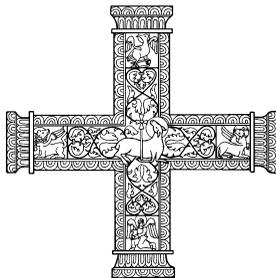


Grace Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022, 10:00 AM



Welcome

In the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to worship in the Episcopal tradition. **All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are invited to receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.** At this time, the Sacrament will be by intinction from the priest. If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament, you are invited to come to the communion rail and simply cross your arms over your chest for a blessing. Gluten-free Bread is available upon request.

During the liturgy there are times when the congregation is directed to kneel or stand for significant periods. If you are unable to do so, please know that you are welcome to be seated.

Masks are no longer required but **recommended** for worship and indoor gatherings, especially for those who are immunocompromised and unvaccinated.

Prayer requests to be included in today's Prayers of the People can be written into the Book of Intercessions, located by the doors leading into the Nave (worship space).

Prayer requests to be published for the community should be given to the parish office.

Offerings may be made on-line at www.gracekirkwood.org/give-to-grace.

Hearing assistance is available; please ask an usher.

*We enter into silence in preparation for worship
and request that you silence cell phones and similar devices.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Voluntary

In Green Pastures

Harold Darke
(1888-1976)

Hymn 657

Hyfrydol

THE WORD OF GOD

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.**

Pascha nostrum

Sine Nomine



1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -



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

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Acts 11:1-18

God's mercy extends to all people, and Jews and Gentiles alike now constitute God's people.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Cantor, then All



Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights.
Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all shining stars.
Praise him highest heavens, and the waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted,
His splendor above heaven and earth.

The Second Lesson

Revelation 21:1-6

God's final descent into the world brings salvation and a restored world order.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation

Colin Mawby

Cantor, then All.



I give you a new commandment, says the Lord;
love one another as I have loved you.

The Holy Gospel

John 13:31-35

Jesus gives us a new command — love one another.

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

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

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Gospel Response – *Sung by the Girls Choir*

Jack Miffleton

Praise God, laudate Dominum. Alleluia, laudate Dominum praise.

The Sermon

The Reverend Todd S. McDowell

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.
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 — *The People remain standing.*

Celebrant Baptized with the Holy Spirit, let us offer prayers for all those God loves.

Intervenor For Deon our Bishop, Todd and Virginia our Priests, and for the Staff and Vestry of this parish; for the Anglican Church of Uganda and Stephen their Archbishop; for all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord of life...

People **Glory and praise to you.**

Intercessor For Audrey, Emily, Henry, Turner, James, Owen and Alex our confirmation candidates, and for all who support their faith journey. Lord of life...

People **Glory and praise to you.**

Intercessor For all nations and their leaders; for healthcare workers; for those serving in the military; for first responders; for those who have responsibilities in public life, and for reconciliation and peace in the world. Lord of life...

People **Glory and praise to you.**

Intercessor We pray for... and for those we name aloud..., and all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers, prisoners and refugees, the dying and the dead. Lord of life...

People **Glory and praise to you.**

Intercessor That all ministries supported by our parish may bring people to a deeper faith in God. Lord of life...

People **Glory and praise to you.**

Intercessor We give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season, and for those thanksgivings we name aloud... Lord of life...

People **Glory and praise to you.**

Intercessor Lifting our voices with all creation, Saint Matthew and all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People **To you, O Lord.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, God of glory, who gave us your Son. Hear the prayers we offer this day, come among your people, and wipe away every tear from their eyes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Anthem at the Offertory

Peter Aston
(b. 1938)

I give you a new commandment: love one another;
as I have loved you, so you are to love one another.

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

If there is this love among you, then all will know that you are my disciples.

Hymn

Puer nobis

**All praise, O risen Lord, we give to thee, who, dead, again dost live;
To God the Father equal praise, and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

Expansive Language

It is customary during the Great Fifty Days of Easter for the people to stand through the entire Eucharistic Prayer.

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth...

...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

Peter Latona

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior 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 Jesus 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection,
We await Christ's coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Matthew our patron and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction Anthem

Ambrosian Chant

Cantor *All*

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.

The Communion of the People

For those who are not able to receive the Sacrament, we invite you to make a Spiritual Communion.

In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since all the faithful cannot receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into all our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Music at the Communion

The Lamb

Gloria Deo Handbell Choir

John Behnke

b. 1953

The Post-communion Prayer — *The People stand.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

The Blessing of the Lay Ministry Staff

Loving God, we give you thanks for Shari, Ella, and Phillip who have each served this parish for more than 30 years. Continue to bless and strengthen their ministry among us, keep them safe, and let us be mindful of all those who have done your work here at Grace Church for multiple decades out of their love for you. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

The Easter Blessing

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.**

Hymn 583

Morning Song

The Dismissal

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

The Voluntary

Voluntary in G Major

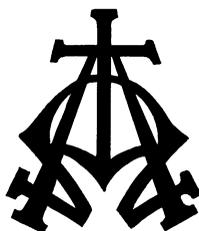
William Walond

(1719-1768)

*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by Paul & Linda Vandivort
in celebration of their wedding anniversary.*

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The Mission of the Church Is the Mission of Christ

- ~ *To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom*
- ~ *To teach, baptize and nurture new believers*
- ~ *To respond to human need by loving service*
- ~ *To seek to transform unjust structures of society*
- ~ *To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation
and sustain and renew the life of the earth*

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