

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Seventh Sunday of Easter
~ *The Sunday after Ascension Day*

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WELCOME to all who are joining with us virtually as we celebrate *THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*. We hope you feel at home with us and that you find the love, peace, inspiration, and strength to meet the challenges of your daily life.

We hope that you will take part in our worship by making the Peoples' responses as indicated and joining in the hymn-singing.

If you would like more information about Grace Church, or the Episcopal Church, please communicate with our Rector, The Rev. Rowena Kemp, or make an appointment with her to discuss any questions you have.

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Propers of Year A

Mass Setting: *Grace Mass*

Edward Wagner, 1987

This setting of the Ordinary of the Mass is for congregational singing.

Voluntary: Majesty of Christ praying that His Father should glorify Him, from *L'Ascension*

Olivier Messiaen (d. 1992)

The Asperges

*During the Easter Season, we begin each Sunday High Mass
with the sprinkling of the congregants with Holy Water as a reminder of our Baptism.*

Vidi aquam (*choir*)

Tomás Luis de Victoria (d. 1611)

VIDI AQUAM egredientem de templo, a latere dextro, alleluia. Et omnes, ad quos
pervenit aqua ista, salvi facti sunt, et dicent, alleluia, alleluia.

[I saw water proceeding out of the temple, from the right side thereof, alleluia. And all,
whithersoever the waters shall come, shall be healed, and shall say, alleluia, alleluia.]

Celebrant: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us. Alleluia.

People: And grant us thy salvation. Alleluia.

Celebrant: O Lord, hear my prayer.

People: And let my cry come unto thee.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

GRACIOUSLY hear us, O Lord, holy Father, Almighty, everlasting God: and vouchsafe
to send thy Angel from heaven to guard, cherish, protect, visit, and defend all who are
assembled in this thy holy temple: through Jesus Christ our Saviour. *Amen.*

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Collect for Purity

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets
are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Introit (*choir*) *Exaudi, Domine*

Mode I

HEARKEN, O Lord, unto my voice, with which I have called to thee, alleluia: unto
thee my heart hath said, "Thy face, Lord, have I sought." Thy face, O Lord, will
I seek. O hide not thy face from thy servant, alleluia, alleluia.

Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy
mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt
love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.



Gloria in excelsis (*sung by all*)

E. Wagner

Cantor *All*

[Glo-ry be to God on high,] and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glo-ri-fy thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo-ry, O Lord God, heaven-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al- migh-ty. O Lord, the on-ly-be- got-ten Son, Je- sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up- on us. Thou that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, re- ceive our prayer. Thou that sit- test at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mer-cy up- on us. For thou on-ly art ho-ly; thou on-ly art the Lord; thou on- ly, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, ✠ art most high in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A- men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O GOD, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: The Acts of the Apostles I: 6-14 [NRSV]

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

WHEN the apostles had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

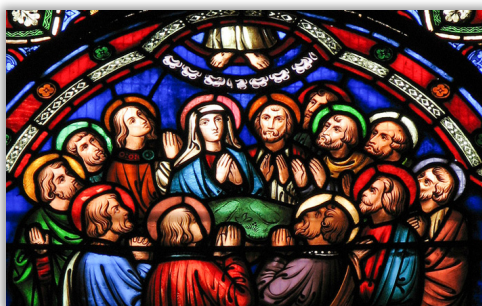
The Word of the Lord.

Congregation’s Response: Thanks be to God.



(Congregation sings the italicized verses.)

