

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.*



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

~ SUNG HOLY EUCHARIST ~
RITE II

MAY 8TH, 2022

10:00 AM

WELCOME TO GRACE CHURCH!

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

VOLUNTARY

Largo from Trio Sonata No. 5 in C Major, BWV 529ii *Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)*

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.

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN, 645



1. The ___ King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ___ ran - somed
 3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but ___ yet in
 4. In ___ death's dark vale I ___ fear no ill with ___ thee, dear
 5. Thou ___ spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; thy ___ unc - tion
 6. And ___ so through all the length of days thy ___ good - ness

fail - eth ___ nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he ___ lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
 love he ___ sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be ___ side me; thy rod and staff my
 grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port
 fail - eth ___ ne - ver: Good Shep - herd, may I

I am his, and he is mine for ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.
 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!
 sing thy praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); paraphrase of Psalm 23
 Music: St. Columba, Irish melody

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.**

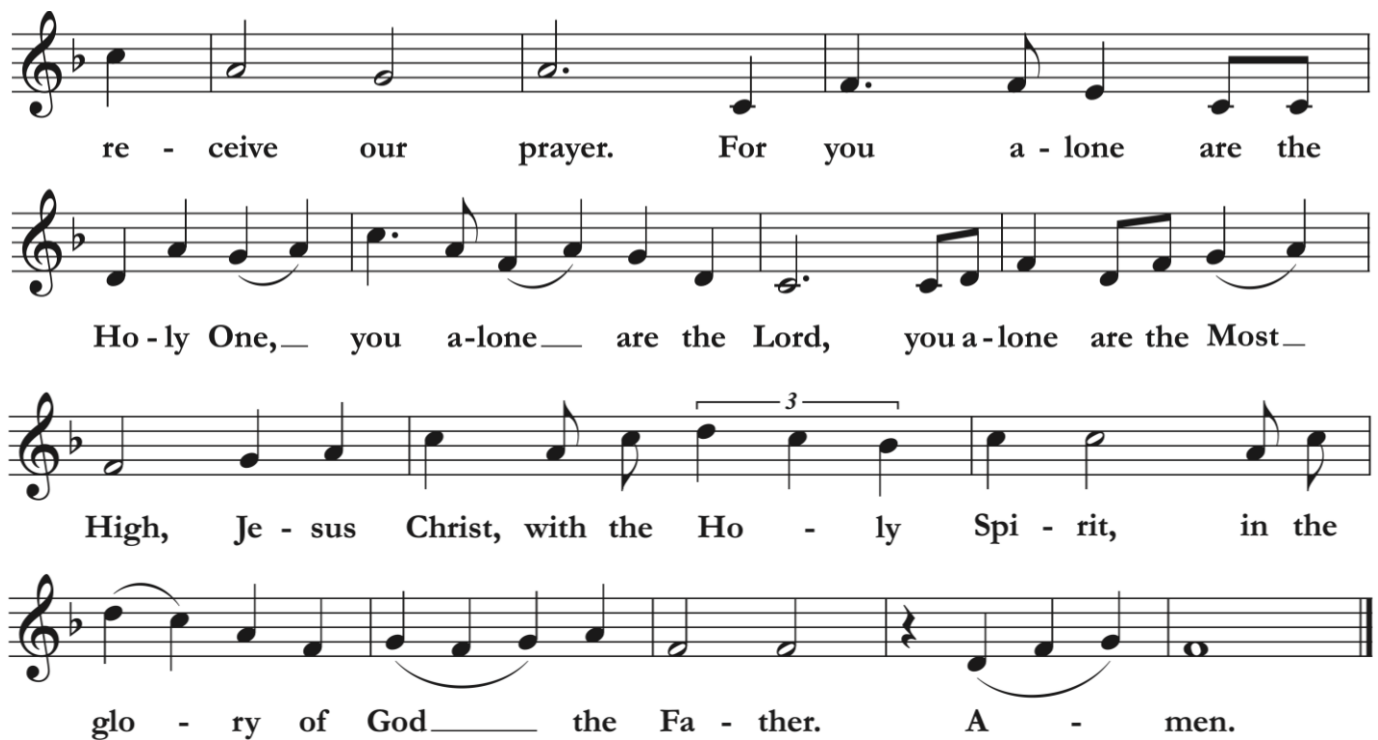
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS, S-280

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,
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:

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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, WHOSE SON JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings from Holy Scripture.

