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## Palm Sunday

April 13 – April 19, 2025

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philippians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56; or Luke 23:1-49; Psalm 31:9-16  
<https://www.lectionarypage.net/>

### **Sunday:**

8:00 am **HOLY EUCHARIST**  
9:15 am Graceway Café  
9:30 am Choir Rehearsal  
10:30 am **HOLY EUCHARIST- livestreamed**  
10:30 am Children's Sunday School

**Tuesday:** Birthdays: Suellen Stenhouse  
12:00 pm BAM  
12:00 pm 8:00 am Choir practice

**Wednesday:**  
5:25 pm **Stations of the Cross**  
6:00 pm **EUCCHARISTIC SERVICE - Chapel**

**Thursday:** Birthdays: Jody Lee, June Millar  
6:00 pm **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**

**Friday:**  
12 noon **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**  
6:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday:** **EASTER VIGIL with incense**

### **COLLECT for PALM SUNDAY:**

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### *Reminders for this week:*

This Saturday, April 12 at 9am – Church Campus Clean-up for Easter

This Saturday, April 12 at 10am – Palm Cross workshop for Palm Sunday



## HOLY WEEK

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES:

Wed. April 16	5:25 pm Stations of the Cross, 6 pm Holy Eucharist
Thurs. April 17	6 pm Maundy Thurs. Service
Fri. April 18	12 noon Good Friday Service 6 pm Stations of the Cross
Sat. April 19	8 pm Easter Vigil with incense

*Join us*  
for Easter Services  
**HE IS RISEN**  
*celebrate the savior*  
*April 20, 2025*

8 am Traditional Service  
9:30 am Community Easter Egg Hunt  
10:30 am Contemporary/Family Service



### CANDY DONATIONS for EASTER EGG HUNT

We continue our tradition of holding an Easter Egg Hunt in the courtyard for parishioners' families and community children at 9:30 between services on Easter Sunday. Donations of individual wrapped candy would be greatly appreciated by April 13. Thank you!

## DONATIONS and DEDICATIONS FOR EASTER FLOWERS



We adorn our altar on Easter Sunday with Easter Lilies to mark the joyous celebration of the Resurrection. Lilies represent purity and hope, along with symbolizing the Resurrection.

We also adorn the narthex with spring plantings as a symbol of renewed joy and hope.

If you would like to donate for Easter flowers, please put your donation in the collection plate and use the sign-up sheet in the narthex for dedications/ memorials. **The deadline is this Sunday, April 13.** Thank you.

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**PICK UP your ORDERS of EASTER CHOCOLATE on THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 13**  
in Goddard Hall between services.

Congratulations to **Holly Frink** who won the drawing for the special Easter Chocolate Bouquet, donated by Sally Harter.



**NEXT LUNCH BUNCH- THURSDAY, April 24 at 12:00 pm**

We will meet at Peach Valley Café, 3813 S. Nova Rd. Port Orange.

Please sign up in the narthex by March 23 so we have enough seats for everyone. Their menu is here: [Port Orange Menu - Peach Valley Cafe | Best Breakfast, Lunch & Brunch | Florida](#)

Lunch Bunch meets on the LAST THURSDAY of each month at different local restaurants. All are most welcome.

**Please note that we will meet at 12 noon rather than the usual time of 12:30 pm.**

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 25 at 6:00 pm GRACE CHURCH is HOSTING a ULTREYA in GODDARD HALL**

Ultraya is an evening of music, food, and fellowship open to ALL who are interested, especially those "pilgrims" who have experienced a Cursillo, Villa de Cristo, Walk to Emmaus or other 3-day weekend!

It is an evening of encouragement and celebration centered on our walk with Christ.

**Please bring a dish to share, and musicians - please bring your instruments!**



**Vacation Bible School**

June 2 - 6, 2025  
9am to 12 noon

**Grace Episcopal Church**

Kids are invited on an Alaskan adventure, as they discover they can trust Jesus in a wild world!

New friends - Amazing experiments  
Creative games - Super-fun snacks  
Surprising adventures - Incredible music

**Register Now!**

[vbspro.events/p/gracepo](https://vbspro.events/p/gracepo)  
Free  
Ages: completed K - 5th grade

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**MAY 3 at 9 am - ORIENTATION MEETING FOR VBS VOLUNTEERS**

If you have signed up to volunteer, or if you are interested in volunteering, please attend this meeting in Goddard Hall on Saturday, May 3.