- 1 Let God arise and let his enemies be | scatter[^]èd;
** let them also that hate him / flee before him.*
- 2 *Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt thou drive / them a[^]way;*
** and like as wax melteth at the fire,*
so let the ungodly perish at the / presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before | God;
** let them also be mer- | ry and joyful.*
- 4 *O sing unto God, and sing praises unto his Name;*
magnify him that rideth upon the / heavens;
** praise him in his Name JAH, and re- | joice before him.*
- 5 He is a Father of the fatherless, and defendeth the cause of the | widows;
** even God in his holy | habitation.*
- 6 *He is the God that maketh men to be of one mind in an house,*
and bringeth the prisoners out of cap- | tivi[^]ty;
** but letteth the runagates conti- | nue in scarceness.*
- 7 O God when thou wentest forth before the | people;
** when thou wentest | through the wilder[^]ness,*
- 8 *The earth shook and the heavens dropped at the presence of / God;*
** even as Sinai also was moved at the presence of God,*
who is the / God of Isra[^]el.
- 9 Thou, O God, sentest a gracious rain upon thine in- | heri[^]tance,
** and refreshedst it when | it was weary.*
- 10 *Thy congregation shall / dwell there[^]in;*
** for thou, O God, hast of thy goodness pre- | pared for the poor.*
- 32 Sing unto God, O ye kingdoms of the | earth;
** O sing praises | un-to the Lord;*
- 33 *Who sitteth in the heavens over all from the be- | ginning;*
** lo he doth send out his voice; yea and / that a mighty [^] voice.*
- 34 Ascribe ye the power to God over | Isra[^]el;
** his worship and | strength is in the [^] clouds.*
- 35 *O God, wonderful art thou in thy holy / places:*
** even the God of Israel,*
he will give strength and power unto his people. / Blessèd be God.



The Epistle: I Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-II [NRSV]

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

BELOVED, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People's Response: Thanks be to God.



Annibale Carracci, 1560-1609. Christ appearing to Saint Peter on the Appian Way

The Alleluia *Regnavit Dominus*

Tone VI

Cantor: Al- le- lu- ia.

People: Al- le- lu- ia.

Choir: God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon his holy seat.

People: Al- le- lu- ia.

Choir: I will not leave you comfortless: I go away and come again unto you, and your heart shall rejoice.

People: Al- le- lu- ia.

The Holy Gospel: St. John 17: 1-11 [RSV]

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John.

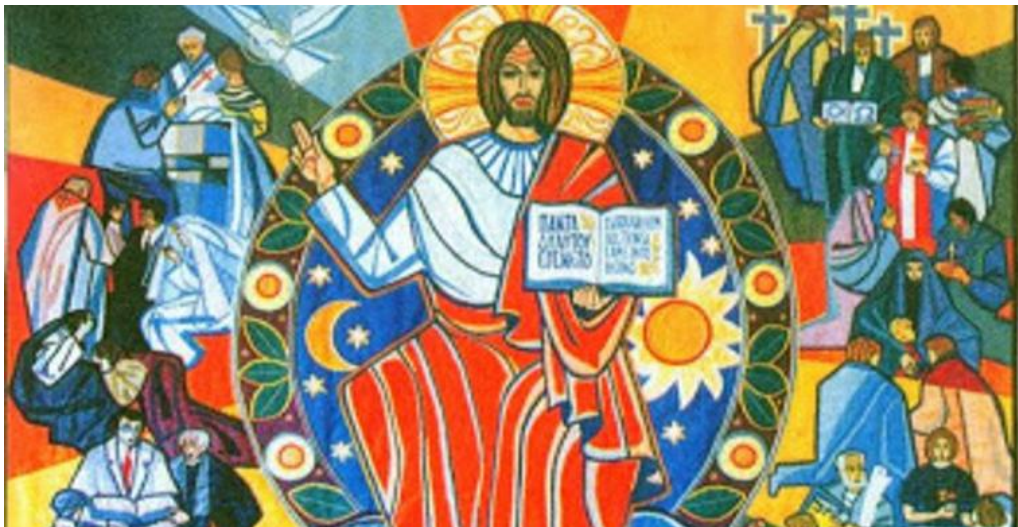
People: ✠ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

WHEN JESUS had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify thy Son that the Son may glorify thee, since thou hast given him power over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom thou hast given him. And this is eternal life, that they know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent. I glorified thee on earth, having accomplished the work which thou gavest me to do; and now, Father, glorify thou me in thy own presence with the glory which I had with thee before the world was made.