THE FIRST READING

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

NOW IN JOPPA THERE WAS A DISCIPLE whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, “Please come to us without delay.” So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed.

He turned to the body and said, “Tabitha, get up.” Then she opened her eyes, and seeing

Acts 9:36-43



Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

PSALM 23

Sung by the Choir

- 1 The LORD is my Shepherd; *
I have all I need.
- 2 She makes me lie down in green meadows, *
beside the still waters, she will lead.
- 3 She restores my soul, she rights my wrongs, *
She leads me in a path of good things, and fills my heart with songs.
- 4 Even though I walk, through a dark and dreary land, there is nothing that can shame me, *
She has said, She won't forsake me, I'm in Her hand.
- 5 She sets a table before me, in the presence of my foes, *
She anoints my head with oil, and my cup overflows.
- 6 Surely goodness and kindness will follow me, all the days of my life, *
and I will live in Her house, forever; for ever and ever.

GLORY BE TO OUR MOTHER, AND DAUGHTER; AND TO THE HOLY OF HOLIES,
as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Music & Adapted Words by Robert "Bobby" Keith McFerrin, Jr. (b. 1950)

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 7:9-17

Reader A reading from the Book of Revelation

I LOOKED, AND THERE WAS A GREAT MULTITUDE that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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, 478

1 Je - sus, our might - y Lord, our strength in sad - ness, —
2 Good shep-herd of your sheep, your own de - fend - ing, —
3 Glo - rious their life who sing, with glad thanks-giv - ing, —
the Fa - ther's con - quering Word, true source of glad - ness; —
in love your chil - dren keep to life un - end - ing. —
true hymns to Christ the King in all their liv - ing: —
your Name we glo - ri - fy, O Je - sus, throned on high;
You are your-self the Way: lead us then day by day
all who con - fess his Name, come then with hearts a - flame;
you gave your - self to die for our sal - va - tion.
in your own steps, we pray, O Lord most ho - ly.
the God of peace ac - claim as Lord and Sa - vior.

*Words: Clement of Alexandria (c 170-c 220); paraphrased by F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984), rev.
Music: Monk's Gate, Sussex folk melody; adapted by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

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

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

AT THAT TIME THE FESTIVAL of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my

Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand.
The Father and I are one."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rector

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.



THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Intercessor and People pray responsively,

Through Jesus, the Good Shepherd, let us intercede for the needs of all God's flock.

We pray that Christians, filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit, may be a light for the nations.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that Christians may take their place in that great multitude from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, which work for justice and peace.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that the Good Shepherd may raise up shepherds who will lead with courage and serve with love the flock that belongs to Christ.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

We pray that all who bear the burden of poverty or prejudice may experience in the caring of others a foretaste of God's reign.

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 in thanksgiving for mothers everywhere and for all those who nurture children. Be with those who are grieving because they have no mother; be close to those who are struggling because they have no children; be near to those who are sad because they are far apart from those they love.