Tell others and share our VBS website for early registration:

<https://vbspro.events/p/gracepo>

Call or text Rev. Stephanie at 575-704-7297 or email at [dswhitman@yahoo.com](mailto:dswhitman@yahoo.com) with any questions.

### **"BEAR TREE" NOW in the NARTHEX**

This tree was set up in the narthex last Sunday asking for your help providing supplies for VBS.

- You were asked to take a White Tag to donate designated supply items or a Blue Tag for items we can borrow.
- Thank you for taking all the White Tags! Please check out the Blue Tags to see if you have any of these items to donate. All borrowed items will be returned!





## 6K GLOBAL WALK for WALK on MAY 16

The Outreach Committee is once again sponsoring Grace Church's participation in this annual world-wide event that help us reach out into the wider world as



Christ's arms of love and provide life-saving clean water to children in need.

Outreach will again pay the \$25 registration fee for Grace Church children.




**Saturday, May 17, 2025**



Grace Church is joining people all over the world in a **6K WALK for WATER** to help provide life-saving clean water to communities in need.

**WHEN:** Outreach Committee is once again asking you to join your fellow parishioners and people across the globe for the **world's largest 6K for water on Sat. May 17.**

**WHERE:** Walk with us as a group in **Buschman Park, Port Orange** as part of team **"Amazing Grace"** or walk with us virtually, whenever and wherever you can (some folks are doing it at home on their treadmill).

**WHY:** More than 800 children under the age of 5 die every day from diarrhea caused by contaminated water, poor sanitation, and improper hygiene. The average distance many women and children in the developing world walk for water is 6K (3.7mi). **Your \$50 online registration fee provides clean water to one person in need.**

**HOW:** Register and join team **"Amazing Grace"** here: [global6k.worldvision.org](http://global6k.worldvision.org)

**Register between March 16 and April 6 and use discount code 'CLEANWATER' for \$15 off each registration.**

You may also make a donation online to team **"Amazing Grace"** without registering or make a donation to Grace Church with Walk for Water in the memo line.

*THANK YOU FOR REACHING OUT INTO THE WORLD  
AS CHRIST'S ARMS OF LOVE*

**PICK UP a COPY of this HANDOUT on SUNDAY.**

Give one to your friends and family who may be interested.

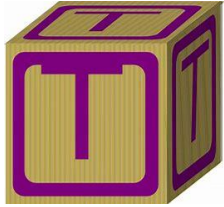
Last year our team **"Amazing Grace"** ranked 90 out of 552 teams throughout the world.

We raised over \$4,000 online and \$980 through designated donations to Grace.

Thank you!



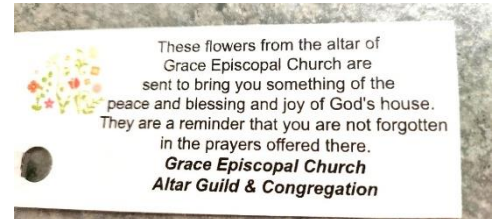
## TRIPLE T MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY to use your **TIME, TALENT, TREASURE!**



**OPPORTUNITY:** Individual or couple to deliver small bouquets of altar flowers to parishioner's homes.

- **TIME:** Two deliveries on Sunday afternoons.
- **TALENT:** Driver's license and a smiling face!
- **TREASURE:** Cost of gas for your car.

**MINISTRY:** FLOWER DELIVERY - We at Grace love all of our parishioners and know that we are all part of the body of Christ. We especially seek to care for them even when they cannot come to church or are celebrating special events in their lives.



After each 10:30 service, the Flower Guild divides the altar flowers into small bouquets for delivery.

**CONTACT:** Daneen Read at 386 426-3025.



### CAREPORTAL UPDATE

Our Grace CarePortal team was recently able to serve a non-relative caregiver. This lovely woman is currently raising four children ages 8 years to 3 weeks!

