

GRACE CHURCH

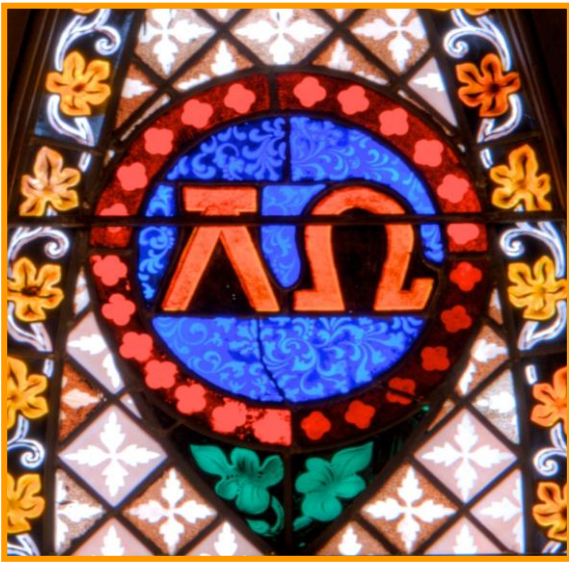
IN PROVIDENCE

The Mission of Grace Church is to build, by the grace of God, a loving and joyful community which lives the Gospel through worship, proclamation, and service to each other, to downtown Providence, and beyond.

WELCOME!

Happy Easter! That's a greeting that works on Easter Day up to the Feast of Pentecost. Another Easter greeting appropriate for the day and season is, "Christ is risen!" to which one replies, "He is risen indeed." In the Christian East, this greeting is especially common, not only in church but if you greet a friend in the bakery or post office. We might not use it as much in the West, but, as Christians, we should always have that message in our hearts, any day of the year. So welcome to Grace Church, Happy Easter, and Alleluia, Christ is risen!

The Rev. Canon Jonathan Huyck+
Rector



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

~ SUNG HOLY EUCHARIST ~

MAY 15TH, 2022
10:00 AM

In keeping with the current change in Covid masking policies in Rhode Island, we have updated our masking policy at Grace Church. If you are fully vaccinated, you are not required to wear a face-covering. If you are not fully vaccinated, we ask that you wear your face-covering at all times when inside the building. Of course, anyone is welcome to continue to wear a face-covering if they so choose. Masks are available should you want one, and hand sanitizer has been placed in every pew and at stations throughout the Church for your convenience.

Please turn off or silence all mobile devices prior to the service.

VOLUNTARY

Adagio from Sonata No. I in F minor, Op. 65

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)

The Cantor and Choir sing from The Pavilion,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! : The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Let us go forth in peace : In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please stand as you are able and join in singing the hymn on the following page.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN, 583



1 O ho - ly ci - ty, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, doth reign,
 2 O shame to us who rest con - tent while lust and greed for gain
 3 Give us, O God, the strength to build the ci - ty that hath stood
 4 Al - rea - dy in the mind of God that ci - ty ris - eth fair:



with - in whose four - square walls shall come no night, nor need, nor pain,
 in street and shop and ten - e - ment wring gold from hu - man pain,
 too long a dream, whose laws are love, whose crown is ser - vant - hood,
 lo, how its splen - dor chal - leng - es the souls that great - ly dare—



and where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep a - gain!
 and bit - ter lips in blind de - spair cry, "Christ hath died in vain!"
 and where the sun that shin - eth is God's grace for hu - man good.
 yea, bids us seize the whole of life and build its glo - ry there.

Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969), alt.

Music: Morning Song, melody attributed to Elkanah Kelsay Dare (1782-1826)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

People **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Celebrant

ALMIGHTY GOD, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, S-280

Sung by all



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and



peace _____ to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly

King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy

on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:

re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most

High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Setting: Robert J. Powell (b. 1932)



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY GOD, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings from Holy Scripture.

