

Easter Sunday
Holy Eucharist Rite II



GRACE
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

April 5, 2026
11:00 am

WELCOME TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TO VISITORS

*Welcome! We are delighted that you have joined us for worship this morning. You have a vital role to play in our worship! The **bolded** print indicates that all in attendance are invited to join in responding/speaking/praying. You will also notice italicized print. The italicized print is called “rubrics.” Rubrics are the ‘stage directions’ of worship; they offer instruction on who is speaking, when to stand, sit, kneel and so forth. (Even though the rubrics invite you to stand or kneel, if you need to sit, please feel free to do so!) The page numbers in your bulletin are for the music we will sing together: the red or blue book in your pew is the **Hymnal**; the red-and-black book is **Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS)**.*

If you are joining us for the first time, please fill out a welcome card, found in your pew and in the narthex, and please put it in the basket at the welcome table. This allows us to know you were here! There may even be a welcome gift waiting for you...

Anyone sitting near you will be happy to answer questions about our community here at Grace Episcopal Church. Even better, come meet one of the clergy after the service at the back of the church near the exit, or down in the Undercroft (aka the basement) during Coffee Hour. Peace and welcome!

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH MISSION & VISION

MISSION: Nourishing an inclusive community as we walk with Jesus in love, justice, and faith.

VISION: At Grace Church we...

- are leaders in our community, and champions of racial and social justice
- are a place where we can come as we are, be curious, and find meaningful connection, support, and fellowship
- provide worship and ministry opportunities that can engage and inspire everyone who comes here
- provide opportunities to grow our faith through exploration and service
- want to make sure that Grace is here for generations to come

Grace Church Statement of Inclusivity and Anti-racism

As members of Grace Church and followers of Jesus and His Way of Love, we are called to keep our eyes and energies fixed on addressing the root causes of systemic racism and white supremacy in all its forms. As a church, we are committed to bravely uncovering, understanding, reckoning with and acting to dismantle racism within ourselves, our faith communities, and our localities. *(Adapted from the Episcopal Diocese of Washington website.)*

Land Acknowledgment

The people of Grace Episcopal Church respectfully acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Nacotchtank and Piscataway nations. We honor all Indigenous individuals and communities who made—and make—their home here.

PRELUDE

The Easter Day with Joy was Bright

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand, as you are able.

OPENING HYMN

Welcome, happy morning

Hymnal 179

Presider

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

All

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.

GLORIA

Sevane Serrice, Rite II

Glo ry to God in the high est, and peace to his peo ple on
 earth. Lord God, heaven ly King, al migh ty God and
 Fath er, we wor ship you, we give you thanks, we
 praise you for your glo ry.
 Lord Je sus Christ, on ly Son of the Fath er, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
 take a way the sin of the world: have mer cy on us; you are
 seat ed at the right hand of the Fath er: re ceive our
 prayer. For you a lone are the Ho ly One,
 you a lone are the Lord, you a lone are the Most High,
 Je sus Christ, with the Ho ly Spi rit, in the glo ry of God the
 Fath er. A men, A men.

THE COLLECT

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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 for the readings.

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

Lector A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

Confitemini Domino

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; *
his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let Israel now proclaim, *
"His mercy endures for ever."
- 14 The LORD is my strength and my song, *
and he has become my salvation.
- 15 There is a sound of exultation and victory *
in the tents of the righteous:
- 16 "The right hand of the LORD has triumphed! *
the right hand of the LORD is exalted!
the right hand of the LORD has triumphed!"
- 17 I shall not die, but live, *
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18 The LORD has punished me sorely, *
but he did not hand me over to death.

- 19 Open for me the gates of righteousness; *
 I will enter them;
 I will offer thanks to the LORD.
- 20 "This is the gate of the LORD; *
 he who is righteous may enter."
- 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered me *
 and have become my salvation.
- 22 The same stone which the builders rejected *
 has become the chief cornerstone.
- 23 This is the LORD's doing, *
 and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24 On this day the LORD has acted; *
 we will rejoice and be glad in it.

THE SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3:1-4

Lector A Reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians

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 *He is risen*

Hymnal 180

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Every

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Gospeller The Gospel of our Savior.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Sarah D. Odderstol

Please stand, as you are able.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Standing or kneeling as you prefer

Intercessor Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Merciful God,

People **Receive our prayer.**

Intercessor Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God.

People **Receive our prayer.**

Intercessor Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. We pray for those whose lives are diminished by violence or war. Merciful God,

People **Receive our prayer.**

Intercessor Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain. Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God,

People **Receive our prayer.**

Intercessor Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God,

People **Receive our prayer.**

Intercessor Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. Merciful God,

People **Receive our prayer.**

Intercessor God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

All **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Presider The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please greet one another with God's Peace.

THE OFFERTORY

*Please place your offering in the baskets as the Ushers arrive at your pen,
or Text to Give: text GIVGRACESILVERSBRING to 73256 and follow the prompts.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Hilariter!*

Music: Richard Wayne Dirksen (1921-2003)

Text: German Carol

tr. Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

*The whole bright world rejoices now, Hilariter!
The birds do sing from every bough, Alleluia!
Then shout beneath the racing skies, Hilariter!
to him who rose that we might rise, Alleluia!*

*And all you living things make praise,
he guideth you on all your ways,
to Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
our God most high, our joy and boast.*

Alleluia, Hilariter!

HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION

Lasst uns Erfreuen

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy

The Sevanee Service, Rite II

Ho ly, Ho ly, Ho ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 hea ven and earth are full of your glo ry, Ho san na in the high est.
 Bles sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the name of the
 Lord. Ho san na in the high est, ho san na in the high est.

Presider

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.

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

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.



Presider 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

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

FRACTION ANTHEM *Lamb of God*

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Lamb of God, you take a way the sins of the world; have
mer cy up on us. Lamb of God, you
take a way the sins of the world; have mer cy up on
us. Lamb of God, you take a way the sins of the
world; grant us your peace.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Bread and wine are distributed at the base of the chancel steps. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Should you wish to participate but not take Communion, you are invited to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest as you approach the clergy to indicate that you desire a blessing. If you are unable to come forward to receive communion, please let an usher know, and a clergy member will bring Holy Communion to you. Please join us for the feast!

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY *Hornpipe*

John S. Dixon

COMMUNION ANTHEM *This is the feast of victory for our God*

Hymnal 417

Standing, or kneeling, as you prefer.

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

All **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.**

Please stand, as you are able.

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today

Hymnal 207

THE DISMISSAL

Presider Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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In praise and thanksgiving to God for my
children and grandchildren

*These members of Grace Church donated the beautiful flowers which adorn the altar and chancel steps today.
They are given in loving memory or honor of family members and friends.*



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