She requested help in providing church clothes and shoes and summer wear for the older two. Our team was able to provide a \$50 voucher from Thrift Boutique; good food and other necessities from HUM; lovely, crocheted crosses from Prayer Shawl Ministry; and some new clothes and shoes with funds from you, the caring parishioners of Grace.

What a blessing to meet and serve this beautiful caregiver! For many years she has joyfully nurtured the vulnerable children in our community. Thank you, Grace, for supporting the CarePortal Ministry and loving our neighbors in need!

CarePortal's mission is to help vulnerable children and families in the foster care system. CarePortal creates connections that can change lives, transform communities, and reverse the foster care crisis in our nation - because every child matters.

<https://www.onefamilyfl.com/careportal>

## SUMMER SCHEDULE FOR CHAPEL SERVICES:

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICES  
ARE ON HIATUS FROM  
MAY 21 TO JULY 30.

12 NOON EUCHARISTIC SERVICES  
IN THE CHAPEL  
DURING JUNE AND JULY.



**ASCENSION DAY SERVICE – THURSDAY, MAY 29 at 6:00 pm in Chapel.** Stay tuned for more information.

Ascension Day is celebrated on the 40th day of the Easter season, which always falls on Thursday. It is considered one of the principal feasts of the church year. The day is often observed with special prayers, readings, and hymns that reflect the significance of Christ's ascension and his promise to remain with the Church until the end of time.



**The CHAPEL is OPEN BEFORE 10:30 am SUNDAY SERVICES** for those seeking quiet, peaceful solitude for prayer before the 10:30 am Sunday services, the Chapel is open for your use.



**ECW EMAIL** -All Grace women are automatically members of the EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW), our very active service and fellowship ministry. We maintain a separate e-mailing list to send out requests and news for specific ECW events. If you would like to be included in the ECW e-mail list, please send your name and email address to [ecwgrace@gmail.com](mailto:ecwgrace@gmail.com).



### Vision

Grace Church is a welcoming community of hope and healing, where all can experience and share God's transforming love.

### Mission

We are the Church of Open Arms.

### Guiding Principles



Through worship, we experience the presence of God through Word, Sacrament, Music, and Community.



Through outreach, we serve others by providing for their physical, spiritual, and social needs.



Through congregational care, we express our love for one another.



The Diocese of Central Florida Cursillo Community  
Invites **YOU** to attend the  
**Coed Cursillo weekend #136**

*Hope Anchors the Soul* (Hebrews 6:19)

**June 20<sup>th</sup>-June 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**San Pedro Conference Center** located at 95 Bishop Grady Lane, Winter Park

*The Cursillo weekend is intended to enrich and deepen your faith by bringing together Episcopalians to share the richness of many modes of worship and gain new insights on your faith and a direction for fostering ministry to live out your Baptismal Covenant, serving Christ. Lay people conduct the weekend with clergy functioning as spiritual advisors (see Central Florida Episcopal Cursillo website). The weekend starts on Friday evening and runs through Sunday, filled with talks, meditations, Holy Eucharist, fellowship, music, great food & much more.*

**The Coed Weekend is open to couples and single men or women. Cost is \$250 per person.**

More information on Cursillo and forms for candidates, sponsors and team may be found on the website: <https://cflepiscopalcursillo.com/> or contact Jamie Roberts or Rev. Jonnette DeMarsico.



