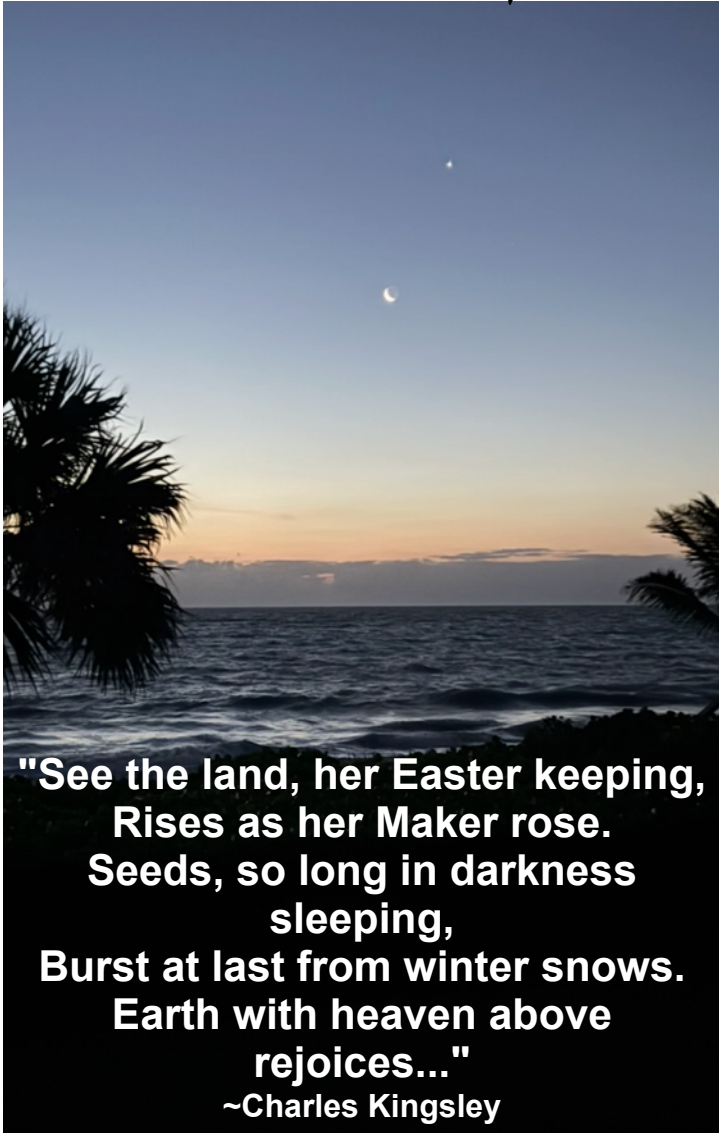


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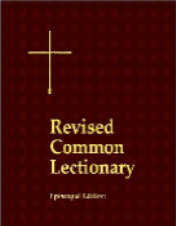
**"See the land, her Easter keeping,
Rises as her Maker rose.
Seeds, so long in darkness
sleeping,
Burst at last from winter snows.
Earth with heaven above
rejoices..."**
~Charles Kingsley

Subdeacon/Chalice	Janet Cusack
MC/2nd Chalice	David Brokaw
Thurifer	
Crucifer	
Acolyte	Carla Boyer
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OT Lector	Lourdes Cruz
NT Lector	Carla Boyer
Intercessor	Mark Strunsky
Ushers	Mark Strunsky Joseph Barrett Eileen Barrett

Use our audio mixer to listen to the 9:30 Sunday Mass live. [Click Here](#)

To watch Sunday Mass on Facebook live. [Click Here](#)

For the Sunday prayer bulletin. [Click Here](#)



Website for Lectionary Readings

The webpage is in calendar form - just click on the date and you will see the readings for that day.

<https://www.lectionarypage.net/CalndrsIndexes/Calendar2026.html>

Upcoming Events

Saturday April 18th	1:00 PM to 4:00 PM The Grace Church Tricky Tray
Sunday April 19th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I) 11:15 AM Monthly Vestry Meeting
Wednesday April 22nd	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday April 26th	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite II)
Wednesday April 29th	10:00 AM Healing Mass
Sunday May 3rd	9:30 AM Sunday Eucharist in-person and on-line (Rite I) Annual Meeting of Grace Church
Wednesday May 6th	10:00 Healing Mass

The Photography Corner



I took this photograph of Loch Ness in the Scottish Highlands last July.

