail, thou once despised Jesus!"		
The Word of God		
Opening Acclamation	BCP p. 355	
Collect for Purity	BCP p. 355	
Kyrie S86(Blue Hymnal)	David Hurd	

Collect of the Day

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 Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 43:16-21	Micah Palpant
Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,	
who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior;	
they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.	
I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?	
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.	

The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.
Lector:The Word of the LordPeople:Thanks be to God.
Psalm 126 In convertendo Anglican Chant
1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.
2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.
3 Then they said among the nations, * "The LORD has done great things for them."
4 The LORD has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.
5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, * like the watercourses of the Negev.
6 Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.
7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.
The Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14 Laurel McKenzie
If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them

Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness

under the law, blameless.

as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lector:The Word of the LordPeople:Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 455

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"O Love of God, how strong and true"

The Gospel: John 12:1-8The Rev. Susan Scranton

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Lector:	The Gospel of the Lord	
People:	Praise to you, Lord Christ	
Sermon		The Rev. Susan Scranton
The Nicene C	reed	BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People - Form IV (BCP p. 388) Jared Anders

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer*.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer*.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer*.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer*.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. Are there others?

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer*.

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

The Peace

~ Welcome, Announcements and Special Blessings ~

Blessing (Said by all): Watch over thy child, O Lord, as his days increase, bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he falls; and in his heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem	<u>John Trotta</u>	
"Come to Aid Your Servant" Grace Parish Choir		
Presentation Hymn 149 v. 1	Old 124th	
"Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church"		
Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)	BCP p. 361	
Sanctus & Benedictus S124	David Hurd	
The Lord's Prayer	BCP p. 364	
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP p. 364	
Fraction Anthem: S161	<u>David Hurd</u>	
Invitation to Communion BCP p. 364 (All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. If you have difficulty coming forward, please notify an usher, and we will be happy to bring Communion to you where you are seated.)		
	<u>et memores</u>	
"And now, O Father, mindful of the love"		
Postcommunion Prayer	BCP p. 365	
The Blessing		
Recessional Hymn 473	<u>Crucifer</u>	
"Lift high the cross		
The Dismissal	BCP p. 366	
Postlude P	<u>avel Petrov</u>	



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<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>

Youth Group - Today after the 10 AM service.

<u>Maundy Thursday</u> - April 17 at 6:00 PM Please sign up to attend and/ or make soup for our annual event. The sign-up sheet is located in the narthex.

Volunteers Needed for Palm Sunday:

- Palm Saturday work party Saturday, April 12 at 1:00 PM
- Palm Sunday after the 10 AM service to remove palms to
- Baxter Hall for our Maundy Thursday event.

Palm Sunday Passion Narratives and Good Friday Passion Narratives We are seeking volunteers who would like to take a part in the dramatic readings on Palm Sunday at 10:00 AM and Good Friday at 7:30 PM. If you would like a part, please speak to Janet Kawamoto.

Lenten Hygiene Project for Homeless of the Pasadena Union Station GEC are making Hygiene Kits to be handed out to the Homeless. Please build one yourself and donate it to the church by Easter Sunday. Grace Church will provide the bag. See Debbie Pullen or Laurel McKenzie if you like a bag.

Easter Flower Donations - If you would like to donate for Easter flowers, envelopes can be found in the pews. You may dedicate the flowers to a blessing or a loved one who has passed away. Dedications will be printed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Easter Bunny Helpers ∼ We need candy donations for our Easter egg hunt and would also like volunteers to help on Easter Sunday. You need to be available at 9:00 AM on Easter Sunday. ☺

Grace Episcopal Church Vestry Members 2025

Rev. Susan L. Scranton, Frank Boyd - Senior Warden, Heather Moore - Junior Warden Miles Bresee - Treasurer, Todd Rice - Buildings & Grounds, Kathi Ferris, Janet Kawamoto, Hannah Palpant, Jade Petteruto, Linda Rice

Serving at 10 AM

Celebrant Susan Scranton
Lay Eucharistic Minister
Lectors Micah Palpant, Laurel McKenzie, Jared Anders
Acolyte April Moore, Karen Williamson, Mitchell Patterson
Choirmaster David Aldrete
OrganistPavel Petrov
Altar Guild Janese Grady, Dawn Mellon, Patricia Meyer,
Debbie Pullen, Cathy St. Onge
Hymn Board Manager Barcelo
Ushers Rob Van Derbur
GEC Stream Team See Stream Team
Vestry Person of the Week Hannah Palpant



Prayer List

For healing and comfort: Edie Noland, Grace Boyd, Jackson Clune, Jessie Barrett, Michelle, Laverne Tradel, Sam Luna, Jessica Moran, Frank Boyd, Susie Seielstad, Don Dexter, Chris Malet, Candace, Lisa Tone, Marcia Goetz, Rick, Marylen Hart
For strength & guidance: Audra Montoya, Stephanie Luna, Steve & Debra Clune
For those serving in the military: Chad Donohoe ~ U.S. Navy, Nelson Acosta ~ U.S. Air Force, Sgt. Mitchell Bennett ~ Army, Adam Corona Jr. ~ U.S. Air Force, Seth Tradel ~ U.S. Navy, Mitchell Mann ~ U.S. Marines

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARY

- 2 Michael Moore
- 3 Everleigh Stone
- 4– April Moore
- 4- Stephen Rice
- 5– Randy Lakin
- 6 Karen Williamson
- 7 TJ Harich
- 8– Laurel McKenzie
- 11 Donna McAlmond
- 13– Sonja Lakin
- 15 Katherine Rice 20 – Marcia Goetz 28 – Matthew Young
- <u>ANNIVERSARY</u>- April 3: Carl and Lynn Colley