

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 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

~ SUNG HOLY EUCHARIST ~

MAY 22ND, 2022
10:00 AM

Per the CDC guidelines and due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in our area, we are requiring people to wear masks when they come to church, whether or not they are vaccinated. We are blessed with a large Nave, that allows for more room to spread out, so please do make full use of the available space. Masks are available from an Usher, should you need 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

Fantasia in A

William Byrd (c 1543-1623)

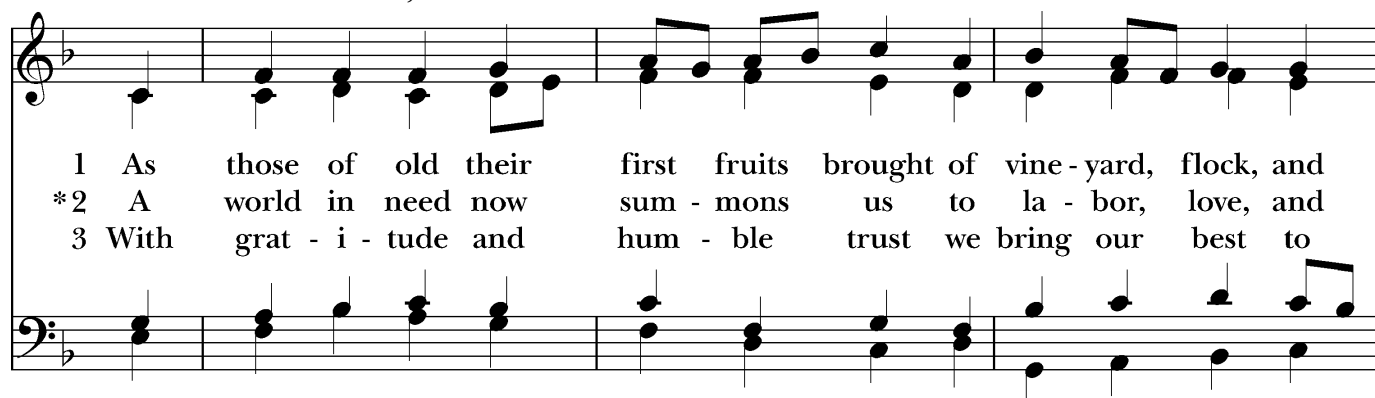
The Cantor and Choir sing from The Pavilion,

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

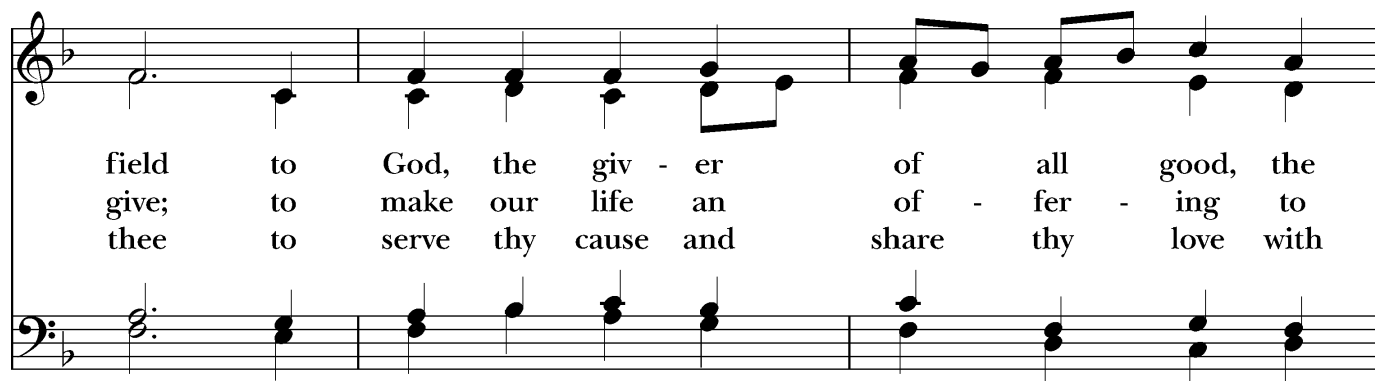
Let us go forth in peace : In the name of Christ. Amen.