THE FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

NOW THE APOSTLES AND THE BELIEVERS who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**





- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD /from the /heavens; *
- /praise him /in the /heights.
- 2 Praise him, /all you /angels of his; *
- /praise him, /all his /host.
- 3 Praise him, /sun and /moon; *
praise him, /all you /shining /stars.
- 4 Praise him, /heaven • of /heavens, *
and you /waters • a/bove the /heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the /Name of • the /LORD; *
for he com/manded, • and /they were • cre/ated.
- 6 He made them stand fast for /ever • and /ever; *
he gave them a law which /shall not /pass a/way.
- 7 Praise the /LORD • from the /earth, *
you /sea-monsters • and /all/deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, /snow and /fog, *
tempestuous /wind, /doing • his /will;
- 9 Mountains and /all/hills, *
- /fruit trees • and /all/cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and /all /cattle, *
creeping /things and /wing-ed /birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and /all /peoples, *
princes and all /rulers /of the /world;
- 12 Young /men and /maidens, *
- /old and /young to/gether.
- 13 Let them praise the /Name of • the /LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is /over /earth and /heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his /loyal /servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are /near him. /Halle/lujah!

Reader A reading from the Book of Revelation

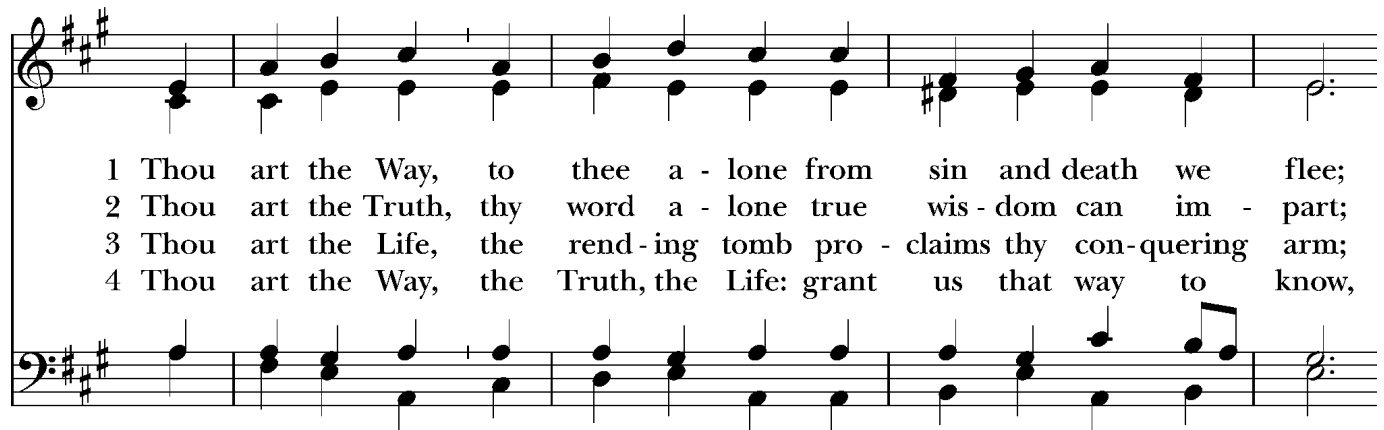
I SAW A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