"I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee; for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine; all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation's Response: Praise be to thee, O Christ.



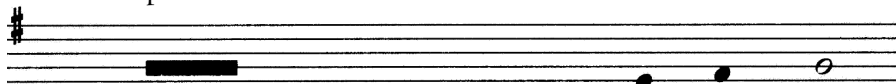
The Sermon

Gregory Simmons

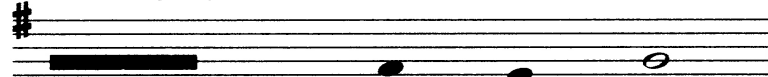
The Nicene Creed (*sung by all*)

I be- lieve in one God, the Fa-ther Al- migh-ty, Ma-ker of hea- ven and earth;
and of all things vi- si- ble and in- vi- si- ble; and in one Lord Je- sus Christ,
the on- ly- be- got- ten Son of God, be- got- ten of his Fa- ther be- fore all worlds,

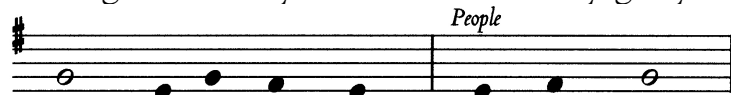
God of God, Light of Light, ve-ry God of ve-ry God, be- got- ten, not made,
 be- ing of one sub- stance with the Fa- ther; by whom all things were made;
 who for us men and for our sal- va- tion came down from hea- ven,
 and was cru- ci- fi- ed al- so for us un- der Pon- tius Pi- late;
 he suf- fer- ed and was bu- ri- ed; and the third day he rose a- gain
 ac- cor- ding to the Scrip- tures, and as- cend- ed in- to hea- ven, and sit- teth on the
 right hand of the Fa- ther; and he shall come a- gain, with glo- ry, to judge both
 the quick and the dead; whose king- dom shall have no end. And I be- lieve in the
 Ho- ly Ghost the Lord, and Gi- ver of Life, who pro- ceed- eth from the Fa- ther and the Son;
 who with the Fa- ther and the Son to- ge- ther is wor- shipp' d and glo- ri- fi- ed;
 who spake by the Pro- phets. And I be- lieve one ho- ly Cath- o- lic and A- po- sto-
 lic Church; I ac- know- ledge one Bap- tism for the re- mis- sion of sins: and I look for
 the re- sur- rec- tion of the dead, * and the life of the world to come. A - - - men.



Leader: Let us pray for the Church and | for the world.



Grant almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth, live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory / in the world. (*Silence*)



Lord, in thy mer - cy *People* hear our prayer. (*Sung after every intercession*)

Leader: Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the / common good. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

Leader: Give us all a reverence for the earth as thine own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to thy hon-/or and glory. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

Leader: Watch over thy child *Jerry*, O Lord, as his days increase; bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he falls; and in his heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days / of his life. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

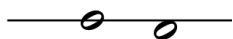
Leader: We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish; that we may have the hands and hearts to carry / out thy will. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

Leader: We commend to thy gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad [*especially N.*]. Defend them day by day with thy heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of thine abiding presence wherever / they may be. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

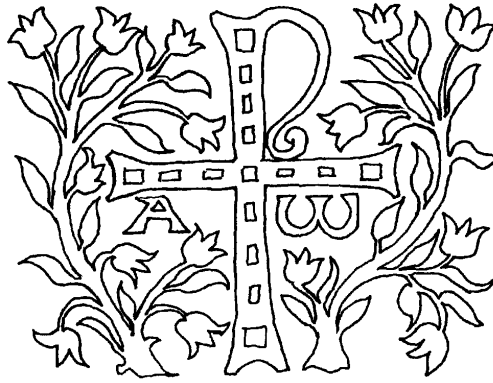
Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*pause*); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of / thy salvation. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

Leader: We commend to thy mercy all who have died, that thy will for them may be fulfilled (*pause*); and we pray that we may share with all thy saints in thine e-/ternal kingdom. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People*



A-men.