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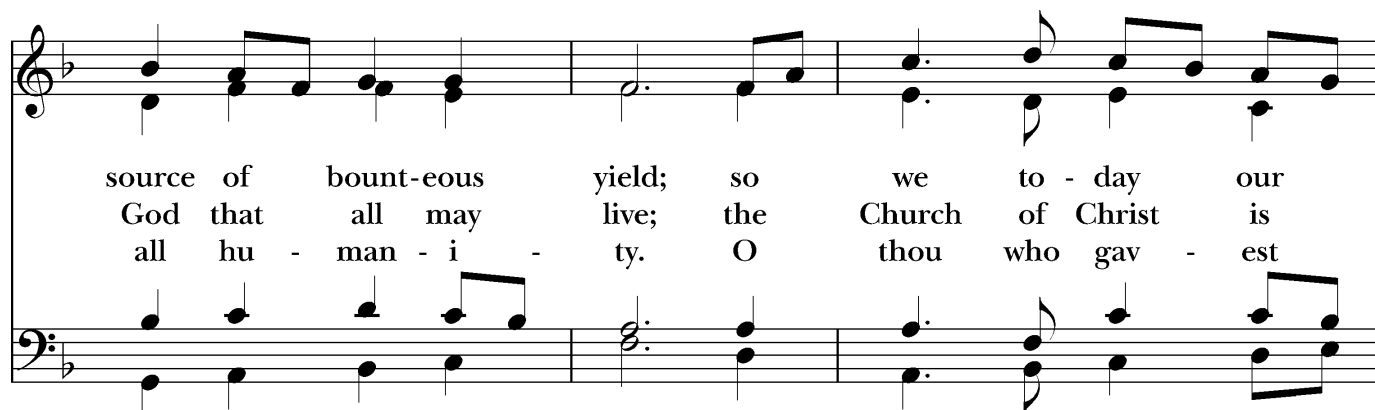
THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN, 705



1 As those of old their first fruits brought of vine - yard, flock, and
 *2 A world in need now sum - mons us to la - bor, love, and
 3 With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust we bring our best to



field to God, the giv - er of all good, the
 give; to make our life an of - fer - ing to
 thee to serve thy cause and share thy love with



source of bount-eous yield; so we to - day our
 God that all may live; the Church of Christ is
 all hu - man - i - ty. O thou who gav - est



first fruits bring, the wealth of this good land, of
 call - ing us to make the dream come true: a
 us thys - elf in Je - sus Christ thy Son, help



farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind, and heart, and hand.
world re - deemed by Christ - like love; all life in Christ made new.
us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

Words: Frank von Christerson (1900-1996)
Music: Forest Green, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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

Organ *Congregation*

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,

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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.

O GOD, YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE YOU such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings from Holy Scripture.



Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

DURING THE NIGHT, PAUL HAD A VISION: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 67

Sung by the Choir

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Setting: Sir Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1946)

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Reader A reading from the Book of Revelation

IN THE SPIRIT THE ANGEL CARRIED ME away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is

the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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, 292



1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast
2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dew be
3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy
trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -
given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe
throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -
forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and
from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with
pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee
thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and
gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that
all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and



thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.
kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:
with the Ho - ly Spi-rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

Words: Edward White Benson (1829-1896), alt.

Music: Kingsfold, English melody; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 5:1-9

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

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

AFTER JESUS HEALED THE SON of the official in Capernaum, there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew *Beth-ṣatha*, which has five porticoes. In these lay many invalids – blind, lame, and paralyzed. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be made well?” The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me.” Jesus said to him, “Stand up, take your mat and walk.” At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a Sabbath.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Drake Douglas, *Postulant for Holy Orders*

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.

