



Grace Anglican CHURCH

Palm Sunday
March 29, 2026
10:00 AM

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Welcome to Grace Anglican Church

HOLY WEEKLY CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

7:30 AM – Holy Week Morning Prayer - Zoom

5:00 PM – A Christian Seder - Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 2, 2026

No GAC Women's Bible Study

No Crafters Meeting

6:30 PM – Maundy Thursday Service – Sanctuary

Friday, April 3, 2026

5:30 PM – Stations of the Cross – Sanctuary

6:30 PM - Tenebrae Service – Sanctuary

Saturday, April 4, 2026

No Men of Grace Breakfast & Bible Study

Sunday, April 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY

8:45 AM Breakfast – Fellowship Hall

10:00AM – Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist Service – Sanctuary and Zoom

Please call 919-369-1925 for emergencies or an appointment with Fr. Steve Savia.

“Grace Anglican Church is a welcoming, Christ centered Church, committed to the truth as expressed in Scripture and dedicated to service and developing a vibrant and spiritually strong congregation.”

Holy Communion is open to all who are believers in Jesus Christ and have been baptized. Children are welcome to receive communion at their parent's discretion. If you participate by Zoom and need communion elements, please call the office and leave a message.

For **infants**, we have a Nursery. For **toddlers & Elementary schoolers** we have an Activity Room. Children in these rooms are accompanied by adults. They begin in the Sanctuary and leave before the Sermon. They will be brought back into the Sanctuary during Communion. **Middle and High School-aged children** should remain in the Sanctuary and sit with an adult throughout the Service.

ZOOM Connection Instructions:

You can connect either by video (computer) or by telephone.

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SERVICE BEGINS WITH CLERGY AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY

Celebrant: Palm Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week. The procession with palms was already observed in Jerusalem in the fourth century. It calls to mind the celebrated entry of Jesus, our Lord and King, into Jerusalem. This procession is fundamentally an act of worship, witness, and devotion to our Lord. This year, we will begin in the Sanctuary, with the clergy symbolizing the processional while you wave your palms as we go by, much the way the crowd would have done in Jerusalem.

The purpose of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem was to fulfill His Father's will. What is often called the "Triumphal Entry" is for Jesus anything but triumphal. The crowds and followers thought He was entering Jerusalem to be crowned King. Those who hailed Jesus as King one moment, denied Him before the week was over, even joining with the crowd in shouting, "Crucify Him!"

The Liturgy of The Palms (Remain seated)

Celebrant: Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

**People: Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Dear brothers and sisters, from the beginning of Lent until now we have been preparing our hearts by repentance and contemplative reflection. Today, with the whole Church throughout the world, we herald the beginning of the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. On this day our Lord Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as King with palms and shouts of praise. Today we greet Him as our King, though we know His crown was a crown of thorns, and His throne a Cross.

Therefore, I invite you to follow our Lord this Holy Week, from His triumphal entry, through His suffering and death, to the glory of His resurrection.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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, Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Psalm – Psalm 118:19-29 (* a responsive reading by whole verse-Remain seated)

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ ***This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.***

²³ the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ ***The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.***

²⁵ LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success!

²⁶ ***Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD we bless You.***

- 27 The LORD is God, and He has made His light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.
- 28 ***You are my God, and I will praise You; You are my God, and I will exalt You.***
- 29 Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever.
- 21 ***I will give You thanks, for You answered me; You have become my salvation.***
- 22 The Stone the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone;

****Hymn 463 - Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

We 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 hailed as King by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along His way. Sanctify the branches we hold with Your blessing. We humbly pray, that they may be for us signs of His victory. 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 with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.

**People: Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Processional Hymn 174 – Hosanna, Loud Hosanna - Verses 1-3 (Standing)
(Clergy Process to the Altar and all Wave Palm Branches)

- 1 Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple, the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, Who had blessed them, close folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.
- 2 From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,
The victory palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of men and angels rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.
- 3 "Hosanna in the highest!" that ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav'n, our King.
O may we ever praise Him With heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice.

The Collect (Remain Standing)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Your tender love for us You sent Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon Himself 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 come to share in His resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons (Seated)

Old Testament - Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Reader: The Word of the Lord. | *People: Thanks be to God.*

The Psalm – Psalm 22:1-21 (* a responsive reading by whole verse) (Seated)

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| <p>1 My God, my God, why have You forsaken Me? Why are You so far from saving Me, so far from my cries of anguish?</p> <p>2 <i>My God, I cry out by day, but You do not answer, by night, but I find no rest.</i></p> <p>3 Yet You are enthroned as the Holy One; You are the one Israel praises.</p> <p>4 <i>In You our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and You delivered them.</i></p> <p>5 To You they cried out and were saved; in You they trusted and were not put to shame.</p> <p>6 <i>But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by everyone, despised by the people.</i></p> <p>7 All who see me mock me; they hurl insults, shaking their heads.</p> <p>8 <i>“He trusts in the LORD,” they say, “let the LORD rescue Him. Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him.”</i></p> <p>9 Yet You brought Me out of the womb; You made Me trust in You, even at My mother’s breast.</p> <p>10 <i>From birth I was cast on You; from My mother’s womb You have been My God.</i></p> <p>11 Do not be far from Me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.</p> | <p>12 <i>Many bulls surround Me; strong bulls of Bashan encircle Me.</i>¹³
Roaring lions that tear their prey open their mouths wide against Me.</p> <p>14 <i>I am poured out like water, and all My bones are out of joint. My heart has turned to wax; it has melted within Me.</i></p> <p>15 My mouth is dried up like a potsherd, and My tongue sticks to the roof of My mouth; You lay Me in the dust of death.</p> <p>16 <i>Dogs surround Me, a pack of villains encircles Me; they pierce My hands and My feet.</i></p> <p>17 All My bones are on display; people stare and gloat over Me.</p> <p>18 <i>They divide My clothes among them and cast lots for My garment.</i></p> <p>19 But You, LORD, do not be far from Me. You are My strength; come quickly to help Me.</p> <p>20 <i>Deliver Me from the sword, My precious life from the power of the dogs.</i></p> <p>21 Rescue Me from the mouth of the lions; save Me from the horns of the wild oxen.</p> |
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****Hymn 463 - Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, Amen.***

New Testament – Philippians 2:5-11 (Seated)

Reader: The Word of the Lord. | *People: Thanks be to God.*

The Gospel (Standing)

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

People: Glory to You, Lord Christ.