Risen Christ, **hear our prayer.**

We pray this morning for: *Janet Heinze, 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 our dead may rest in peace forever where God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Risen Lord, **hear our prayer.**

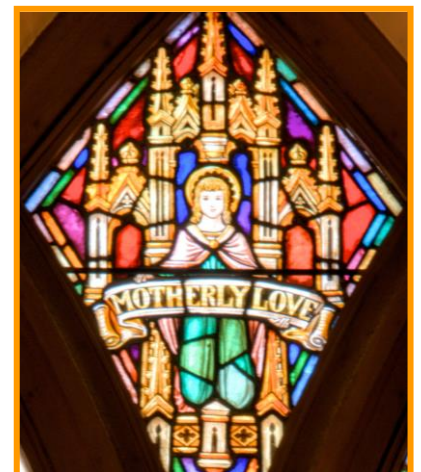
Let us pray for our own needs and those of others either aloud, or in the silence of our hearts.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

THE PEACE

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

WELCOME AND PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS



THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

MY SHEPHERD IS THE LIVING LORD, nothing therefore I need,
in pastures fair with water calm he sets me for to feed.
He did convert and glad my soul and brought my mind in frame
to walk in paths of righteousness, for his most holy name.
'Through all my life thy favour is so frankly shew'd to me
that thy house for evermore my dwelling place shall be. Amen.

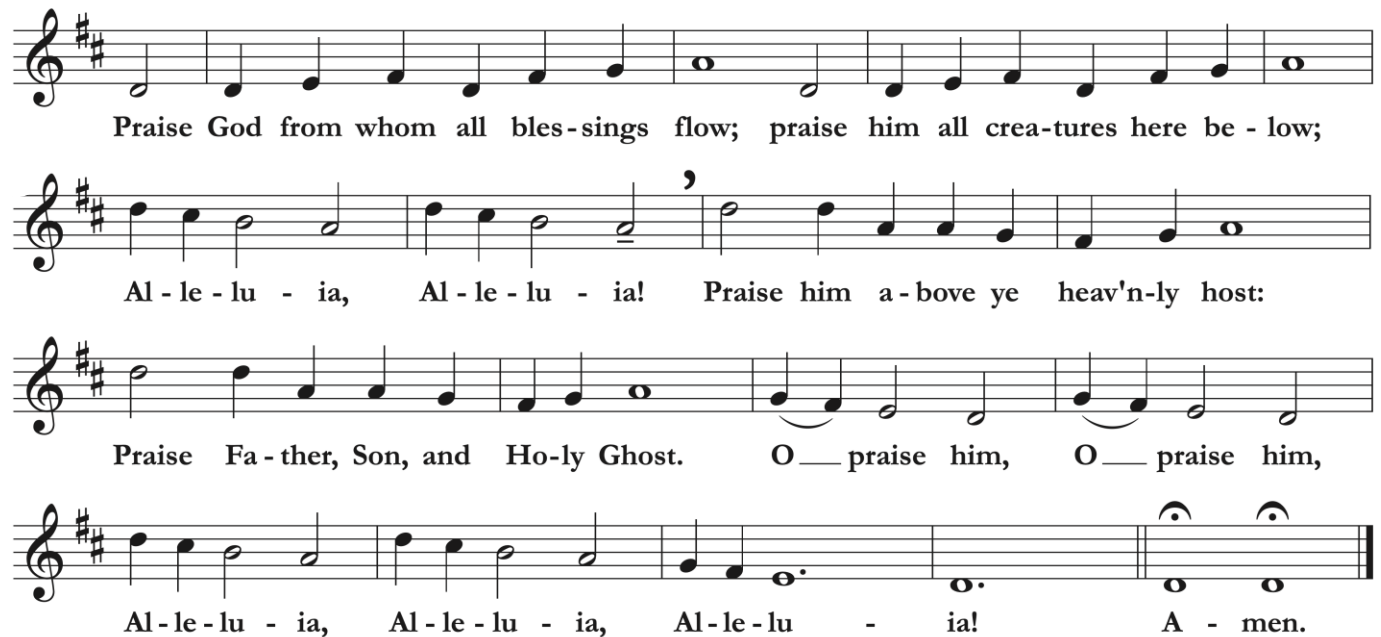
Words: Psalm 23

Music: Thomas Tomkins (1572-1656)

~ Nikki Lawrence, *Mezzo-Soprano*, Tyler Dorothy, *Tenor* ~

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 *People*

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. 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