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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 THE PEOPLE

The Intercessor and People pray responsively,

Rejoicing because Jesus goes to the Father yet leaves us his peace and promises the Holy Spirit, let us pray together:

We pray that the Church may rejoice in that diversity which is born of the Holy Spirit.
Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that the Church may discern the Spirit's presence in the diversity of the world's cultures and gladly enter into communion with all who seek the Lord.
Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who work for unity among the nations, that the Holy Spirit may bestow that peace which the world cannot give.
Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that those whose hearts are troubled and afraid may find comfort in the peace Jesus gives to us.
Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the victims of last week's racist attack in the city of Buffalo and for all those who live in fear for who they are. May those who preach hatred and encourage violence turn from their ways and follow instead the way of love.
Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray this morning for *Louise Jochumsen, 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 that all the departed may rejoice in that holy city whose light is God's glory.
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, ANTHEM

DEUS MISEREATUR NOSTRI,
et benedicat nobis;
illuminet vultum suum super nos,
et misereatur nostri:
ut cognascamus in terra viam tuam,
in omnibus gentibus salutare tuum.
Confiteantur tibi populi, Deus:
confiteantur tibi populi omnes.
Laetentur et exsultent gentes,
quoniam judicas populos in aequitate,
et gentes in terra dirigis.
Confiteantur tibi populi, Deus:
confiteantur tibi populi omnes.
Terra dedit fructum suum:
benedicat nos Deus, Deus noster!
Benedicat nos Deus,
et metuant eum omnes fines terrae.

Gloria Patri et Filio,
et Spiritui Sancto:
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in secula saeculorum. Amen.

GOD BE MERCIFUL UNTO US,
and bless us:
and shew us the light of his countenance,
and be merciful unto us:
That thy way may be known upon earth:
thy saving health among all nations.
Let the people praise thee, O God:
yea, let all the peoples praise thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad:
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
and govern the nations upon earth.
Let the people praise thee, O God:
let all the peoples praise thee.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase:
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
God shall bless us:
and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

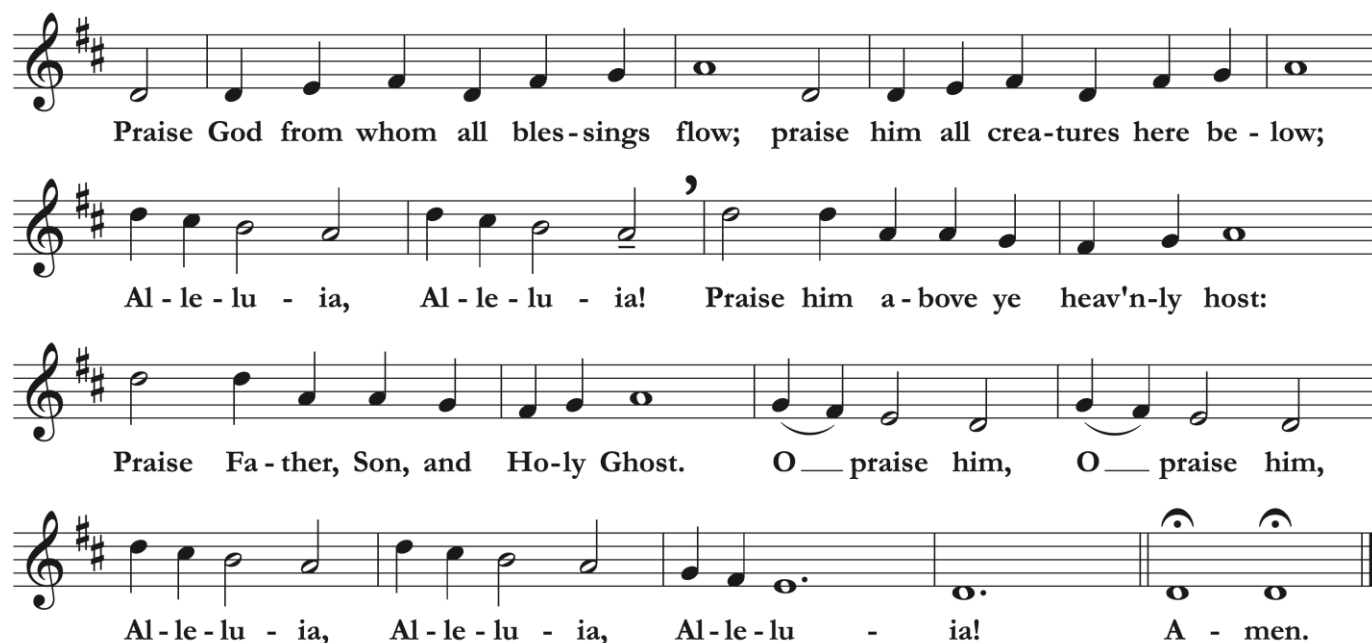
Glory be to the Father, to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen

