

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



The Sixth Sunday of Easter
~ Rogation Sunday

May 5, 2024

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WE are a diverse community united by our commitment to Jesus Christ and our desire to live the Christian life. Our prayers and the Sacraments help us find Christ in church and in the world. Seeing Christ in each other and in the faces of strangers, we are inspired to reach out in love and service.

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WELCOME to all who are joining with us virtually as we celebrate *THE SIXTH 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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Sung Mass, 10:30 A.M.

Propers of Year B

Mass Setting: *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*

Healey Willan (d. 1968)

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

Voluntary: Ever-returning Spring

Larry Alan Smith (b. 1955)

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*) *Vocem jocunditatis*

Mode III

(*Antiphon*) WITH A VOICE OF SINGING declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia; utter it even unto the ends of the earth: The Lord hath delivered his people, alleluia, alleluia.

(*Psalm*) O be joyful in God, all ye lands; sing praises unto the honour of his Name; make his praise to be glorious. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.* [*Repeat antiphon.*]

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.

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-might-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 ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
 Thou that take-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.

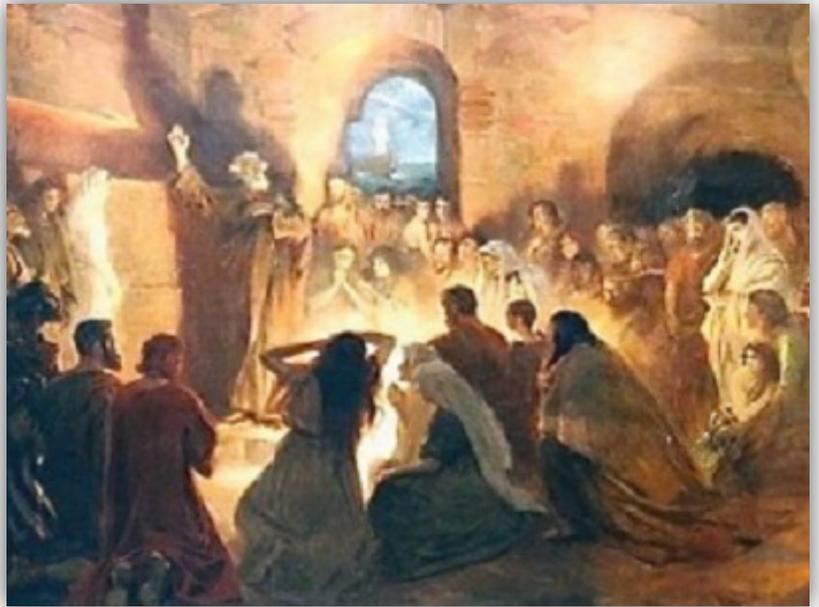
Celebrant: Let us pray.

O GOD, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: The Acts of the Apostles 10: 44-48 [NRSV]

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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.



The Word of the Lord.

Congregation's Response: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual: Psalm 98

Cantate Domino

Tone VI

(Congregational part in italics)



- 1 O SING unto the LORD | a new song;
* *for he hath | done märvellous ^ things.*
- 2 *With his own right hand and with his ho- | ly arm,*
* *hath he gotten him- | self thë victo^ry.*
- 3 The LORD declared his sal- | vation;
* his righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight | of thë heathen.
- 4 *He hath remembered his mercy and truth toward the house of Is- | rael;*
* *and all the ends of the world have seen the sal- | vation of our ^ God.*
- 5 Show yourselves joyful unto the Lord, | all ye lands;
* sing, re- | joice änd give thanks.
- 6 *Praise the Lord upon | the harp:*
* *sing to the harp with a psalm | of thänkssgiving.*
- 7 With trumpets also | and shawms,
* O show yourselves joyful be- | fore thë Lord the ^ King.
- 8 *Let the sea make a noise and all that there- | in is;*
* *the round world and | they thät dwell there^in.*
- 9 Let the floods clap their hands
and let the hills be joyful together before | the Lord;
* for he is | come tö judge the ^ earth.
- 10 *With righteousness shall he judge | the world,*
* *and the peo- | ples with equi^ty.*

The Epistle: I John 5: 1-6 [NRSV]

A reading from the First Letter of John.

