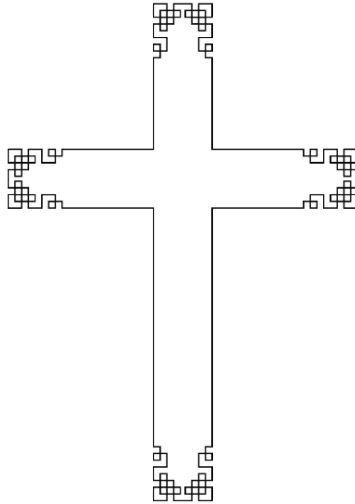


Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026, 10:00 AM



Welcome to Grace Church – we are glad you are here! Whether you are a regular attender or first-time visitor, we hope today you find here a place to draw close to God. We welcome all as we gather to seek God through word, prayer, and sacrament. We seek to fulfill our baptismal commitment to love, serve, and treat each person with dignity. Service information is found in this leaflet; additionally, we use the red Book of Common Prayer and the blue Hymnal in your pew.

Please know we are available to support you on your spiritual journey.

More information can be found on our website or by simply contacting the church office at 314-821-1806.

Hearing assistance is available; please ask an usher.

Grace Episcopal Church

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Prelude

Opening Hymn 483

The head that once was crowned with thorns

St. Magnus

THE WORD OF GOD

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

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

The Collect for Purity

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.*

The Gloria S178

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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.

The First Reading

Acts 2:14a22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor

David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

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

Psalm 16

Please join in reading responsively by whole verse.

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

**All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.**

But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

**I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

**For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Second Reading

1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn 210

The day of resurrection

Ellacombe

The Holy Gospel

John 20:1-18

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

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

The Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus

said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Erin Pickersgill

Prayers of the People

Stand as you are able.

Celebrant Alm With glad hearts and rejoicing souls we bring our prayers to God who has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, therefore in confidence we pray: You will show us the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy.

Intervessor Gracious One, breathe the Holy Spirit upon your Church, that we may forgive the sins of all and be witnesses of your peace. You will show us the path of life;

People **in your presence there is fullness of joy.**

Intervessor Eternal One, guide the leaders of our nation and all in authority to embrace the compassionate example of Christ, that they may spread his blessing, "Peace be with you." You will show us the path of life;

People **in your presence there is fullness of joy.**

Intervessor Compassionate One, bring your healing presence into the suffering places of the world and speak peace to those huddled behind locked doors of fear, that all humanity may enjoy an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled and unfading. You will show us the path of life;

People **in your presence there is fullness of joy.**

Intervessor Gentle One, cast out all fear and heal the grief of everyone, that this community may be a place of loving hospitality, nurturing hope and faith for all. You will show us the path of life;

People **in your presence there is fullness of joy.**

Intervessor Loving God, bless all for whom we pray, that even when they may not see Christ, they may love him, believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy; we especially pray for _____. Hear our words of thanksgiving and praise as we tell you of our gratefulness, O God, especially for _____. Let your resurrection life

raise all who have died into your eternal presence, that they may have life in Christ's name, especially _____. You will show us the path of life;

People **in your presence there is fullness of joy.**

Celebrant Reveal yourself unto the whole world, O Holy One, and heal the grief and anxiety of your creation, that all hearts may be glad, all souls rejoice, and all humanity rest secure in the life of the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Peace

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Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory

Christ is Alive

Lloyd Larson
Gloria Deo Handbell Choir

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please stand as you are able

Eucharistic Prayer D

The Book of Common Prayer, page 372

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up on Hearts.

People **We lift then to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

Sanctus

Sung by Choir

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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." Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

**We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people,

the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **Our Father.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Agnus Dei Sung by Choir

The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive communion.

Gluten-free Bread is available upon request. Inform an usher if communion in the pew is needed.

Music During Communion 213 Come away to the skies Middlebury

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

May you embrace God's gift of new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

May Christ's breath of peace be upon you to make your hearts glad and your spirits rejoice.

May you receive the Holy Spirit to make you full of gladness in the presence of God.

And the blessing of our life-giving God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and empower you, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 194

Jesus lies, thy terras now

St. Albinus

The Dismissal

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

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

Postlude

*The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Becky & Tim Engelbecht
in memory of Brent & Wilma Noecker.*

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 12

Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. / Nave

Coffee hour following each Service

Gloria Deo Handbells 11:20 a.m. / Nave

Tuesday, April 14

Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m. / Chapel

Book Group 10:00 a.m. / LaVielle Room

Wednesday, April 15

Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m. / Spencer's Grill

St. Dunstan Handbells 4:00 p.m. / Nave

All Saints Handbells 7:15 p.m. / Nave

Thursday, April 16

Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m. / Chapel

Choir Practice 7:00 p.m. / Choir room



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