



CHRIST AND GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Our mission: Offering Hope, Healing and Hospitality

It is our custom to observe a prayerful silence before the service begins.

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT February 18, 2018

We welcome families with children. If anytime during the service your child needs a place for active play, a small unstaffed nursery room, restrooms, and respite area, with a speaker to hear the service, are located downstairs under the front entrance to the church. A Sunday school for children ages 2-10 meets downstairs during the 10:30 service. Children will return to church at the offering.

8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION RITE II – without music
10:30 AM THE GREAT LITANY IN PROCESSION AND HOLY COMMUNION

Contemplative silence proceeds the service. At the tolling of the bell, please stand, as able. The Great Litany may be found in the Hymnal S67 or the Book of Common Prayer, page 148.

Please join the choir, lay readers, and clergy in singing the responses, thereby making the prayers your own.

The Word of God

The Great Litany *standing*

Hymnal S67, BCP 148

Opening Acclamation *standing*

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you**

The Collect for the First Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: Genesis 9:8-17

sitting

See scripture insert

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 121 *Christ when for us* (vs 1-2)

Caithness

Gospel: *standing* (p. 357)

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**
Mark 1:9-15

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Hymn 121 *Christ when for us* (vs 1-2)

Caithness

The Sermon *following, a moment of silence is observed* The Rev. Ruth Partlow

The Nicene Creed *standing* (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 Peace *standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Greeting and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem: *O for a closer walk*

Charles Villiers Stanford

At The Presentation Doxology Old Hundredth (Hymn 380 vs. 3) *standing*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B *standing* (p. 367)

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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

HOLY

Wondrous Love Mass
Paul Hillebrand and Kevin Keil

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, — Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. — Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho -
san - na in — the high - est. — Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

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standing or kneeling

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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, (p. 364)

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

WHEN WE EAT THIS BREAD

Wondrous Love Mass
Paul Hillebrand and Kevin Keil

When we eat this Bread and — drink this — Cup, we pro -
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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The Gifts of God for the People of God.

LAMB OF GOD

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Cantor/Choir/Assembly

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world,
mi - se - re - re no - bis, mi - se - re - re no - bis.
do - na no - bis pa - cem, do - na no - bis pa - cem.

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All baptized persons, regardless of denomination or church membership, are welcome to come forward and receive the Holy Bread and Wine. A larger chalice for drinking or a small chalice for intincting (dipping) are available at the altar rail. If you wish to intinct, please hold your wafer up so chalice bearers can see it. If you would like Communion brought to you in the pew, please tell an usher.

Communion Hymn 448 *O love how deep*
(The congregation is invited to sing)

Deus tuorum militum

Kneeling Hymn 149 *Eternal Lord of love*

Old 124th

Prayer of Thanksgiving *standing or kneeling*
Let us pray.

(p. 365)

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.

Blessing

Hymn 559 *Lead us Heavenly Father Lead us*

Dulce carmen

Dismissal

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *On Dulci Carmen*

Supply Priest: The Rev. Ruth Partlow

Lay Readers: 8:00 Nancy Holden, Claire Brill

10:30 Samantha Ellis, Andy Gates, Jonathan Shockley, Claire Brill

Ushers: Maureen McClure, Jim Hunter Audio: Kemper Brinkley

Greeters: Everyone

WELCOME VISITORS. We extend a warm welcome to our visitors today. If you would like to know more about our church, kindly fill out one of the cards in the pew racks and place it in the collection plate. Join us in Lackey Hall after both services for refreshments and conversation. Exit the church through the door beside the baptism font – Lackey Hall is at the far end of the hallway.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A CELTIC EVENSONG AND COMMUNION SERVICE will be held today at 5:30 p.m. Pre-service music starts at 5:15 p.m. with featured musician Louise Daniel. A reception follows the service in Lackey Hall. Please join us and bring a friend.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 2018 are in Lackey Hall.

FRAMEABLE CHURCH PRINTS AND NOTECARDS are available for your purchase. The 10x12 prints are \$5.00 and note cards are \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00. This print is one that was made in 1988 from a painting by Boots Holden. Copies for purchase are available in Lackey Hall. Proceeds will benefit the ECW.