Words: Psalm 67 & Gloria Patri
Music: Samuel Webbe (1740-1816)

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

THE DOXOLOGY

Sung by all



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:

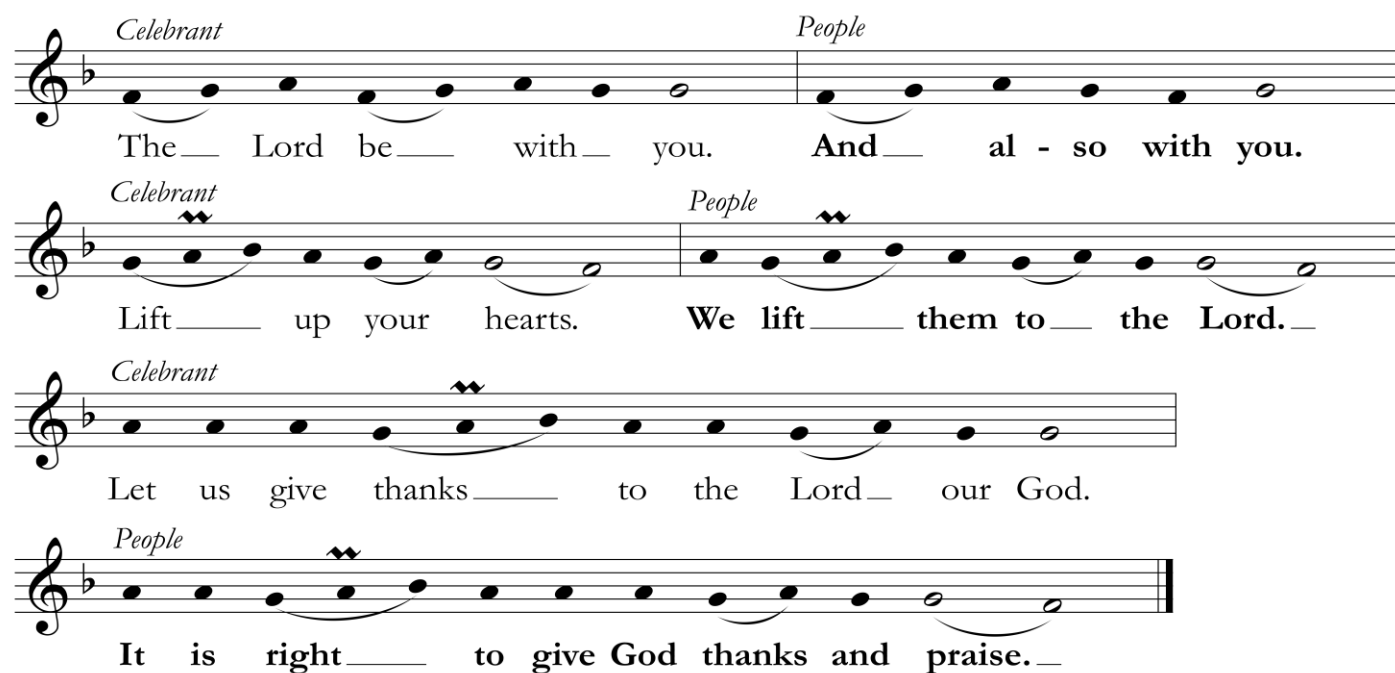
Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. O—praise him, O—praise him,

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

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

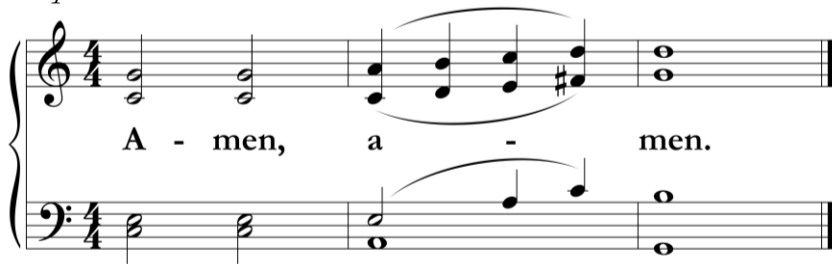
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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.

