



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



HOLY EUCHARIST
May 12, 2024 | 10:30am

Your presence is a blessing to us!

A carpeted area for children with books and comfortable seating is located in the front by the font.

(Please silence all electronic devices during the service.)

Please stand as you are able and join in singing the opening hymn.

OPENING HYMN 423

"Immortal, Invisible"

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

THE WORD OF GOD

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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.

Please join in singing the hymn.

GLORIA S277

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God,
hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Myra Ferree

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Please join the choir in singing the psalm.

PSALM I

“Beatus vir qui non abiit”

Antiphon



The LORD knows the way of the righ - teous, hal - le - lu - jah.

Chant Tone



Verses

- 1 *Happy* are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed. [Ant.]

SECOND LESSON

1 John 5:9-13

José Estabil

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able and join in singing the hymn.

GOSPEL HYMN 465

“Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart”

Unison or harmony

1 E - ter - nal light, shine in my heart; e - ter - nal
2 E - ter - nal life, raise me from death; e - ter - nal
3 un - til by your most cost - ly grace, in - vit - ed

hope, lift up my eyes; e - ter - nal power, be
bright-ness, help me see; e - ter - nal Spi - rit,
by your ho - ly word, at last I come be -

my sup - port; e - ter - nal wis - dom, make me wise.
give me breath; e - ter - nal Sa - vior come to me:
fore your face to know you, my e - ter - nal God.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Tammy Hobbs Miracky

A period of silence is observed.

Please stand as you are able and join in affirming our faith.

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.**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Alan and Carol, our Bishops; and in our Grace Cycle of Thanksgiving, we give thanks for our Vestry, the elected leaders of our parish, who work together in a spirit of collaboration and discernment to ensure that our agenda and God's agenda overlap as much as possible.

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those on our parish prayer list.

The people may add their own petitions, silently or out loud.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The people may add their own thanksgivings, silently or out loud.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The people may add their own petitions, silently or out loud.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

PRESIDER'S COLLECT

Holy One, open our hearts to your presence around us and among us and within each of us, until your glory is revealed in our love of both friend and enemy, in communities transformed by justice and compassion, and in the healing of all that is broken. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Please greet those around you, mindful that some may prefer a wave to a handshake or a hug.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Ave Maria”

Thomas Luis de Palestrina (1548-1611)

Please stand and join in singing the hymn.

OFFERTORY HYMN H 380

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ all creatures here below.

Praise Holy Spirit, evermore. Praise triune God, whom we adore.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D, (Expansive Language Version)

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, 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:

Please join in singing the sanctus.

SANCTUS SI 25

Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We acclaim you, holy God, 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.

Holy God, 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, Jesus 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 Jesus 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 Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus 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 Jesus 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."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's 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.

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

God our Creator, 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 our Savior 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 Jesus Christ our Savior. 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 LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD S155

Lamb of God

Near

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

Please join in singing the fraction hymn.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
 lu - ia, 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, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

All are welcome to receive communion at Grace Church. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of the bread or wine, cross your arms over your chest. To receive the bread, hold out your hands. You may receive the wine from the chalice (large cup) by helping the server guide it to your lips, or by intincting (dipping) the wafer in the small cup. Children are welcome to receive communion at the discretion of their parents, or to receive a blessing from the priest. Please have your children hold out their hands if they wish to receive the bread. If you would like communion brought to you, please advise the greeter or usher.

COMMUNION HYMN 341

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

1 For the bread which you have bro - ken, for the
 2 By this pledge, Lord, that you love us, by your
 3 As our bless - ed ones a - dore you, seat - ed
 4 In your ser - vice, Lord, de - fend us; in our

wine which you have poured, for the words which you have
 gift of peace re - stored, by your call to heaven a -
 at our Fa - ther's board, may the Church still wait - ing
 hearts keep watch and ward, in the world to which you

spo - ken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.
 bove us, hal - low all our lives, O Lord.
 for you keep love's tie un - bro - ken, Lord.
 send us let your king - dom come, O Lord.

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP

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.

Please be seated for announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

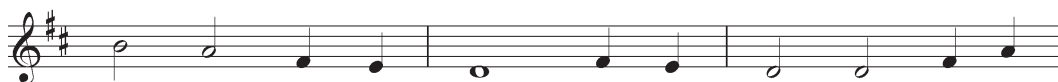
BLESSING

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with new life; and the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always. Amen.