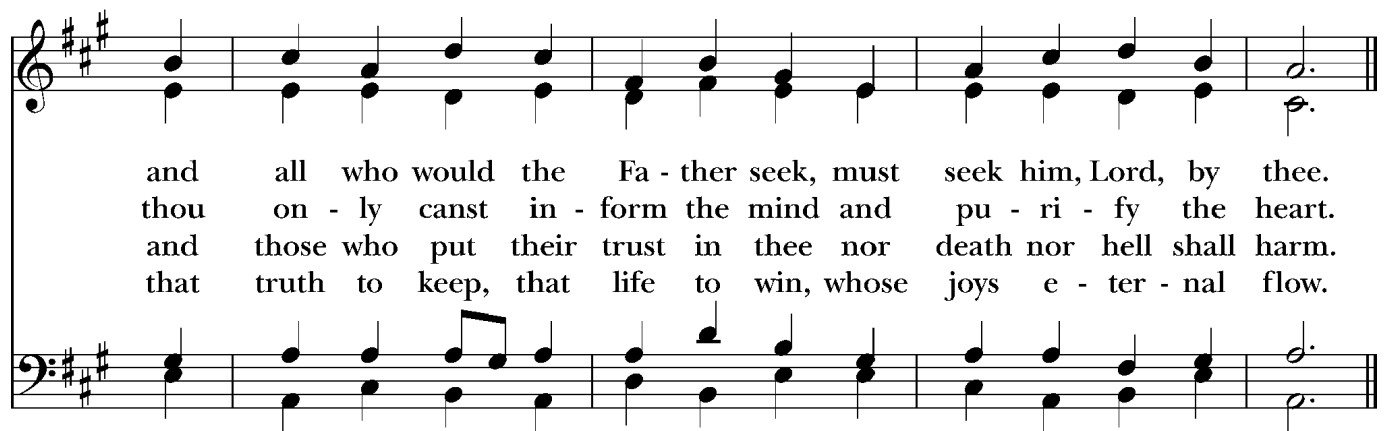
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able and join in singing the Sequence Hymn.

THE SEQUENCE HYMN, 457



1 Thou art the Way, to thee a - lone from sin and death we flee;
 2 Thou art the Truth, thy word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;
 3 Thou art the Life, the rend - ing tomb pro - claims thy con - quering arm;
 4 Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life: grant us that way to know,



and all who would the Fa - ther seek, must seek him, Lord, by thee.
 thou on - ly canst in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.
 and those who put their trust in thee nor death nor hell shall harm.
 that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Words: George Washington Doane (1799-1859), alt.

Music: St. James, Raphael Courteville (d. 1735)

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

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

AT THE LAST SUPPER, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Hartwell Hylton

Please stand as you are able and say together

THE NICENE CREED

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.
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.

Because God has been glorified in Jesus, let us pray in his name on behalf of all.

We pray for the church, called together from all the peoples of the world: May the risen Lord strengthen all disciples and encourage us to persevere in the faith.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who long to see a new heaven and a new earth: May God open a door of faith to peoples of all nations and come to dwell among them.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those persecuted because of conscience, color, or creed: May they find strength in their struggles and allies among the followers of Jesus.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those appointed to the ministry of leadership in every local church: May their ministry reveal the face of the God whose home is among the people.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the people of Ukraine, that they may be delivered from the tyranny and violence of their oppressors, so that they may live in peace and safety.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray this morning for: *Maria Nardone, the family and friends of Hope Brothers, Roger Phillips, Eugene Togba, Kathryn Chamberlain, Lori Kipnis, Joanne Quinn, and Whitney Reeve.* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those called before us to the new and eternal Jerusalem: May they rejoice forever with God in that holy city where death is no more.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

WELCOME & PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE OFFERTORY, SOLO

COME, MY WAY, MY TRUTH, MY LIFE:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