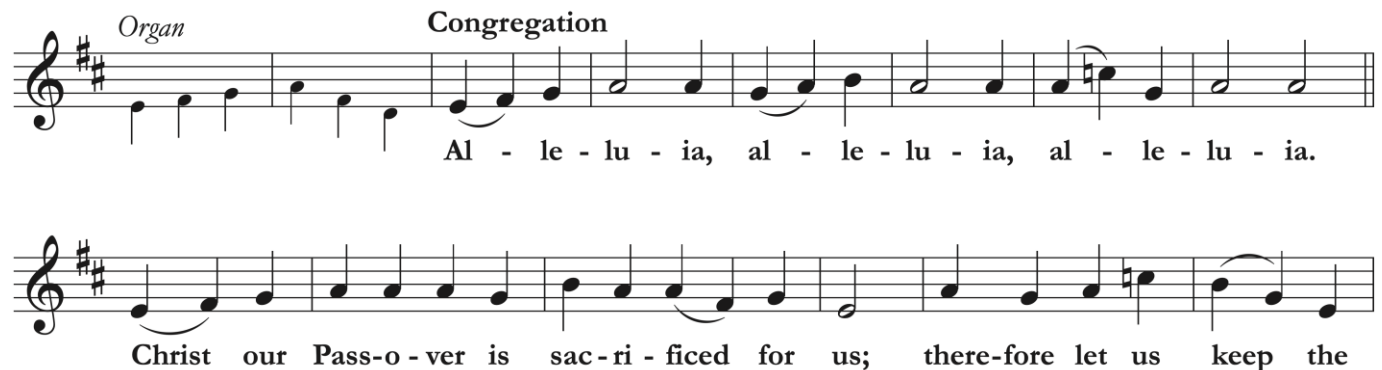
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

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





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 would prefer to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest when you come to the Altar. At the moment, Grace Church is offering the sacrament of communion in the form of the bread only. It is always considered fully acceptable to take communion in just one kind (i.e. the bread). We encourage all communicants to make liberal use of the hand sanitizer placed in the pews after they have received communion.

AT THE COMMUNION, ANTHEM

UNTO THEM THAT OVERCOMETH shall be given of the tree of life,
which is in the midst of the paradise of God.
On either side of the river groweth the tree of life,
the leaves of the tree are for thy healing.
In the midst of that fair city flows the river of water of life clear as crystal.
Whoso will, let them take to the water of life freely.
Whoso drinketh of this water shall never thirst.
Take thou the leaves of the tree of life.
So shalt thou enter in through the gates of the city.

*Words: from Revelation 22
Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

Please join in singing the hymn on the following page.



THE COMMUNION HYMN, 405

Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain

he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

*Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)
Music: Royal Oak, melody from The Dancing Master, 1686; adapt. Martin Fallas Shaw (1875-1958);*

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, 400

Stanzas 1, 4, 5 & 7 only



1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us sing:
4. Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless-ings on our way,
5. All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your part,
7. Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble - ness,



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing sun with gold - en beams,
O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flow'rs and fruits that in you grow,
O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that pain and sor - row bear,
O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the Fa - ther, praise the Son,



pale sil - ver moon that gent - ly gleams,
let them his glo - ry al - so show: O — praise him, O — praise him,
praise God, and cast on him your care:
and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt.