**HUM PANTRY CURRENT NEEDS:**

**This month HUM can use PEANUT BUTTER**

**GRACE CHURCH PET FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:**

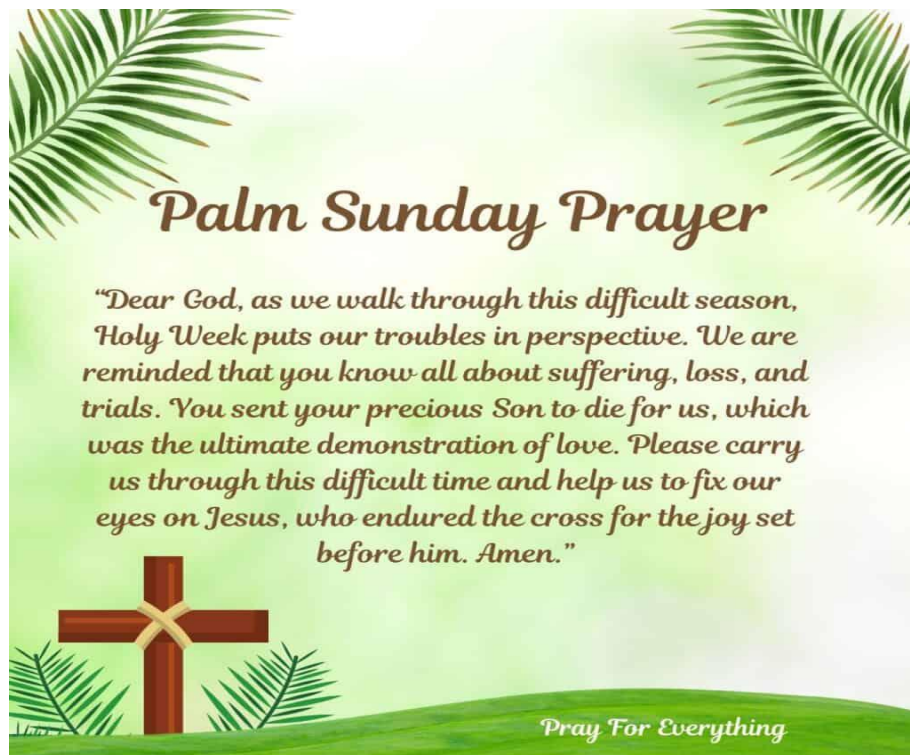
**Dry or Wet Cat & Dog Food Dog/Cat Treats**

**Gallon Ziploc Slider Style Bags**

*For monetary donations, make checks out to "Grace Episcopal Church" with "Pet Food Pantry" on the memo line.*



QR CODE FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING -Many parishioners are finding it more convenient to donate to Grace electronically. This QR code will connect you to Donor Box which accepts Google Pay, PayPal, Venmo and credit and debit cards. It is also printed on your 2024 Pledge Card. Note: this QR code is on your bulletin each Sun.



**Sunday April 13**

1 Timothy 6:12-16 *Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.* (v.12 NIV)

Paul tells Timothy to “keep this command without spot or blame.” When I read these lines as a new practicing Christian, I thought I should bravely take on the enemies of Christ who sinned daily—the devil, atheists, agnostics, and, especially, wayward Christians. Then I began to wonder: Have I kept the faith without spot or blame? Not always. Are my will and intellect strong enough to keep the faith in the future, or will I fall short from time to time? No doubt the latter, and most certainly the latter unless God helps me directly.

I remembered Walt Kelly’s famous cartoon where Pogo Possum proclaims: “We have met the enemy and he is us.” I realized I was part of the Christian “us.” What was I doing taking the fight to others when I faltered myself? It was not that I should overlook weakness or ignorance of the Truth in others; but wisdom insisted that I proceed with great care and humility and only after recognizing and confronting the enemy in myself. That’s the most important good fight.

Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalms 24, 29; Matthew 21:12-17

**Monday, April 14**

Philippians 3:1-14 *I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.* (v.14)

There is a breathless, all-in, all-hands-on-deck sense of urgency to this verse and the ones immediately prior to it. The goal is of massive consequence—no less than the opportunity to participate forever in the grand celebration of love in the Trinity through Jesus Christ. The goal and prize is heaven. Paul must have his heaven if he is to know the full joy for which he was created. I must know that joy as well.

Paul said he was not yet a prize winner and it’s certain that I am not, either. God wants all of me and I have yet to yield everything I am. But thanks be to God, I have had a taste of that great gift. It will take my all-in good faith effort and most especially God’s loving help beyond that to reach my potential in participation with Him in heaven. I can’t waste time in sin, nursing old grudges, or living in my past failures and successes. Instead, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I must press on every day.

Jeremiah 12:1-16; Psalm 51; John 12:9-19

**Tuesday, April 15**

John 12:20-26 *“Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.”* (v. 25)

Radical rejection of the blandishments of this world—material and spiritual—is what it takes to attain highest heaven. That and becoming an obedient servant of Christ. People may slip into the kingdom with less, but do I want to be least in that place given eternity and the infinite

Good that God is? Absolutely not. Unworthy as I am, I still wish to be among the first in the kingdom. Being last makes no sense.

