



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II, Year A  
March 15, 2026, 10AM

## Welcome!

We are happy to worship with you, and honored to have you with us!

Our liturgy comes from the Book of Common Prayer.

Everything you will need for this service can be found in this bulletin  
and also the blue *Hymnal* in the pew rack.

*The altar decorations are given to the Glory of God  
and in loving memory of Charles & Eloise Walker Phills  
& the birthday of Dr. Baldwin King  
by Cheryl, Baldwin, Bryan, Cherene & Debbie King,  
and the Phills Family.*

*Children begin in service with their families,  
and will be invited to Sunday School  
by Miss Kathryn in Nieman Hall.*



SONG OF PRAISE

“Children of Light”

Valerie Ann Webdell

School Choirs

*Children, age 4 through grade 5, are invited to join Miss Kathryn for Sunday School in Nieman Hall. They will return to the sanctuary at the Peace.*

*Nursery care is available for children through age 4.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP, p. 219

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The Presider prays the Collect, after which all respond Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*The people sit.*

THE FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 16:1-13

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

arr. V. Thomson

*Choir*

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:8-14

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 9:1-41

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

*People*



Glo - ry to you Lord Christ

*Gospeller* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*



Praise to you Lord Christ

*The people sit.*

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

*Said by all, standing.*

BCP, p. 358

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Leader offers intercessions on behalf of the congregation; during the silences the people may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.*

*Each petition concludes* God of mercy,  
*People respond*                **hear our prayer.**

*Leader* “...be a people consumed with prayer and zeal for you, this day  
and always.” **Amen.**

*The people stand.*

## THE PEACE

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*     **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*Sunday School Children join their families in church at this time.*

## WORDS OF WELCOME

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## OFFERTORY

“Jesus Heals the Blind Man”

Melchior Vulpus

*Choir*



*Please feel free to make your offering in thanksgiving to God using  
the electronic giving options at [www.gracemadison.org/giving](http://www.gracemadison.org/giving).*

*The people stand.*

## PRESENTATION HYMN

“What Wondrous Love”  
(*Wondrous Love*)

Hymnal 439

*(with revisions authorized by 2018 General Convention)*

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*Presider* God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Presider* At your command all things came to be: the shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Presider* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Presider* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of Mary, your willing servant, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People* **By his blood, he reconciled us.  
By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Presider* And therefore we praise you, joining ....  
... to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

(Powell)

Hymnal S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

*The people remain standing.*

- Presider* Blessed are you, Lord our God, ...  
 ... and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
*People* **We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection**  
**as we await the day of his coming.**
- Presider* Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed ...  
 ... that we may worthily serve the world in his name.  
*People* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**
- Presider* God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; ...  
 ...gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

A - men.

*Presider*

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

*A period of silence is kept.*

*Presider* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized persons are invited to receive Communion. Our custom is to receive the bread on extended hands and to help guide the chalice to the mouth by touching its base.*

*Intinction— dipping the wafer in the wine—is not practiced.*

*To receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, cross your arms over your chest.*

*If you need to have Communion brought to you at your seat, please inform an usher.*

*Gluten-free bread is available upon request.*

FRACTION ANTHEM

“Lamb of God”

Melissa Dunphy

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Have mer - cy on  
 us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world. Have mer -  
 cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world. Grant us your peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Wondrous Love”

Charles Callahan

COMMUNION HYMN

“Eternal Light”  
(*Ach bleib bei uns*)

Hymnal 465

*The people stand.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP, p. 365

*Said by all, standing.*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

*The Blessing is omitted during Lent.*

CLOSING HYMN

“Amazing Grace!”  
(*New Britain*)

Hymnal 671

DISMISSAL

*The people are dismissed in the name of Christ.*

*Response*   **Thanks be to God.**

RETIRING PROCESSION

*Remain standing.*

POSTLUDE

“Amazing Grace”  
*organ*

Hal Hopson

*Children (and others) are always welcome to watch at  
the organ console during the Postlude.*

## *Weekly Lenten Formation Opportunities*

### **Monday-Friday**

3PM-Dusk—Self Guided Stations of the Cross

### **Wednesdays**

6PM—Guided Stations of the Cross, *In-Person*

### **Thursdays**

8:45PM—Chanted Compline by candlelight, *Church*

### **Fridays**

11AM—Bible Study, *Library*

12:15PM—Noonday Prayer & Organ Recitals, *Church & Livestream*

## **Grace Prayer List**

We pray for all who are in need, especially Katie, David, Marge, Tanya, Dave, Nancy, Leo, Nikki, Julian, Margaret, Ruth, Allen, David, Brian, Margaret, Robert, Richard, Kackie, Marianne, Paul, Eloise, Croft, Matt, John, James, Mary, Tiffanie, Jo, Susan, Brigitte, Elizabeth, Brian, Sue.

# Grace Calendar Highlights

See [www.gracemadison.org](http://www.gracemadison.org) for more details.

Mon, March 16, 7PM **Women's Book Group**, *Theo of Golden*, Library

Tues, March 17, 7:30PM **Men's Book Group**, *1929: Inside the Greatest Crash in Wall St. History* by Andrew Ross Sorkin. The gathering is offsite, email Bruce for directions: [bruce.rudin82@gmail.com](mailto:bruce.rudin82@gmail.com).

Fri, March 20, 12:15PM **Lenten Noonday Prayer & Organ Recital**  
*John Givin, organ with Christina Girvin, voice*

Friday, March 20 from 5:30-8PM **Youth Group Game Night**  
*Bring a game and a friend! We will feast on Chipotle & snacks.*  
RSVP to Mary at [mmcmanus@gracemadison.org](mailto:mmcmanus@gracemadison.org)

Tue, March 24, 7PM **Circle of Women**, Library

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### Clergy

The Rev. Susan R. Ironside, *Rector*

The Rev. Canon Robert T. Griner, *Associate*

### Wardens

Heidi Griffiee

Chris Hauke

### Worship Services

*Holy Eucharist Services*

Sunday 8AM & 10AM

### Staff

Dr. Anne Matlack, *Organist & Director of Choirs*

Camille Bourland, *Children's Choirs*

Linda Bowden, *Chapel Choir*

Matthew North, *The Gargoyles Director*

Eve Albiston, *Hadley Bendelius,*

*Annabelle Palmer, Junior Head Choristers*

Kathryn McManus, *Children's Ministries*

Mary McManus, *Youth Ministries*

Geoff Brooks, *Senior Verger*

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& Lucy Waterstredt, *Head Acolytes*

Michael Kostial, *Parish Administrator*

Susie Harris, *Communications*

Osh Khublall, *Bookkeeper*

Jose Bonilla, *Sexton*