The musical score is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is labeled 'Organ' and 'Congregation'. The lyrics are: '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. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' The second staff continues the lyrics: 'pow - er and might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The third staff continues the lyrics: 'Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' The fourth staff continues the lyrics: 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.' The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, and rests, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

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

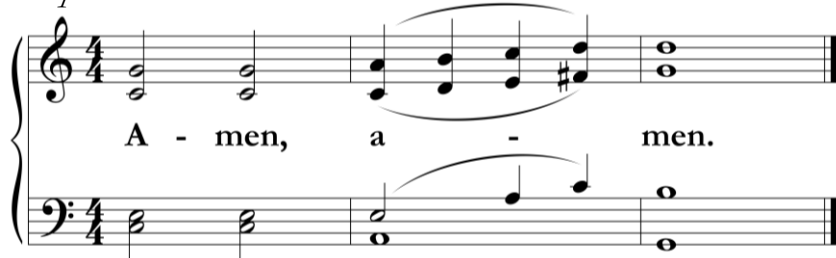
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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, ANTHEM

Little Lamb who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life and bid thee feed
By the stream and o'er the mead;
Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing wooly bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice.


Little Lamb I'll tell thee:
He is called by thy name,
For he calls himself a Lamb:
He is meek and he is mild,
He became a little child:
I a child and thou a lamb,
We are called by his name:
Little Lamb God bless thee.

Words: William Blake (1757-1827)

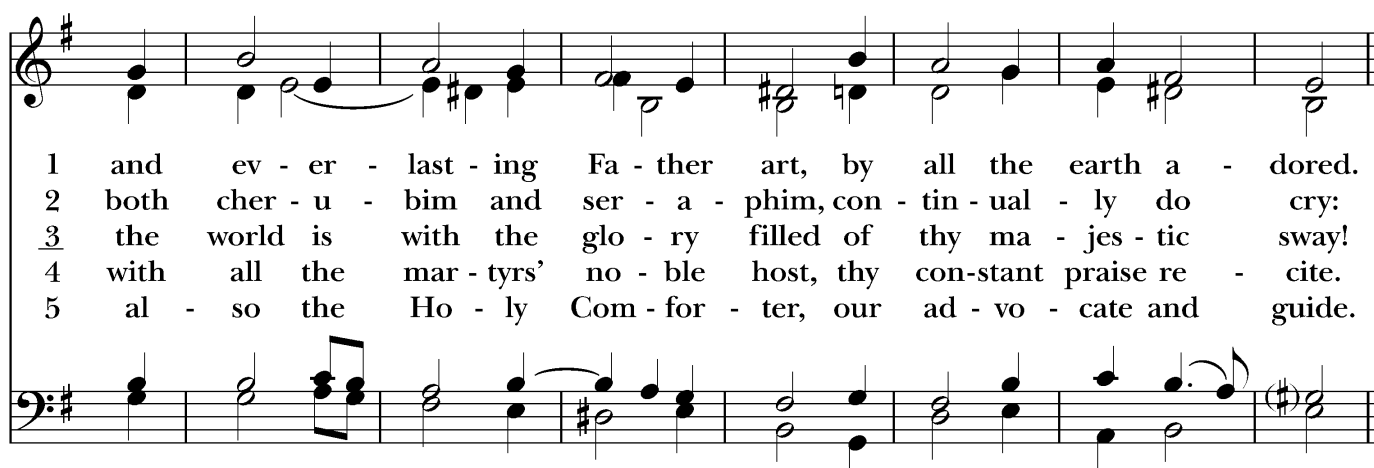
Music: John Tavener (1944-2013)

Please join in singing the hymn.