The challenge is in the difficulty of rejecting the blandishments that death to self requires. The promises of this life are so enticing: material things for my senses and power, prestige and privilege for my spirit. And Jesus' way is so very hard at times. Frankly, these powers and the rough roads I must travel as Jesus' disciple are too much for me. Praise God in Christ who lifts the weight of my sin and darkness onto his own shoulders and steadies me as I falter along the way.

Jeremiah 15:10-21; Psalms 6, 12; Philippians 3:15-21

### **Wednesday, April 16**

Philippians 4:1-13 *And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (v.7)*

What is this strange and wonderful state that suddenly enfolds me and immediately calms my fears and revives my courage? It first appeared in my life one evening years ago when I was deeply concerned about my future and the future of my family. A warm glow encompassed me and an intimate, intuitive voice clearly said: "Everything is going to be all right." The voice commanded my trust, changed my perspective and immediately calmed me.

When I recall that experience, I am reminded of Jesus telling his disciples: "Be not afraid." And instantly, they were no longer fearful. I think of Julian of Norwich who wrote in her *Revelations of Divine Love*: "All shall be well and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well." I believe this peace to be a supernatural gift of God, transcendent, independent of me and freely given by the One who loves me and will guard me. And, as I look back over a long life, there were trials, but everything did turn out all right.

Jeremiah 17:5-10, 14-17; Psalm 55; John 12:27-36

### **Thursday, April 17**

John 17:1-26 *"I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." (v.23)*

This verse, in fact the whole of Chapter 17, is awe-inspiring to me. The verse makes clear that Jesus' mission was not to lead the children of Israel to an earthly kingdom. Rather, he was to lead the children of God into the kingdom of heaven existing within each of us, where the God of love dwells in infinite triune majesty.

I have come to believe that this unity involves something vastly more than an intellectual assertion of belief or an emotional outpouring of affection, although both may be present. To dwell with God in the union of love means a merger of wills, or desires—to want the same things, desire the same outcomes, work toward the same goals. In complete unity, God's will becomes my will, always. Such perfection is not possible in this life because my sins and imperfections separate me from God. But the good news is that Jesus, by his perfection and sacrifice, overcame sin and opened for me the way to partial union in this life and complete union in the next.

Jeremiah 20:7-11; Psalm 102; 1 Corinthians 10:14-17, 11:27-32



### **Friday, April 18**

Psalm 22 *My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?* (v.1a)

I believe that Jesus, always the teacher and ever mindful of his flock, used his own distress as a teaching opportunity. Just prior to his death he directed his followers to Psalm 22, in his case a parable he was actually living that instructs us all in what the righteous person does with personal disaster.

I learned that in the midst of travail I should:

1. Trust that God will not despise or scorn my suffering. In Jesus, God understands from experience.
2. Remember that God will listen to my cry for help, even if it does not appear to be the case at the time. My suffering, no matter how harsh, will not last forever. God will bring it to an end that will benefit me in one way or another.
3. Always fulfill my vows.
4. Praise Him (for dominion belongs to Him and doing so will take my mind off my own troubles).
5. Have faith that, finally, "All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the Lord..." (Psalm 22:27). Ultimate victory is His, and by extension, mine.

Genesis 22:1-14; 1 Peter 1:10-20; John 13:36-38

### **Saturday, April 19**

Hebrews 4:1-16 *For anyone who enters God's rest also rests from their works just as God did from his.* (v.10)

At times I sense God's invitation to enter a rest in Him which I understand to be infused contemplation. Signs announce it: First, I cannot meditate using words as I usually do. Nor do I wish to. Second, my imagination will either be quiet or wander freely, not fixed on anything in particular. Finally, I will want to be by myself, quiet, at peace, away from distractions so I can just be aware of God, resting with a general, nonspecific comprehension of Him.

In this state, I am not inactive. Rather, I am remaining alert and receptive to God's infused word which is alive and active, penetrating and transforming me through gifts of knowledge, understanding and wisdom. I and others can measure results roughly by the degree to which my desires and actions correspond more to God's desires, my love for God and others grows, and by my increase in humility before God and detachment from the things of this world.

Lord, may I always understand and joyfully respond to Your invitations and give You the glory and honor.

Job 19:21-27a; Psalm 88

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