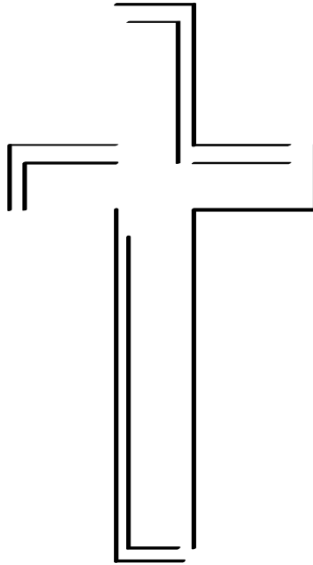


Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 10, 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 518

Christ is made the sure foundation

Westminster Abbey

THE WORD OF GOD

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

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 S278

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.

The First Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find

him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

Psalm 66:7-18

Please join in reading responsively by whole verse.

Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

**Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.**

For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

**10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.**

You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

**I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.**

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

**Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

**If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;**

But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

**Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.**

The Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn 662

Abide with me

Eventide

The Holy Gospel

John 14:15-21

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

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you." "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able.

**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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

Prayers of the People

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant Gracious and Eternal God, reveal your Spirit of truth, the Advocate, whom you have sent to be with us forever, that we may keep Christ's commandment by loving you and our neighbor, as we pray: Bless our God, you people; let the sound of praise be heard.

Intervessor Inspire your Church, O Holy One, that with gentleness and reverence we may give an accounting for the hope that is in us. Bless our God, you people

People **let the sound of praise be heard.**

Intervessor Look upon our nation and give your Spirit of truth to all in authority, that you may hold our souls in life and not allow our feet to slip. Bless our God, you people:

People **let the sound of praise be heard.**

Intervessor Ruler of heaven and earth in whom all creation lives and moves and has our being, be not far from each living creature, that the earth may be healed and its people live in confidence. Bless our God, you people:

People **let the sound of praise be heard.**

Intervessor Live in us and in our neighbors, and do not leave us orphaned. Come to us and abide with us, that your love may be revealed. Bless our God, you people:

People **let the sound of praise be heard.**

Intervessor Hear us, O gracious One, as we offer our intercessions, praying especially for _____. With gladness we offer you our praise and thanksgivings, especially for _____. With the assurance given to us by the raising of Jesus from the dead, we remember those who have died, especially _____. Fulfill your promise to love them and reveal yourself to them. Bless our God, you people:

People **let the sound of praise be heard.**

Celebrant O God of love, you have taught us that your commandment is fulfilled in loving you and our neighbor: Let your Spirit abide with us, that we may live in you and you may live in us, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Book of Common Prayer, page 360

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please stand as you are able

Doxology Hymn 380

Eucharistic Prayer D

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 372**Celebrant* The Lord be with you.*People* **And also with you.***Celebrant* Lift up our hearts.*People* **We lift them 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 S130

*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 S164

The gifts of God for the people of God

The Book of Common Prayer, page 364

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.

Communion Hymn 324

My God, thy table not is spread

Rockingham

The Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving 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**

The Blessing

You are God's offspring; in God you live and move and have your being.

Because Christ lives, you also will live, for Christ is in the Father and you are in Christ and Christ is in you.

The Advocate, the Spirit of truth abides with you and lives in you, that you may be alive in the Spirit.

And the blessing of our ever-present God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and abide in you now and always. **Amen.**

Hymn 367

Sign praise to God who reigns

Mit Frueden zart

The Dismissal

The Book of Common Prayer, page 366

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 Rebecca and Bill Harrison

In honor of Rachel, in memory of Chloe, Penny, Iva, Adele, Edith,

and all mothers, grandmother's, and god-mothers.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, May 10

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

Coffee hour following each Service

Adult Formation 9:00 a.m. / Library – Getting ready for Pentecost

Children and Youth Formation 9:45 a.m. / Lower Level

Tuesday, May 12

Holy Eucharist 9:30 a.m. / Chapel

Book Group 9:30 a.m. / LaVielle Room

Vestry Meeting 7:00 p.m. / Lavielle Room

Wednesday, May13

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

Thursday, May14

Morning Prayer 9:30 a.m. / Chapel

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

Sunday, May 17

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

Coffee hour following each Service

Adult Formation 9:00 a.m. / Library - Library – Manna and packing

Children and Youth Formation 9:45 a.m. / Lower Level

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