I would like to thank all who have shared photographs with us. I do need some more photographs if you could send a few.

~Joe



ShopRite Grocery Gift Cards are available for sale EVERY Sunday after each service. Grace Church receives 5% on the sale of the cards from ShopRite, while you purchase the cards at face value! ShopRite gift cards can make shopping for the family easy. Our ongoing fundraiser of ShopRite gift cards helps you prepare your holiday meals while helping Grace Church. Please keep us in mind when preparing your shopping lists!

We are happy and pleased to announce that we can accept credit card purchases for the ShopRite gift cards. So, if you use a rewards credit card you can now accumulate points while supporting Grace Church! To purchase gift cards, please see either Eileen or Claire.

TRICKY TRAY 2026

This it! The time has come—our Tricky Tray is this Saturday, April 26th!! Doors open at 1 pm, with calling at 3 pm. Don't worry, there is still time to be part of this important event.

We still need help. Set-up is Friday, 4/25, beginning at 3:00 pm. There is also much to do on Saturday, 4/26, from helping during the Tricky Tray and cleaning up after. Don't worry if you didn't sign up to help; just come and see one of us. We'll find something for you to do.

Its not too late to invite your family, friends or neighbors to come. There are wonderful "baskets" to be won, fantastic special prizes, a chance to win the 50/50 and an opportunity for fun and fellowship. Most importantly, come yourself. Join us in making this a truly memorable Tricky Tray.

The Fundraising Committee: Mark, Anne, David, Barbara, Malinda, Jim, Charlotte, Sue and Claire



From Our Music Director:

We will be singing a new hymn on April 26, so I have prepared an introductory video for you to practice! It's hymn # 392 and the hymn tune is called "Vineyard Haven". You can see it here: <https://youtu.be/QOde956Cvis>

~Don

Parish Survey

Hopefully most of you have heard about the survey that the Wardens and Vestry have put together to follow up the Cafe Conversations about our church last year. In fact, there is a link to the survey below. If you have not already completed the survey we hope you will do so very soon. We realize that some of you may not be able to complete the survey on the computer. So, we have made hard copies that you can take home and complete and return to church. These will be available in church on Sunday 4/19 or can be picked up at the church office during the week. If you are not able to come in to get a copy, let us know and we will mail you one. We hope to get everyone's feedback to help us plan for the future. We would appreciate having your completed survey by May 15th. Thank you.

Claire Newquist

John Cusack

<https://forms.gle/avCPhNdMdH17qpWJ8>

Mystic Poets Society

**This week's submission was sent to us by Eileen Bloomer. Thank you Eileen!
If you have a poem or reflection that you would consider sharing with your fellow
parishioners, please send it to me. Thank you. Joe.**

**Gather at tables.
Listen to stories,
familiar and new.
A thousand pathways open.
See trees that look different at dawn
at the edge of seasons.Wonder.
I get to wonder.
I get to see new leaves,
windblown brief blossoms,
fading flowers, shy dandelions
hiding in cold greener grass.
I get to see far more
than I can remember,
but I get to remember**

**I can see. I get to be here now.
I get to write a word-
in the beginning was/is the word-
what sound could that be?
I get to ask questions.
I get to find no answers.
I get to wonder.
I get to feel my feet on the ground
in the beginning and at the end,
the end of night, this new day.
Where do we go from here?
Where are you staying?
I get to ask questions...
~Eileen**



One of my favorite signs of Spring is when the dogwood tree by the North Street entrance to Grace buds and flowers. Well, that tree is in bloom and it has been quite a sight to behold with its pure white flowers. I hope that if you've been to church recently, you've found some time to enjoy the beauty of our dogwood. ~Joe



Grace Calendar

Vestry News

The next Vestry meeting will be held in the boardroom on Sunday April 19th starting at 11:15 AM.

All are invited to attend!

[Click here to read the minutes of the February 15, 2026 Vestry meeting.](#)

[Click here to read the minutes of the January 25, 2026 Vestry meeting.](#)

They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?"



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Claire Newquist

Clerk of the Vestry:

Treasurer:

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Barbara Chumard

Michelle Tubbs

Analise Reed

Joseph Barrett

Mark Strunsky

Eileen Bloomer

Torry Guardino

David White (Student member of Vestry)