The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the Name of the Lord.



The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High. *Psalm 50: 14*

Offertory (*choir*) *Ascendit Deus*

Mode I

GOD is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet,
Galleluia.

Anthem (*choir*)

Felix Mendelssohn (d. 1847)

ABOVE all praise and all majesty, Lord, thou reignest evermore. Hallelujah.

Presentation of the alms and oblations (*All stand.*)

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord,

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

Orate

Celebrant: Pray that this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

People: May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his holy Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

Sursum corda

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And with thy spi- rit.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks un- to our Lord God.

People
 It is meet and right so to do.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant says,

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise thee for the glorious resurrection of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world; who by his death hath destroyed death and by his rising to life again hath won for us everlasting life:

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,



Sanctus and Benedictus (*sung by all*)

E. Wagner

All
 Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly, Lord God of hosts: Heaven and earth are
 full of thy glo- ry. Glo- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless- ed is
 he that com- eth in the Name of the Lord. Ho- san- na in the high- est.

The Consecration

Celebrant: Let us pray.

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender Mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ✠

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me." ✠

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, ✠ be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

BY whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People

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A- men.

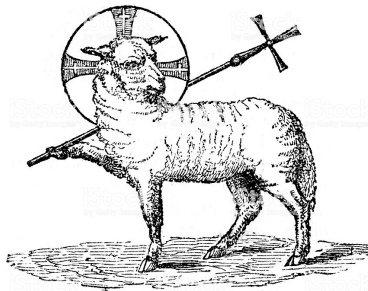
The Lord's Prayer (*sung by all*)

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be thy Name,
 thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven.
 Give us this day our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our tres-pas-ses,
 as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us. And lead us not in-to
 temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil. For thine is the king-dom,
 and the power, and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

The Fraction

Celebrant
 Al-le-lu-ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us.
People
 There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu-ia.



Agnus Dei (*sung by all*)

E. Wagner

Cantors
 [O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world,]
All have mer-cy u-pon us. *Cantors* [O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the
 sins of the world,] *All* have mer-cy u-pon us. *Cantors* [O Lamb of God, that
 tak-est a-way the sins of the world,] *All* grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access (*said by all*)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

People: Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Communion (*choir*) *Pater, cum essem*

Mode IV

FATHER, while I was with them, I kept them in thy Name, which thou hast given to me, alleluia: but now I come to thee: I pray thee not that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion (*said by those worshipping virtually*)

IN UNION, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.



"Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendor"

1 Lord, en - throned in heaven - ly splen - dor, first - be -
 *2 Here our hum - blest hom - age pay we, here in
 *3 Though the low - liest form doth veil thee as of
 4 Pas - chal Lamb, thine of - fering, fi - nished once for
 5 Life - im - part - ing heaven - ly Man - na, smit - ten

1 got - ten from the dead. Thou a - lone, our strong de -
 2 lov - ing rev - erence bow; here for faith's dis - cern - ment
 3 old in Beth - le - hem, here as there thine an - gels
 4 all when thou wast slain, in its full - ness un - di -
 5 Rock with stream - ing side, heaven and earth with loud ho -

Al - le -

1 fend - er, lift - est up thy peo - ple's head.
 2 pray we, lest we fail to know thee now.
 3 hail thee, branch and flower of Jes - se's stem.
 4 min - ished shall for ev - er - more re - main.
 5 san - na wor - ship thee, the Lamb who died.

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

lu - ia!

