

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day

April 5, 2026, 10:00 AM



Welcome to Grace Church – we are glad you are here! As we gather today in worship our hope is you feel welcomed and comfortable. You will find all information you need to join in the worship service – and the italics may be helpful for standing and being seated – but please only stand as may be comfortable to you. On this day of Easter as we celebrate the resurrection, we want you to know we welcome the sounds of children – they are sounds of life. Please do not fret about the beautiful chaos that may be a part of our time today

Happy Easter to you!

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 Hymns

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Jesus Christ is risen today

Easter Hymn

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Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise

Lux eoi

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 God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

The First Reading

Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

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

Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

Please join in reading responsively by whole verse.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.

Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."

The Lord is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! *
the right hand of the Lord is exalted!
the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
I will enter them;
I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord; *
he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected *
has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, *
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted; *
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

The Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn 174

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Salzburg

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.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the son of God?

People **I Believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's Help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's Help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by the word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's Help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's Help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's Help.**

Prayers of the People

Kneel as you are able.

Celebrant Almighty and everliving God, on the first day of the week, the day of resurrection, you overcame death through your blessed Son Jesus: Let your divine light dawn in our hearts daily, that we may fearlessly share in his work of doing good, saying: On this day the Holy One has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Intervessor You have called the Church to witness to the resurrection and to preach peace by Jesus Christ: Be with us as we eat and drink with him and as we receive forgiveness thorough his name, that we may be raised with Christ in the power of his Spirit, and spread his love and compassion to all humanity. On this day the Holy One has acted;

People **we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Intervessor You show no partiality, O Holy One, and you accept anyone who does what is right and who lives reverently: Enlighten all who hold power and authority in the world to embrace justice and peace on behalf of the common good. On this day the Holy One has acted;

People **we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Intervessor Let your resurrection message "Do not be afraid" be heard throughout the world, that everyone may be rescued from all that may threaten or oppress them. On this day the Holy One has acted;

People **we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Intervessor Visit this community with your divine gift of new life, that we may seek the things that are above, to the comfort and healing of our friends and neighbors. On this day the Holy One has acted;

People **we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Intervessor Christ the Lord is the stone which the builders rejected who now has become the chief cornerstone, our hope and our deliverance: Let your healing power go forth on behalf of all for whom we pray, O God, especially _____. We give thanks to God who is good, whose mercy endures for ever. Hear our prayers of gratefulness, especially for _____. When Christ who is our life is revealed, so also will those who have died be revealed with him in glory. We pray to the crucified and risen One on behalf of all who have died, especially _____. On this day the Holy One has acted;

People **we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Celebrant God has anointed Jesus of Nazareth with Holy Spirit and with power and raised him into eternal life for us; we have died, and our life is hidden with Christ in God: Fill us with the glory of this day of resurrection, that we may cast away all fear and darkness, even the darkness of death, and live forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior, who with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, One God, forever and ever. **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 the Lord is Risen Again

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

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

Hymn 458

My song is love unknown

Love Unknown

Hymn 460

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

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 180

He is risen! He is risen!

Unse Herscherr

The Dismissal

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Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 5

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

Coffee hour following each Service

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

Monday, April 6

Office Closed

Tuesday, April 7

Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m. / Chapel

Wednesday, April 8

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

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

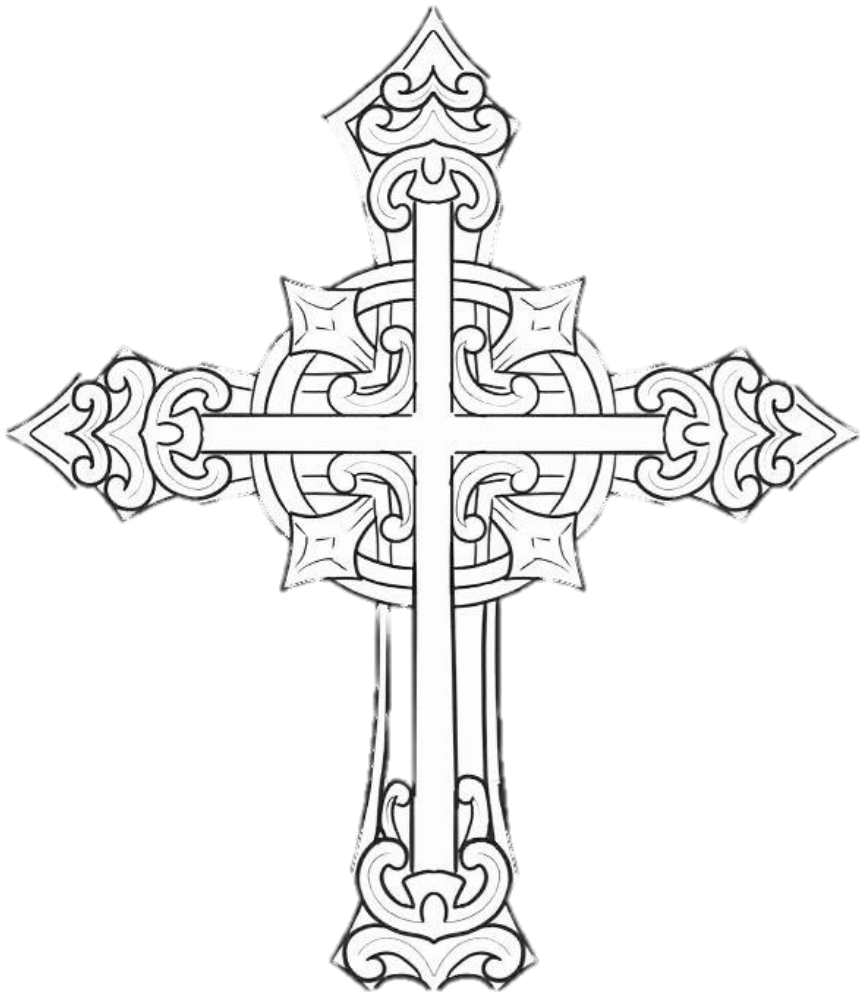
All Saints Handbells 7:15 p.m. / Nave

Thursday, April 9

Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m. / Chapel

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

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