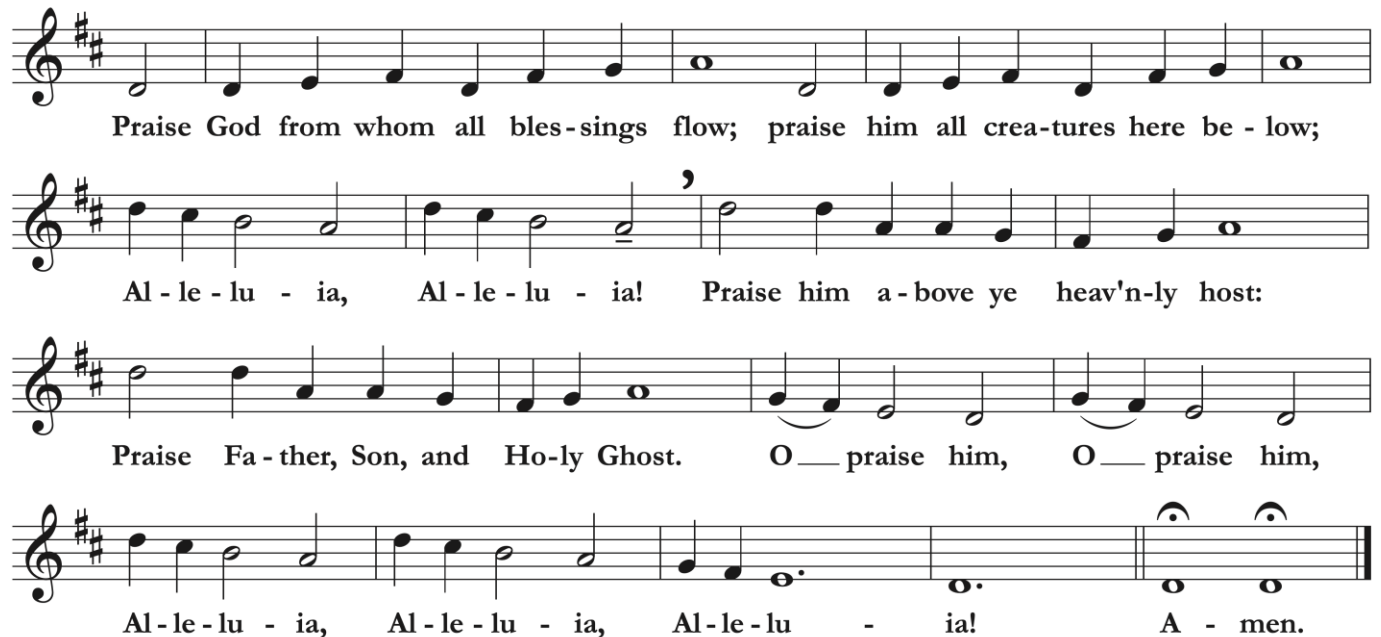
Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Music: from Five Mystical Songs, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

~ Nicholas Halar, Baritone ~

Please stand as you are able, to sing the Doxology as the offering is brought forward.

THE DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all bles-sings flow; praise him all crea-tures here be - low;
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise him a - bove ye heav'n-ly host:
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. O — praise him, O — praise him,
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Words: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: Lasst uns erfreuen, melody from Auserlesne Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng, 1623; adapt. R. V. Williams (1872-1958)



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 God thanks and praise.

Celebrant
IT IS RIGHT, AND A GOOD AND JOYFUL THING, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. 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:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS, S-127

Sung by all

Organ *Congregation* Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow - er and might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Organ *Congregation* Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.



Setting: Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)

Celebrant

HOLY AND GRACIOUS FATHER: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

ON THE NIGHT HE WAS HANDED OVER to suffering and death, 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."

Celebrant

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People

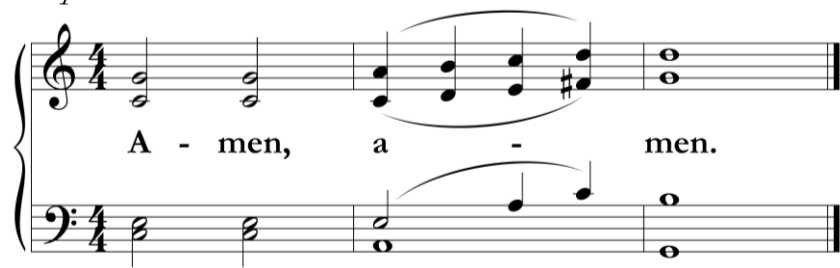
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant

WE CELEBRATE THE MEMORIAL OF OUR REDEMPTION, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

People



THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

After the Celebrant breaks the host, please join in singing the Fraction Anthem.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM, S-155

Sung by all

Organ

Congregation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass-o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us; there-fore let us keep the

feast. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Setting: Gerald Near (b. 1942)

THE INVITATION

Celebrant 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 COMMUNION

To receive communion, extend your hands to the Priest and they will place the wafer in your hand (if you would like a gluten-free wafer, please ask for one). If you wish to receive the wine in an individual cup, approach one of the Communion Stations near the Pulpit or Eagle Lectern, take a small, compostable, plastic cup from the table next to the pillar, and the Minister of Communion will pour a small amount of wine into it. After drinking the wine, place the cup in the baskets by the pillar and return via the Side Aisle. If you prefer to receive the wine from the Chalice, you may do so in The Chapel of the Messiah, located to the left of the Chancel. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest when you come to the Altar.

AT THE COMMUNION, MOTET

A NEW COMMANDMENT GIVE I UNTO YOU, SAITH THE LORD,
that ye love together, as I have loved you,
that even so ye love one another.

Words: John 13:34

Music: William Mundy (c 1529-c 1591)

Please join in singing the hymn.

THE COMMUNION HYMN, 603

1. When Christ was and lift - ed from the earth, his
2. Still east and west his love ex - tends and
3. Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
4. Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels
I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

ev - every birth, to draw an an - swering love.
as his friends and loves us as we are.
but a face, a per - son, and a name.
cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

Words: Brian A. Wren (b. 1936)

Music: St. Botolph, Gordon Slater (1896-1979)

When Communion is completed, please stand as you are able and say together

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

ALMIGHTY AND EVER-LIVING GOD, we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

A BLESSING FOR EASTERTIDE

Celebrant

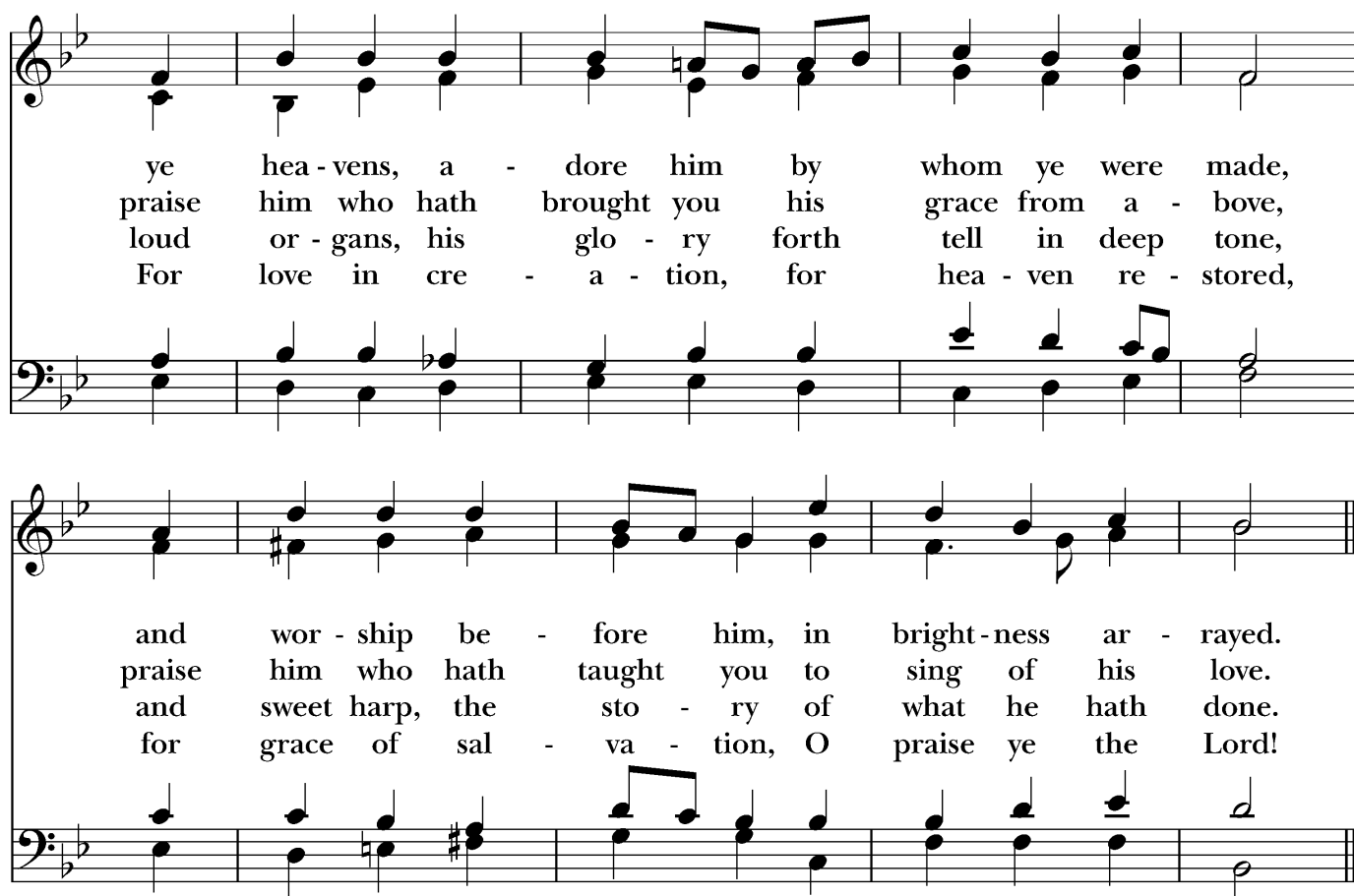
THE GOD OF PEACE, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the
great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you
perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in
his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be
among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Please remain standing as you are able and join in singing the hymn.