Matthew 21:1-11

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: ***Praise to You, Lord Christ.***

Special Music – Hymn 394 - In My Life Lord – Verses 1,2,3 (*Remain standing*)

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified, In Your Church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified
In my life, Lord, be glorified today. In Your Church, Lord, be glorified today.

In my song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified
In my song, Lord, be glorified today.

The Sermon - The Rev. Steven A. Savia

The Nicene Creed (Standing)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, Who 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 God's People (Seated or kneeling)

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Almighty and ever living God, Your Holy Word instructs us to offer prayers and supplications. We humbly ask You mercifully to receive our prayers. May Your Holy Spirit continually inspire the universal Church in truth, unity, and love; and grant that all who confess Your holy Name may agree in the truth of Your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Reader: Lord, in Your mercy / People: ***Hear our prayer.***

Reader: We pray for the nations of the world, a world troubled with turmoil, conflict, violence, wars, disasters, and hatred. We pray they may be moved in the way of peace and righteousness for the sake of all people. We pray that our nation's leaders, elected or appointed, would seek and be guided by You, that Your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue.

Reader: Lord, in Your mercy / *People: **Hear our prayer.***

Reader: We pray for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, especially Steve Wood, our Archbishop; David, Terrell, and Thad our Bishops; Steven our Priest, Mal our Assisting Priest, and Frances our Deacon, that by their lives and teaching, they may proclaim Your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer Your holy Sacraments. And to all Your people give Your heavenly grace, especially to this congregation, that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive Your holy Word, and serve You in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives. This week we pray with churches throughout the Diocese for Christ Church Anglican, Murrells Inlet, SC: The Rev. Tim Melton, Rector.

Reader: Lord, in Your mercy / *People: **Hear our prayer.***

Reader: Protect and guide, we pray, all those who are called to proclaim the Gospel of Your kingdom throughout the world. Strengthen them and us to fulfill Your great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that You have commanded.

Reader: Lord, in Your mercy / *People: **Hear our prayer.***

Reader: Look with favor, we pray, on our students, that their knowledge may increase and they may always learn. Grant them wisdom and understanding in spite of the challenges they face. Bless those who teach, that in mind and spirit they may reach their students in new ways; and grant that in humility of heart they may all look to You, from Whom comes true wisdom and understanding.

Reader: Lord, in Your mercy / *People: **Hear our prayer.***

Reader: We ask You in Your goodness and mercy, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those on our prayer list.

Reader: Lord, in Your mercy / *People: **Hear our prayer.***

Reader: We remember always all Your servants who have departed this life in Your faith as they now live eternally in the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Their faith has become sight. We pray that we follow You in such a way that all who come behind us may find that we were faithful.

Reader: Lord, in Your mercy / *People: **Hear our prayer.***

The Confession of Sin *(Seated or Kneeling)*

Reader: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*People: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.***

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your Name. Amen.

The Absolution *(Seated or Kneeling)*

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Who in His great mercy promises forgiveness of sins to all His saints who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to Him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Holy Communion (*Seated or Kneeling*)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. | *People: **And also with you.***

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. | *People: **We lift them up to the Lord.***

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

*People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 author 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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of Your name:

*People: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

Celebrant: All praise and glory is Yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in Your tender mercy, You gave Your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there, a full, perfect, and atoning sacrifice, offering, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world.

We remember the institution of Your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and we Your humble servants celebrate and make here before Your divine Majesty the memorial Your Son commanded us to make; remembering His blessed passion and precious death, His mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and His promise to come again.

So now, O merciful Father, in Your great goodness, we ask You to bless and sanctify, with Your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, may spiritually be partakers of His most blessed Body and Blood.

On the night He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is My Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of Me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of Me."

Therefore, together we proclaim the mystery of our Faith:

*People: **Christ HAS died.***

Christ IS risen.

Christ WILL come again.

Celebrant: And here we offer and present to You, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that we be filled with Your grace

and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with Him, that He may dwell in us, and we in Him. 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 forever. **Amen.**

*People: **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.***

Celebrant: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Post Communion Prayer *(Standing)*

*People: **Almighty and ever living God, we thank You for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of Your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of Your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, in confident expectation, of Your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask You, heavenly Father, to assist us with Your grace; that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that You have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.***

The Blessing *(Standing)*

Celebrant: May the Holy Spirit, Who dwells within you, guide you as you go through this day and this week; may Christ, Whose sacrifice we prepare to follow this Holy Week, go before you and be behind you, be on your left and on your right, be above you and be below you, where you lie, where you sit, and when you arise; and may Almighty God be among you and remain with you always in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 173 – All Glory, Laud and Honor – Verses 1-3

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| 1 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. | The people of the Hebrews
with palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
before Thee we present. |
| 2 The company of angels
Are praising Thee on high;
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply. | 3 To Thee, before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises-
Accept the praise we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King! |

Dismissal (*Standing*)

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Who gave His life for all.

People: ***Thanks be to God!***