1 Je - sus, true and liv - ing
 2 Thou art here, we ask not
 3 We in wor - ship join with
 4 Cleans - ing us from ev - ery
 5 Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri -

Al - le - lu - ia!

1 bread! Je - sus, true and liv - ing bread!
 2 how. Thou art here, we ask not how.
 3 them. We in wor - ship join with them.
 4 stain. Cleans - ing us from ev - ery stain.
 5 fied! Risen, a - scend - ed, glo - ri - fied!

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these Holy Mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical Body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Easter Blessing

MAY Almighty God, who hath redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism hath raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who hath brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

AND the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

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

The People respond: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Last Gospel

St. John I: I-14

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: The Beginning of the holy Gospel according to John.

People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.

IN the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him: and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in the darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. (*Here genuflect*) And the Word was made flesh, (*Here rise*) and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

People: Thanks be to God.

Regina Coeli (*choir*)

Giuseppe Antonio Bernabei (d. 1732)

REGINA coeli laetare, alleluia: Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia, Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia: Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

[Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia, has risen, as he said, alleluia. Pray for us to God, alleluia.]

1 Christ tri - um - phant, ev - er reign - ing, Sav - ior, Mas - ter, King!
 2 Word in - car - nate, truth re - veal - ing, Son of Man on earth!
 3 Suffer - ing ser - vant, scorned, ill - treat - ed, vic - tim cru - ci - fied!
 4 Priest - ly king, en - throned for ev - er high in heaven a - bove!
 5 So, our hearts and voic - es rais - ing through the a - ges long,

Lord of heaven, our lives sus - tain - ing, hear us as we sing:
 power and maj - es - ty con - ceal - ing by your hum - ble birth:
 death is through the cross de - feat - ed, sin - ners jus - ti - fied:
 sin and death and hell shall nev - er sti - fle hymns of love:
 cease - less - ly up - on you gaz - ing, this shall be our song:

Yours the glo - ry and the crown, the high re - nown, the e - ter - nal name.

Voluntary: Outbursts of joy before the Glory of Christ which is its own glory, from *L'Ascension*

O. Messiaen



**May 21, 2023 – Easter 7 (A)
Pentecost**

Next Sunday, we mark Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit among the apostles and followers of Jesus. Celebrated 50 days after Easter (including the day of Easter itself), the name of the holiday comes from the Greek *Pentēkostē*, which literally means “the 50th day.”

The events of the day are foretold by Jesus in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, just before his Ascension. While his followers were with the risen Christ, he tells them, “John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now” (Acts 1:5, NRSV). He goes on to say to them, “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

The followers would not wait long for the promised Spirit. The author of Acts, traditionally believed to be Luke, recounts:

“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each” (Acts 2:1-6).



We celebrate Pentecost as the inauguration of the Church’s mission in the world. Empowered by the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are to go out into our neighborhoods and the wider world—to Jerusalem, to Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth—witnessing to the risen Christ.

The Day of Pentecost is identified by the Book of Common Prayer as one of the feast days “especially appropriate” for baptism (Book of Common Prayer, p. 312). Because of this, Pentecost is also known as “Whitsun” or “Whitsunday” (“White Sunday”), a term used to describe the white baptismal garments worn by those who were baptized at the Vigil of Pentecost and then worn to church on the Day of Pentecost.

Collect for Pentecost

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen (Book of Common Prayer, p. 227).

GRACE NOTES

May 21, 2023 *The Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ The Sunday after Ascension Day*

FOR PASTORAL ASSISTANCE

THE REV. ROWENA KEMP welcomes hearing from you. Please don't hesitate to contact her if there's something you'd like to discuss. Please contact her immediately should there be an illness, hospitalization, or any other pastoral emergency that he should know about. For such emergencies, please note Rev. Rowena's cell phone number: 203-209-4178.

PEOPLE AND PLACES TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

A reminder: Tori Burns manages this list for us, and prayer requests need to be renewed after 2 weeks.