THE CLOSING HYMN, 432

1 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
2 O praise ye the Lord! Praise him up on earth;
*3 O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
4 O praise ye the Lord! Thanks - giv - ing and song

re - joice in his word, ye an - gels of light;
in tune - ful ac - cord, all ye of new birth;
each ju - bi - lant chord re - ech - o a - round;
to him be out - poured all a - ges a - long!



ye hea - vens, a - dore him by whom ye were made,
 praise him who hath brought you his grace from a - bove,
 loud or - gans, his glo - ry forth tell in deep tone,
 For love in cre - a - tion, for hea - ven re - stored,

and wor - ship be - fore him, in bright - ness ar - rayed.
 praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
 and sweet harp, the sto - ry of what he hath done.
 for grace of sal - va - tion, O praise ye the Lord!

*Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.; based on Psalms 148 & 150
 Music: Laudate Dominum, Sir Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918)*

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

VOLUNTARY

Trumpeting in B-Flat Major

James Melby (1947-2000)

*The Altar Flowers today are given to the glory of God
 in loving memory of Anne Black
 who departed this world May 9, 2019,
 by Robert Black.*



~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck

Preacher: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton

Crucifer: Jim Mahoney

Lectors: David Seifert, Nicholas Halar

Intercessor: Geneva Walker

Altar Guild: Denise Lapolla, Andrew Shapiro-Zysk

Greeter: Lisa Gerlach & Lisa Doucet

Ushers: Lori Brown, Steve & Dot Haskell, Christopher Tompkins

Audio/ Visual: Michelle Mach

Coffee Hour Servers: Melody Ennis, Joe DiBattista

Cover art: The Alpha and Omega symbols as depicted in a stained glass window in the East Side Aisle at Grace Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUTDOOR SUNDAY SCHOOL & FIRST COMMUNION In May/June, Sunday School kids will be learning about the Eucharist. All kids age 4 through grade 5 are welcome for any or all of these sessions! Just meet in the Pavilion courtyard at 10am, a few minutes before the service starts. Class is outside, so please dress for the weather. (Younger children are welcome upstairs at the nursery.) If you have a child in 2nd grade or above who would like to use these four upcoming Sunday School sessions as preparation for an informal "first communion" day in June, please plan to attend all of the sessions, if possible. The "first communion" experience is completely optional, according to each family's wishes, and children who have already taken communion are welcome at Sunday School just to learn more about the Eucharist, as well. (Anyone who has been baptized is welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church at any age.) Please contact the rector with any questions at 331-3225.

CHORAL COMPLINE TONIGHT! This evening at 8:00 PM the women of the Grace Church Schola will sing a short, 30-minute service of Choral Compline. Come, pray in the stillness, and experience the unaccompanied singing of Gregorian chant and Renaissance polyphony in a darkened church, lighted only by candles and with incense wafting through the air. *Doors open at 7:30 PM.*

ORGAN PROJECT FUNDRAISING UPDATE: We are so excited to announce a second \$25,000 challenge grant for The Organ Project at Grace! The anonymous challenge comes from a Grace parishioner, and we are hoping that we can get it matched by Pentecost Sunday, June 5! If you can contribute to this matching challenge gift in ANY AMOUNT, please contact the Rector, Jonathan Huyck, or the Director of Music, Vince Edwards. When this gift is matched, we will have over 10% of the cost of the project! Matching gifts are a great way for parishioners or friends of Grace to inspire others to give to the Organ Project. Please be in touch if you would like to set up a matching gift challenge in any amount. Thanks for your support to help bring this project closer to fruition.

UPCOMING ‘GRACE CHURCH DAY’ ON ASCENSION SUNDAY: From the centennial History of Grace Church [1929]: “Ascension Day, May 1 [1913], saw the active operation of a plan dear to [the Rector’s] heart, namely the observance of that festival as ‘Grace Church Day,’ comparable to Trinity Sunday or the appropriate Saints’ Day for a Church bearing the name of the Trinity or of some saint.” More than a century later, it’s still a good idea! Ascension Sunday will therefore be celebrated on May 29th this year as “Grace Church Day” with a pot-luck lunch after the 10:00 AM Eucharist. The lunch is being coordinated by our Junior Warden, Diane Stamp. We’ll need volunteers to help with set-up and/or clean-up that day, so if you’re able to help, kindly let her know at deestamp@gmail.com. You can also let her know what dish you will bring via email or by signing up on the poster in the Pavilion. Thank you!

2022 INQUIRERS’ CLASS: The 2022 Inquirers’ Class takes place every Sunday at 9:00 AM in the Chafee Room through June 5th. The clergy will lead discussions on various aspects of the Christian faith in the Anglican / Episcopal tradition. Adults interested in the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, or Renewal of Baptismal Vows are encouraged to attend, and absolutely all in the parish are welcome to come to any of the classes. If you have any questions, please email the Rector at jhuyck@gracepvd.org.

THURSDAYS AT NOON CONCERTS: Our guest recitalist on Thursday, May 19th will be organist Carolyn Craig, Organ Scholar at Christ Church in New Haven, CT and a graduate student in Organ Performance at Yale University. We hope you will join us and bring friends!

DONATIONS FOR UKRAINE: If you’d like to make a donation as part of the relief effort for Ukrainian refugees during this time, you can do so through the Episcopal Relief and Development website: <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/ukraineresponse>

FOOD DONATION COLLECTION: Grace Church has partnered with a fellow Episcopal parish here in Providence, St. Peter’s and St. Andrew’s Church, to support their Food Pantry. We invite you to bring non-perishable items to Grace on Sundays when you come to church and place them in the woven baskets in the rear of the church. We’ll deliver the donations to Sts. Peter & Andrew. All non-perishable donations are welcome but especially encouraged are tuna, peanut butter, cereal, diapers & wipes, toilet paper, and paper towels. Thank you for your generosity!