ANNE RUSMISELL BOOK SALE begins today, Sunday, February 18, and continues throughout the season of Lent. ECW contributes all proceeds to the Church Periodical Club.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT POTLUCKS followed by movie feature, THE LION KING, or KARUNA: A Way of Life. Beginning this Wednesday Feb. 21 and each Wednesday evening for the following 4 weeks, you are invited to bring your favorite dish to share at our potluck suppers. This is a great time to ask a friend to join in the fellowship of our church. At 6:45 you are invited to stay for our movie segment of **The Lion King** which will be shown in Lackey Hall **or** join the **“Karuna: A Way of Life”** study group led by Sonyia Elder upstairs in the Hale Library.

TUESDAY LENTEN PREACHERS AND LUNCHEONS

Join us on five Tuesdays during Lent at 12:15 p.m. for a short worship service and guest preacher followed by lunch in Lackey Hall. (\$5.00 per plate)

Tuesday, February 20 **Scott Fisher**, St Joseph’s Catholic Church
Luncheon - **The 10 O’clock Circle**
Menu: Hot Chicken Salad

Tuesday, February 27 **The Rev. Willis Foster**, Rector, St. Stephen’s Episcopal
Luncheon Hostesses- **Dixie Lackey & Gerry Higgins**
Menu: Shepherds Pie

Tuesday, March 6 **The Rev. Eve Butler-Gee**, Rector, Martin Burrowsville
Luncheon Hostesses—**Valerie Jeter, Kitty Gwaltney & Night Circle**
Menu: Soup and Sandwich

Tuesday, March 13 **The Rev. Joe Lewis**, Pastor, Second Baptist Church
Luncheon Hostess - **Maureen McClure**
Menu: Chicken Spectacular

Tuesday, March 20 **The Rev. Rick Greenwood**, Rector, St. Paul’s Episcopal
Luncheon - **Elizabeth Johnson**
Menu: Cheese Souffle

Considerable effort goes into the lunches each Tuesday by church members, and this is a major fundraiser for the Episcopal Church Women. Please plan to attend one or more.

Calendar for the Week

Mon.	6:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting – Lackey Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Tri-Cities Band Rehearsal
Tues.	12:15 p.m.	Lenten Service and Lunch
	7:00 p.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Wed.	6:00 p.m.	Potluck – Lackey Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Program or Movie
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Lackey Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal/AA Meeting

About The Great Litany

The First Sunday of Lent, February 18, we will mark by singing the Great Litany in procession.

The Great Litany is an intercessory prayer including various petitions followed by fixed repetitious responses by the congregation. The Litany (literally ‘Supplication’ from the Greek through Latin) is one of the most ancient forms of prayer, used as early as the fifth century in Rome. Martin Luther hailed it as one of the “greatest Christian prayers.”

It is, in fact, considered to be the first prayer composed in the English language for use in public worship. It was first published in 1544, and was included in the 1549 Book of Common Prayer. King Henry VIII commissioned Archbishop Thomas Cramner to write, arrange, and prepare the Great Litany because he was disappointed the people were not participating and joining in the prayers in its earlier version. Today, it is used in our Anglican worship at various times and seasons, but especially during Lent because of its penitential nature.

In the Great Litany, nearly every area of prayer is addressed, including petitions for the church, government, the world and the poor. These prayers are prefaced by a series of requests asking God to deliver us from all manner of afflictions, including evil, sin, heresy, schism, natural disaster, political disaster, violence, death and more.

The use of the Great Litany in procession was first ordered by King Henry VIII. It has become common practice in the Episcopal Church to continue this tradition, processing around the entire perimeter of the worship space, enveloping the congregation. This enveloping or encircling of the entire congregation is meant to remind us that God’s mercy surrounds us on every side. It dramatizes (in the words of Peter Hallock) "our passage through this world toward that which is to come". Of especial importance in our offering, the acolytes will retire our usual beautiful processional Cross for the wooden Cross until Easter.

The version of the Great Litany we are using was prepared by my dear friend, the late Peter Hallock, who served as the Organist-Choirmaster at the Cathedral in Seattle from 1951-1991. The congregational responses in the Hymnal 1982 are amplified and enlarged by the choir, and are punctuated by bell peals. However, the congregational parts remain as printed in the Hymnal. I encourage you to join us in offering these responses and fall into the spell of this great petition for God’s mercy.

Singing the Great Litany in procession in this wonderful form is an essential part of my personal Lenten journey. I am extremely grateful to the Choir, our Lay Readers, Missy Gates and her team of acolytes, Jill Donnelly, Claire Brill, our bell ringers organized and prepared by Tim Richardson, Matthew Little for serving as our cantor, and to you, the people of Christ and Grace for being willing to experience and participate in a new and I hope meaningful worship experience as we enter this Holy Season of Lent.

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