Please communicate all prayer requests & updates with her (860-539-8790); (tburns@gracehartford.org).

- *Bishops and Clergy:* Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop; Jeffrey and Laura, Bishops of ECCT; Rowena, Jerry, Annika, and Joseph, our priests, and Chuck, our Vocational Deacon Intern.
- *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:* **We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish, that we may have the hands and hearts to carry out thy will;** for the Episcopal Church in CT & the Anglican Communion; St. John's, New Milford; Grace Church, Newington; Trinity, Newtown; environmental ministry networks; eco-justice work; and community gardens.
- *Serving Our Country in the Military (especially those associated with Grace Church):* Brian, Lars, Spencer, Bradley, Curtis, Jordan, John, Carrington, William, Noel, James, Ryan, Michael, Karl, Alec, Jeff, David, Tom, Michael, Charles, Warren, and Mike.
- *Thanksgiving and Celebrations:* We give thanks and ask for thy blessings upon Fr. Jerry Carroon (Wed.), whose birthday we celebrate this week.
- *Sick or in need:* Elaine & Tom; James; Jerry; Bonnie & the Burns Family; Richard; Errol, Norma & the Kemp Family; Ellen; Barbara; Nigel, Kraig & Deidre; Dick, Leanne, Aldon, Kim & Fiona; Carmen & Félix; Mary; Monica; Antoinette; Julia, Mike, André & Maria; Linda & the Galarza Family; Josephine, Melissa & Jaden; Brad; Debbie; Melissa; Margaret; Judy; Peter; Doug; Jane; Bill, Carolyn & Susan; Lynn; McJohn; Doreen; Karen; Terra; Kanata; Betty & John; Cheryl; Mary & Lou; Nelda Sue; Nazra; Diane; Mark & Diane; Susan & Nalbra; Diana; Donald; Eugenia; Jean; for peace throughout the world, especially between Russia and Ukraine and in the Middle East; for Christians being persecuted around the world, particularly in China and Palestine; and all victims of natural and man-made disasters, including those affected by the pandemic.
- *The Deceased:* We pray for the repose of Todd Koppenhaver, all soldiers and civilians killed in war or civil strife, all those who have died from CoVid-19, and in memory of Denise Smith, Elsie Lang Murphy, and Shooshanig D.S. Perron, in whose memory the flowers are given (by *Adrienne Brown*).

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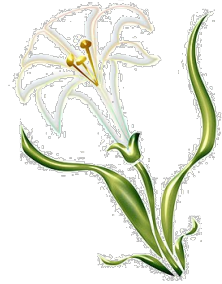
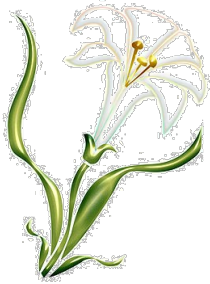


THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, May 21 *The Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ The Sunday After Ascension Day*

8:00 a.m.: Low Mass

10:30 a.m.: Solemn High Mass (also on Facebook Live)



Monday, May 22 *Feria*

7:30 a.m.: Facebook Live Morning Prayer

6:00 p.m.: Facebook Live Evening Prayer

Tuesday, May 23

7:30 a.m.: Facebook Live Morning Prayer

Wednesday, May 24 *Jackson Kemper, First Missionary Bishop in the United States, 1870*

9:15 a.m.: Low Mass (also on Facebook Live), followed by breakfast at Effie's

6:00 p.m.: Facebook Live Evening Prayer

7:00 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 25 *Bede the Venerable Priest, and Monk of Jarrow, 735*

8:00 a.m.: Facebook Live Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m.: "A Place of Grace" food pantry distribution

6:30 p.m.: Vestry Meeting on Zoom

Sunday, May 28 *THE DAY OF PENTECOST ~ Whitsunday*

8:00 a.m.: Low Mass

10:30 a.m.: Solemn High Mass (also on Facebook Live)



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