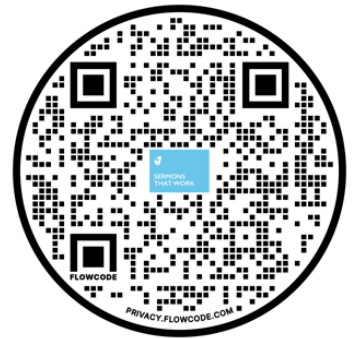
UPCOMING CHORAL EVENSONG: The Choir and Choristers will sing a service of Choral Evensong on **Sunday, May 22nd at 4:00 PM.** They will sing music of Philip Moore, Thomas Attwood, Herbert Brewer, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and Paul Spicer. A reception will follow in The Pavilion.



BULLETIN INSERTS

May 15, 2022 – Easter 5 (C) Week 4: Reflections on the Resurrection

During the Easter season, Sermons That Work is pleased to present reflections from bishops of The Episcopal Church on the resurrection of our Lord. Check back each week for a brief exploration of how Jesus Christ's rising from the grave changes everything. To listen to this reflection, scan the QR code on this page and subscribe to the Sermons That Work podcast.



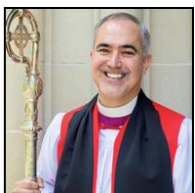
In John's version of Easter, Mary lingers at the empty tomb after Peter and John run quickly away. When the risen Jesus appears in front of her, she mistakes him for the gardener. It's an understandable miss. In the grip of all the trauma and grief from the events of Good Friday, she certainly wouldn't be expecting the one for whom she grieves to be suddenly standing in front of her. It's easy to overlook that moment as an unimportant detail.

However, as I return to this story year after year, I've come to think it's not a mistake at all, that Mary gets it exactly right, and that this detail helps us understand why the Resurrection really matters.

The original vocation to which God calls humanity is tilling and keeping the world God has made. We initially failed in that calling, choosing ourselves and our own way over God and God's way of love. The whole arc of scripture is essentially the story of God's project to reforest a world that has become desolate with suffering, violence, and death as a result of our rejection of God. Of course, Jesus is the gardener! His resurrection is the unmistakable assurance of God's intention to restore the desert we have made of the world to the original garden God intended, lush with the fruits of love, life, justice, and peace.

Jesus died a real death. The same death each of us fears, and that we have seen take so many we love. For the Resurrection to mean anything, it must be every bit as real as that death. Jesus the gardener reminds us that, as an Easter people, the point of our faith and our lives is not to escape from the world and its pain, but rather to join Jesus in renewing the world, planting seeds of hope, watering the parched places of pain, tilling the soil toward justice, working the land to nurture the feast of love God intended. We don't find the Beloved Community by retreating to somewhere else, we find it by following Jesus to where the pain is, and by digging, by tilling, by keeping.

Plant a tree in these days of Easter. Grow a garden. Make it a sign and sacrament of how we are called in every moment to bear witness to the great good news that death is not what it appears to be. Even now, the green shoots of faith and hope are bringing about God's perfect reign of love, joy, and life that knows no end. Alleluia!



*This reflection was written by **the Rt. Rev. Craig Loya**. Bishop Loya was consecrated the X Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Minnesota on June 6, 2020. He served as Dean of Trinity Cathedral in Omaha, Nebraska from 2013-2020, and was the Canon to the Ordinary in the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas from 2009-2013. He received his Master of Divinity from Yale University and a Diploma in Anglican Studies from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale in 2002.*

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Norwich, CT

Thursday, May 19 / 7:00 PM

Grace Episcopal Church
Providence, RI

Saturday, May 21 / 7:30 PM

St. Peter's Episcopal Church
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