THE COMMUNION HYMN, 364



1 O God, we praise thee, and con - fess that thou the on - ly Lord
2 To thee all an - gels cry a - loud; to thee the powers on high,
3 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, whom heaven-ly hosts o - bey,
4 The a - pos-tles' glo - rious com - pa - ny, and pro-phets crowned with light,
5 The ho - ly Church in faith ac - claims thy Son who for us died,



1 and ev - er - last - ing Fa - ther art, by all the earth a - dored.
2 both cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, con - tin - ual - ly do cry:
3 the world is with the glo - ry filled of thy ma - jes - tic sway!
4 with all the mar - tyrs' no - ble host, thy con-stant praise re - cite.
5 al - so the Ho - ly Com - for - ter, our ad - vo - cate and guide.

Words: Paraphrase of the Te Deum; Stanzas 1-5, A Supplement to the New Version of the Psalms of David, 1698, alt.

Music: Manchester, melody and bass by Thomas Ravenscroft (c 1592-c 1635); harm. Hymnal 1982



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.

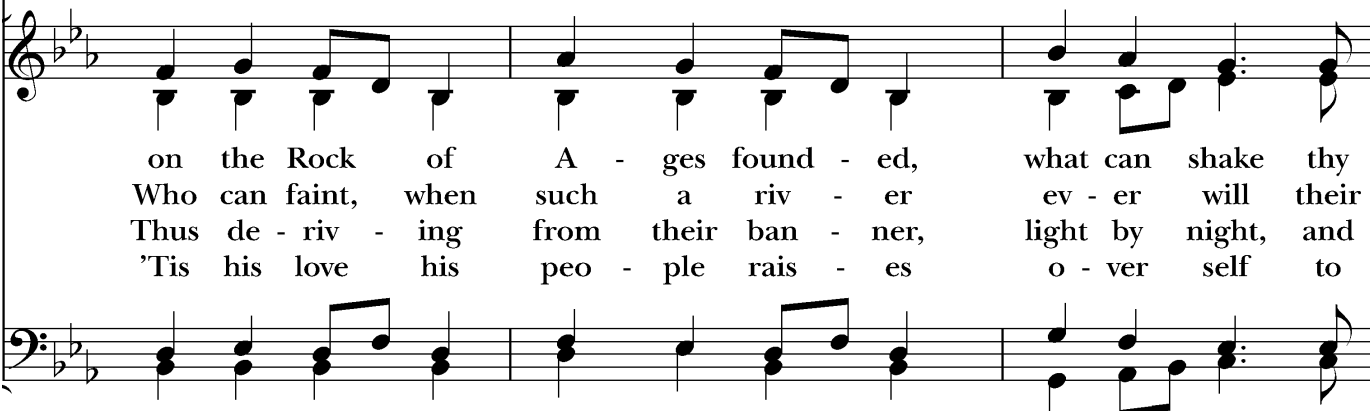
THE CLOSING HYMN, 522

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty
2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and
4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

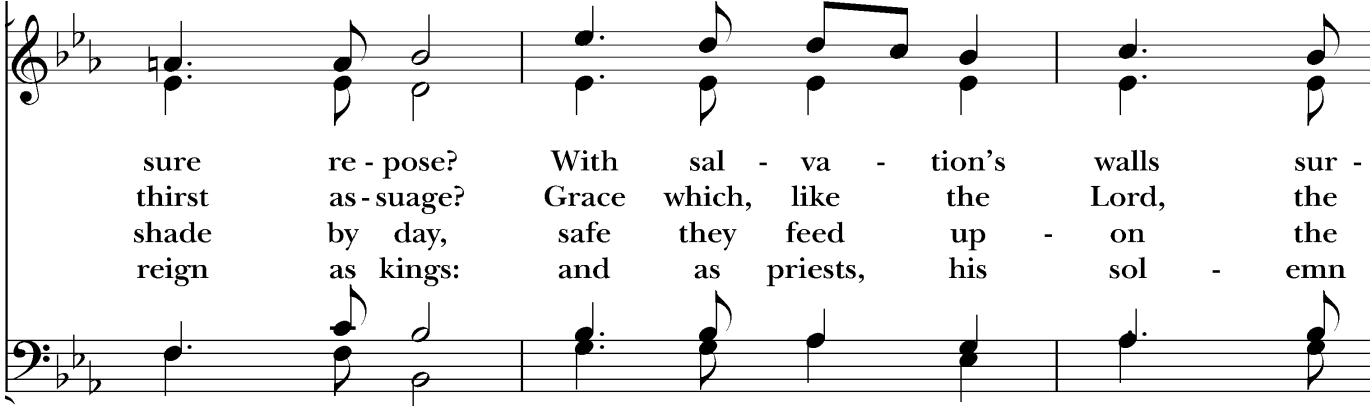
of our God; he whose word can - not be
ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a
deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -



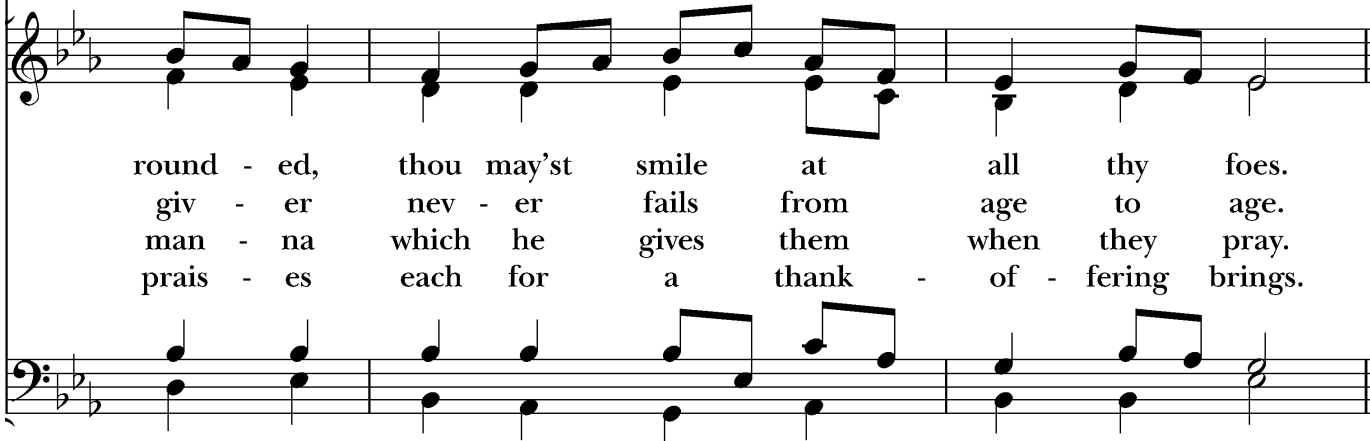
bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;
daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.



on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and
'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to



sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
shade by day, safe they feed up - on the
reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn



round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
man - na which he gives them when they pray.
prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

*Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt.
Music: Austria, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809);
Descant: Michael E. Young (b. 1939)*

THE DISMISSAL

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

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

VOLUNTARY

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter (b. 1945)

*The organ voluntaries this morning are played by Ulysses Squitieri,
God-Son of Vince Edwards & Rodney Ayers*

*The Altar Flowers today are given
to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Frank and Doris Whelan
by Gail Kenney.*

~ SERVING TODAY ~

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Canon Jonathan Huyck

Assisting Priest: The Reverend Hartwell Hylton

Crucifer: Leigh Hubbard

Lectors: Jane Ditmars, James Mahoney

Intercessor: Galia Rutan-Annaldo

Minister of Communion: Frank Ward

Altar Guild: Lois Lewis, Andrew Shapiro-Zysk

Ushers: John Trosclair, Matthew Sneider, Robert Olawoye, Ed Morgan

Audio/ Visual: Peter Dugan

Coffee Hour Servers: Pat Trosclair, Margrete Jean-Louis

Cover art: "Jesus the Shepherd with Lamb" statue in the Baptistry at Grace Church (beneath the Good Shepherd window).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 asap! 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! Thanks in advance for your support!

