

# GRACE CHURCH OF WEST FELICIANA



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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT  
Morning Prayer: Rite I  
February 28, 2021

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# MORNING PRAYER: RITE I

HYMN 149

Eternal Lord of love, behold your Church

*Old 124th*

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *I John 1:8, 9*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;**

and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*The Officiant says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant us absolution and remission of  
all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and  
consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.  
*People* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

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.

*Read in unison.*

Venite

*Psalm 95:1-7*

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; \*  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are all the corners of the earth, \*  
and the strength of the hills is his also.  
The sea is his, and he made it, \*  
and his hands prepared the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and fall down, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is the Lord our God, \*  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.  
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*

let the whole earth stand in awe of him.  
For he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth, \*  
and with righteousness to judge the world  
and the peoples with his truth.

*Read in unison.*  
Psalm 22:22-30

- <sup>22</sup> Praise the Lord, you that fear him; \*  
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;  
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.
- <sup>23</sup> For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;  
neither does he hide his face from them; \*  
but when they cry to him he hears them.
- <sup>24</sup> My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- <sup>25</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*  
“May your heart live for ever!”
- <sup>26</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- <sup>27</sup> For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- <sup>28</sup> To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- <sup>29</sup> My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- <sup>30</sup> They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

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.

*All sit.*

## THE LESSONS

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

A reading from the book of Genesis.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

*Lector*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

*Read in unison.*

Canticle 14

*Kyrie Pantokrator*

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, \*  
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,  
and of all their righteous offspring:  
You made the heavens and the earth, \*  
with all their vast array.  
All things quake with fear at your presence; \*  
they tremble because of your power.  
But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; \*

it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.  
O Lord, you are full of compassion, \*  
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.  
You hold back your hand; \*  
you do not punish as we deserve.  
In your great goodness, Lord,  
you have promised forgiveness to sinners, \*  
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.  
And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, \*  
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.  
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, \*  
and I know my wickedness only too well.  
Therefore I make this prayer to you: \*  
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.  
Do not let me perish in my sin, \*  
nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.  
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, \*  
and in me you will show forth your goodness.  
Unworthy as I am, you will save me,  
in accordance with your great mercy, \*  
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.  
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, \*  
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

Romans 4:13-25

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that

do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* Thanks be to God.

*Read in unison.*  
Canticle 4

*Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, \*  
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;  
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us \*  
in the house of his servant David,  
As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, \*  
which have been since the world began:  
That we should be saved from our enemies, \*  
and from the hand of all that hate us;  
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers, \*  
and to remember his holy covenant;  
To perform the oath which he sware to our forefather Abraham, \*  
that he would give us,  
That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies \*  
might serve him without fear,  
In holiness and righteousness before him, \*  
all the days of our life.  
And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest, \*  
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;  
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people \*

for the remission of their sins,  
Through the tender mercy of our God, \*  
whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us;  
To give light to them that sit in darkness  
and in the shadow of death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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.

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Take up your cross

*Bourbon*

Mark 8:31-38

A reading from the Gospel of Mark.

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

*Officiant* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Officiant and People*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen

## THE PRAYERS

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and 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.

## THE SUFFRAGES

- V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.  
R. **And grant us thy salvation**  
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;  
R. **And make thy chosen people joyful.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. **For only in thee can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;  
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;  
R. **Thy saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## The Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### A Collect for Sundays

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### A Prayer for Guidance

O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Intercessor* Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, the Presiding Bishop, Morris, our Bishop, and Trish as she continues to discern her call to the priesthood, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Please join in reading the prayer for the call of our new rector:

**Our Heavenly Father who has blessed this church family since 1827, and knows our needs before we ask. We pray that you guide and bless us with wisdom, patience, and open minds as the search proceeds, that our next rector will lead our congregation to serve you in peace and healing in our troubled world. All this we ask in the name of Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially, Joe, the President of the United States, John Bel, the Governor of Louisiana, Kenny, the President of this Parish, and Bobee, the Mayor of St. Francisville, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

We pray for our country's essential workers and those affected by hurricanes and other natural disasters.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor Kyle, Marcy, Tom, Patsy, Carlile, Melissa, Charles, Molly, Eric, Will, Ruth, Cozette, Julie, Wendell, Jake, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity.

*Additional petitions and thanksgivings may be included here.*

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

*Officiant* 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.**

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

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How firm a foundation

*Foundation*

## THE DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Ephesians 3:20,21*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for joining us for worship at Grace Church this morning! We would love for you to join our church family. Worship looks and feels different right now; nonetheless, we are held tightly in the warm embrace of God. If you have questions about how to become a member, join a ministry, or be on our prayer list, please email Meg Kendrick, administrator@gracechurchwfp.org. May the Peace of the Lord be always with you.

The **Altar Greenery** is given in loving memory of the life and ministry of Robert Linfield Singer, Jr., by Zed and Rachel Howell.

The **Sanctuary Candle** is given in memory of John and Nena Hill by Carolyn Douglas.

**Lenten Project for Grace Church: 40 Days of Lent...400 bags of dried Pinto, Blackeyes or Northern Beans donated for the Food Bank!**

Grace Church is helping local families in need of food. You can join us by dropping off dried pinto, blackeyes or northern beans into the Food Bank Barrel in Jackson Hall during office hours, or in green wagon in the Narthex when you join us for church on Sunday. (Food Bank already has plenty of canned red beans donated!) All donations will go to the West Feliciana Food Bank. Thank you for your help!

Called to Serve? We are always looking to include more people in the liturgical life of the parish. If you're interested in becoming a lay minister, lector, usher, joining the Altar Guild, or becoming an online lector, let us know! For more information, contact Carol Stamey at (225)-635-4065 or secretary@gracechurchwfp.org

There's still time to sign up for the **Lenten Retreat!** Wednesday Formation classes are via Zoom 10:00-11:30 and the **Retreat** lead by Mary C. Earle is February 27 10:00-3:00. Sign up links can be found on the church website.

The **Men's Prayer Breakfast** will be held Wednesday, March 3 at 7 a.m. via Zoom; contact David Treppendahl for more info and the zoom details dtreppendahl@latterblum.com

**Preschool Registration** for the 2021-2022 school year opens March 1st – March 31st. Packets can be picked up in the office or found online under preschool tab. Students must be 3 by Sept. 30, 2021.

Introducing **Summer Camp** at Grace Preschool starting July 2021!

- Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- 4 week-long sessions
- \$50 registration fee per week due at registration, each weekly session is \$125 due Monday of each week session
- Ages 3-4 years old, 5-6 years old, 25 kids max per age group.
- Send lunch with drink, snack provided.
- Session One July 5-9: Dinosaurs
- Session Two July 12-16: Under the Sea
- Session Three July 19-23: Animal Adventure
- Session Four July 26-30: Community Helpers
- Packets available in office and online

**Birthdays:** Donna Wright-March 2; Jean Marie Hill, Jim Roland-March 3; Joseph Horn-March 4; Carol Stamey-March 5

**Anniversaries:** David and Kathy Beauchamp-March 2; Emmette and Emily Barrow-March 4; Trey and Caroline Marchive, David and Iris Stewart-March 5