Welcome

In the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to worship in the Episcopal tradition. 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.

Music is considered an element of prayer and is therefore an important part of worship. At this time, *singing during worship is reserved only for the cantors.*

Masks must be worn by everyone when approaching the church and inside the church, covering both the nose and mouth (except for those under 2 years of age).

Offerings may be placed in the basket at the font as you enter or leave the Nave, or 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 device.*
THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Voluntary
Salve Regina
Charles Callahan
(b. 1951)

Hymn

The Church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word:
from heaven He came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

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.

Hymn of Praise

Christ the Lord is risen again! Christ has broken every chain!
Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb is King of kings. Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ our Paschal lamb indeed, Christ today your people feed.
Alleluia!

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 10:44-48

Peter tells Cornelius of God’s work in Jesus Christ, thus opening the doors of the Church to Gentiles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Psalm 98 Cantate Domino

Michel Guimont

Antiphone: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds; His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God. Sing joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.

The Second Lesson

1 John 5:1-6

John describes Jesus as God’s love for us.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.
The Gospel Acclamation

Phillip Brunswick

Alleluia. Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and my Father will love him and we will come to him. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

John 15:9-17

Jesus tells his disciples that they have been chosen to love one another; in this they will find perfect joy.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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*  
God loved us and sent the Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Let us offer prayers to God for the needs, hopes, and concerns of all human beings.

*Intercessor*  
For Deon our Bishop, Todd and Virginia our Priests, and for the Staff and Vestry of this parish; for the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Justin their Archbishop; for all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Risen Lord …

*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. Risen Lord …

*People*  
Glory and praise to you.

*Intercessor*  
We pray for Michael and Mary, Mike, Molly, David, Mary Etta, Alice, Ginger, Emily, Joel, Ben and the Voller Family, Jane, Carol and Ted, Jason, Chris, Jim and for those we name aloud….; have compassion on all those who suffer from any
grief or trouble; for travelers and refugees, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, and for those in prison. Risen Lord …

People  Glory and praise to you.

Intercessor  For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead. Risen Lord…

People  Glory and praise to you.

Intercessor  We give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and make us faithful stewards of your great bounty, and for those thanksgivings we name aloud…. Risen Lord …

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, Lord of heaven and earth, who gives the Holy Spirit to all who believe. Hear our prayers for all peoples and grant us the power to love one another as we love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant  The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People  And also with you.

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Anthem at the Offertory  

Simon Lindley
(b. 1948)

Ave Maria, gratia plena, Dominus tecum.
Et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesu.
Sancta Maria Mater Dei, ora pro nobis peccatoribus,
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae, ora pro nobis peccatoribus. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.
**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

Eucharistic Prayer B

*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, Father Almighty, 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**  Richard Proulx

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 the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, 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 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.
And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord 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 to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, 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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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. 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.

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The Breaking of the Bread

The Fraction Anthem

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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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.
Anthem at the Communion  
David Ogden  
(b. 1966)

As a mother cradles her child, so you enfold us, gently in your arms.  
As a mother comforts their pain, you calm and quieten our souls with your love.  
As a mother teaches her child, so, Lord, you guide us, leading us through life.  
As a mother listens and cares, O Lord, you hear us and answer our prayers.  
*Jesus, like a mother, you gather us all to you.*  
*In your compassion bring forgiveness and grace.*  
*In your tenderness restore and remake us, in your love, bring us joy, give us peace.*  
As a mother cries for her child, so you are weeping over our sins.  
As a mother feeds us from birth, you daily nourish us with the bread of life.  
*Jesus, like a mother, you gather us all to you.*  
*In your compassion bring forgiveness and grace.*  
*In your tenderness restore and remake us, in your love, bring us joy, give us peace.*

*Based on words of St. Anselm*

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

Lord, whose love through humble service bore the weight of human need,  
who did on the cross forsaken, show us mercy’s perfect deed;  
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.
The Dismissal

People respond  Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Voluntary  

Trumpet Voluntary

Thomas Sanders Dupuis  
(1733-1796)

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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
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