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 12th will be **Joshua Boyd**, Organist at St. Rita's Catholic Church in Dallas, Texas. He will play a program of music by Guy Bouvet, Dieterich Buxtehude, and Louis Vierne. 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>

UPCOMING CHORAL CONCERT: On **Thursday, May 19 at 7:00 PM.** The Marywood University Chamber Singers, directed by Rick Hoffenberg, will sing a concert of works by Giovanni Perluigi da Palestrina, Samuel Barber, and Wolfram Buchenberg, along with several folk songs and spirituals. The Marywood University Chamber Singers are a select ensemble of undergraduates pursuing a variety of majors. They have performed on music series throughout the Northeastern United States and are featured on an annual PBS broadcast. They embark on a concert tour each May to various parts of the United States and Canada. Recent venues have included Steinway Hall and St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, St. Francis of Assisi Cathedral in New Jersey, First Church and Faneuil Hall in Boston, Yale University's Marquand Chapel, Notre Dame Basilica in Montreal, and several locales in California, Florida, Georgia, and Louisiana. The Marywood University Chamber Singers were finalists in the Collegiate Choral Division of The American Prize. After being the featured choir for the 2021 National Meeting of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities, the ensemble was invited to be the featured choir again for the 2022 ACCU National Meeting in Washington, DC.

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.



May 8, 2022 – Easter 4 (C)
Week 3: 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.

Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe" (John 20:27).

Jesus' hands, feet, and side remain wounded as he appears to his first followers after his resurrection. He has risen from the dead yet remains wounded. What is the Holy Trinity telling us with this not insignificant detail? This is Jesus, after all, who made lepers clean, gave hearing to a man born deaf, and sight to one born blind. Jesus fed the multitudes, walked on water, calmed the storm, and raised the dead. Jesus healed the centurion's servant without even stepping foot in his yard. Jesus, who in so many ways showed that his power was unlimited, does not heal himself.



Jesus comes back still bearing humanity's marks on his flesh. If Jesus rose healed over, nice and neat, we could be tempted to see the cross as less significant. We could decide that suffering, particularly suffering and sacrifice for others, holds no meaning for us. Instead, we see how far the compassion of the Holy Trinity extends. Compassion means "suffering with." Jesus had compassion for Thomas whose doubts had overtaken his faith. Jesus offers Thomas the proof the disciple needs to understand that, though Jesus died, he has truly risen from the grave.

For me, the most astounding part of these wounds is that it reveals Jesus as vulnerable. The literal meaning of vulnerable is "able to be wounded." God the Son was fully human as well as fully divine, and so able to be wounded. He was wounded by humans for the sake of humanity. This matters to our day-to-day lives, as we are called to live our bodily, daily existence, transformed by the Christ who is present with us in our suffering and loss. Jesus, who felt the pain of what humans did to him, knows suffering. Jesus, who experienced abandonment on the cross, knows that pain – and yet will never abandon you.

To love is to make oneself vulnerable. Jesus' vulnerability shows the depths of God's love for all humanity. The Holy Trinity could have remained outside of creation as a righteous judge.

Instead, God entered the creation in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. A necessary part of being one of us is emotional and physical vulnerability. People could and did reject him and put him to death. Yet Jesus did not give up on loving us, even when the cost of that love was death on a cross.

Whatever you are facing, you have alongside and within you a loving God who understands fully. Ask Jesus to touch your wounded life with his hands that still bear the marks of what we humans did and yet remain open, reaching out with love and healing.



*This reflection, titled “Touch My Hands and Side”, was written by **the Rt. Rev. Frank Logue**. Logue is the bishop of the Diocese of Georgia. He previously served as the church planter for King of Peace Episcopal Church in Kingsland, Georgia, and as canon to the ordinary of the diocese he now serves as bishop.*

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