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

THE DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

VOLUNTARY

Now let the vault of heaven resound

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck

Assisting Priest: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton

Preacher: Drake Douglas

Crucifer: Ed Morgan

Lectors: Nicholas Halar, Adrienne Southgate

Intercessor: Jane Ditmars

Altar Guild: Cindy Stephanopoulos, Lois Lewis

Ushers: Diane Stamp, Luci Scanlan, Clinton Crocker, Duncan Cook

Audio/ Visual: Peter Dugan

Coffee Hour Servers: Pat Trosclair, Joseph Handly, William Woodward

*Cover art: St. John writes his Revelation, while being guided by an Angel of the Lord.
Stained glass window located above the Side Altar at Grace Church near the Vestry door.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS MORNING'S GUEST PREACHER: Our guest preacher this week is not really a guest here at Grace, though he is spending a lot of time in New Haven, CT these days. Drake Douglas is a postulant for holy orders (meaning he's in training to be a priest) and is being sponsored by Grace Church for ordination. He has just finished his first year at Yale Divinity School, and we are thrilled to have him preaching for us here at Grace before he begins his pastoral placement at St. Peter's by-the-Sea in Narragansett, RI!

CHORAL EVENSONG TODAY! The Choir and Choristers will sing the final service of Choral Evensong of the 2021-2022 Choir Season today 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.

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>

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 10:00 AM, 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.

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.

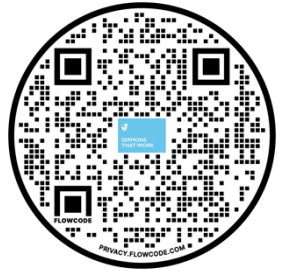
THURSDAYS AT NOON CONCERTS: Our guest recitalist on Thursday, May 26th will be Boston-based Latvian flautist, Agita Arista. She will play a program of music by C.P.E. Bach, Hans Hiller, Pēteris Vasks, and J.S. Bach, and will be accompanied by David Heinze. We hope you will join us and bring friends!

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!



May 22, 2022 – Easter 6 (C) Week 5: 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.



Fairy tales, fables, and Bible stories offer us narratives to live by. While the stories are deep and transforming, we often tend toward the soundbites of wisdom that may have stemmed from the Bible or other literary treasure.

“Honesty is the best policy.”

“Don’t bite the hand that feeds you.”

“Where there is a will there is a way.”

As a child, I went to church and Sunday school. Content was delivered in simple terms. Matters of faith stayed on the level of repetition of familiar stories and pithy wisdom. As most children are, I was drawn to the liturgy. In “big” church there were symbols and rituals to explore. There was an intriguing story unfolding each Sunday – and in myself. The liturgy carried us to the table where the feast of bread and wine, body and blood, was to be found. There our personal narrative merged with that of Jesus. The death and resurrection we know in the Christian story was our story too.

“Jesus died and rose again.”

“Jesus died so we might live.”

These can be pithy phrases as well. They could easily appear on a billboard. When we are baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we bravely step into the rhythm of dying and rising as we move through the ups and downs of life. It is the physical process of death and resurrection in nature that generates new life, and it is the spiritual equivalent that brings forth new life within us. We see the posture in Jesus’ body; arms outstretched, suffering, and yet, bearing an open and accepting heart. Welcome death. Both physical and spiritual deaths take us to a darkness we cannot imagine. Resurrection always comes and delivers us to a light that in its grace and beauty is unspeakable. Life is not the same but new life has emerged.

I have found in my own life that while I may not understand intellectually what is happening as life’s circumstances invite me to welcome the process of death and resurrection, my Christian journey has formed me to trust this spiritual process. After all, it is the heart of our Christian faith. Knowing it is true one can hold fast to deep peace despite the worst that life offers. In the darkness we can wait until light and new life comes again.

This season, may you dwell deeply in the Easter story, dying and rising with the living God we know in Jesus Christ. May your trust in the process of death and resurrection increase, and may new life make you a beautiful witness to the glory of God!

+Mary Gray-Reeves
Easter 2022



*This text, entitled “Death and Resurrection Isn’t Just for Jesus,” was written by **the Rt. Rev. Mary Gray-Reeves**, who served as Bishop Diocesan of El Camino Real from 2007 until 2020. She now serves as the Managing Director of The College for Bishops of The Episcopal Church, supporting the education and formation of all bishops in The Episcopal Church. She makes her home in Charlotte, North Carolina.*

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