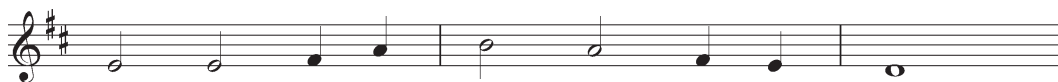
CLOSING HYMN 686 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



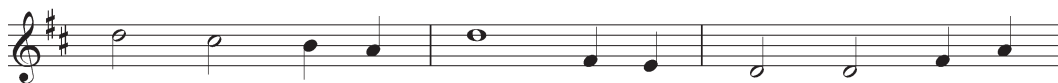
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God! Alleluia. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in A Major

William Selby (1738-1798)

*The altar flowers are given today with love by Jean Kennedy in memory of her husband,
Donald Gerry Kennedy.*



TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Tammy Hobbs Miracky

Organist: William C. Parks

Acolytes: Brooks Davenport, Will Shannon, Freddy Stearns, Richard Stearns

Lector: José Estabil, Myra Ferree

Intercessor: Taylor Boas

Altar Guild: Sarah Bonaventura, Carole Carter, Joan Devlin, Jennifer Mendelsohn

Bell Ringer: Laura Johnson

Counters/Closers: Meg Silver, Mary Swezy

Greeters/Ushers: Taylor Boas, Ellen Sheehy

GRACE PARISH LEADERSHIP

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Clerk: Don Ferree

Treasurer: Susan Keefe

Vestry Members: Taylor Boas, Sallie Dunning, Jennifer Lent, Leslie Lockhart,

Jenny Rosser, Meg Silver, Mary Swezy, Lisa Tieszen

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TODAY AT GRACE

- **11:30am Coffee Hour**

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GRACE

- **Pentecost Sunday | Choir Appreciation:** May 19th at 10:30am
- **Welcome Committee Meeting:** May 19th at 11:30am in Large Hall
- **Vestry Meeting:** May 22nd at 6:30pm
- **Grace Men's Breakfast:** May 25th at 8:00am
- **Trinity Sunday:** May 26th at 10:30am
- **Godly Play | Church School:** June 2nd at 9:30am
- **Second Sunday After Pentecost:** June 2nd at 10:30am
- **Confirmation Class:** June 2nd at 11:30am
- **All Ages Formation:** June 9th at 9:30am
- **Third Sunday After Pentecost | Recognition of Confirmands:** June 9th at 10:30am
- **Coffee Hour | End of Church Year Celebration:** June 9th at 11:30am

ONGOING EVENTS AT GRACE

- **Centering Prayer Group:** Wednesdays at 6:45pm on Zoom. For information, please contact Mary Malagodi (marymalagodi@aol.com).
- **Grace Choir:** Rehearsal on Thursdays at 7:00-8:30pm and Sundays at 8:30-9:15am.
- **Grace Discussion Group:** Sundays at 9:30-10:15am in the Small Hall. **May 19th:** “The Freedged and Good News Garden Ministries” with Paulette Fontaine and Jenn Lent

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR

Those celebrating birthdays: Sé Brown, Richard Stearns, Owen Stearns, Claire Mendelsohn, Christopher Wojcik, Brooks Davenport, Tommy Simunovic

Grace Cycle of Thanksgiving: Vestry

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Churches of the Concord River Deanery:* St. Mark's Chapel, St. Mark's School, Southborough; St. Elizabeth's Church, Sudbury; St. Peter's Church, Weston; The Ministry of the Diocesan Altar Guild and all Altar Guilds

Those in need of healing: Dylan Angell, Billy DeFlavio, Barbara Dickinson, Richie Flaming, Jean Kennedy, Carol Leach, Leslie Lockhart, Dianne Mahany, Jo McGrade, Steve McGrade, Carol McNally, Carol Robinson, Alice Sapienza, Marilyn Ruston-Stearns, Carolyn Sprich, Lisa Tieszen, Stuart

Those who have died: Carl Lemke-Sacks

You may add (or remove) a loved one to the prayer list by using the link found in Grace Today.

Note: If you would like to renew a prayer request, please email Sé. Names will be removed after three months.