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People's Response: Thanks be to God.

The Alleluia *Surrexit Christus*

Tone VI



Choir: Christ is risen, and hath shewed light unto us: whom he hath redeemed with his most precious Blood.



Choir: I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world and go to the Father.



The Holy Gospel: St. John 15: 9-17 [RSV]

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

People's response: ✠ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

JESUS SAID, "As the Father has loved me, so have I 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. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide; so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. This I command you, to love one another.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Rowena J. Kemp, *Rector*

Cantor *All*

25 Cre - do in u - num De - - um. Pa - trem o - mni - po - ten - tem,

26 fa - cto - rem coe - li et ter - rae, vi - si - bi - li - um o - - mni - um, et in - vi - si - bi - - li - um.

27 Et in u - num Do - mi - num Je - sum Chri - stum, Fi - li - um De - i u - ni - ge - ni - tum,

28 et ex Pa - tre na - - tum an - te o - mni - a sae - - cu - la.

29 De - um de De - o, lu - men de lu - mi - ne, De - um ve - rum de De - o ve - ro.

30 Ge - ni - tum, non fa - - ctum, con - sub - stan - ti - a - lem Pa - tri: per quem o - mni - a fa - cta sunt.

Qui pro - pter nos ho - mi - nes, et pro - pter no - stram sa - lu - tem de - scen - dit de coe - lis,

31 *p* Et in - car - na - tus est de Spi - ri - tu San - cto ex Ma - ri - a Vir - gi - ne: et ho - mo fa - ctus est. *pp*

32 *f* Cru - ci - fi - - xus e - ti - am pro no - bis sub Pon - ti - o Pi - la - to pas - sus et se - pul - - tus est.

33 Et re - sur - re - xit ter - ti - a di - e, se - cun - dum Scri - ptu - ras. Et a - scen - dit in coe - - lum:

35 se - det ad dex - te - ram Pa - - tris. Et i - te - rum ven - tu - rus est cum glo - ri - a

ju - di - ca - re vi - vos et mor - tu - os: cu - jus re - gni non e - rit fi - nis.

38 *mf*
Et in Spi - ri - tum San - ctum, Do - mi - num, et vi - vi - fi - can - tem:

39
qui ex Pa - tre. Fi - li - o - que pro - ce - dit. Qui cum Pa - tre et Fi - li - o

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si - mul a - do - ra - tur, et con - glo - ri - fi - ca - tur: qui lo - cu - tus est per Pro - phe - tas.

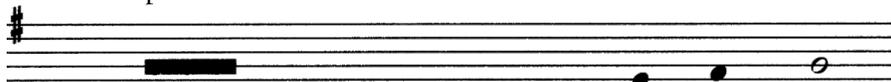
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Et u - nam, san - ctam, ca - tho - li - cam, et a - po - sto - li - cam Ec - cle - si - am.

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Con - fi - te - or u - num ba - ptis - ma in re - mis - si - o - nem pec - ca - to - rum.

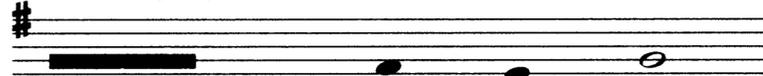
44
Et ex - pe - cto re - sur - re - cti - o - nem mor - tu - o - rum. Et vi - tam ven - tu - ri sae - cu - li.

46 *ff*
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 children *Claudia, Tom, Barbara, William, & Ratana*, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days / of their lives. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.

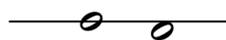
Leader: We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish; that we may have the hands and hearts to carry / out thy will. (*Silence*)
Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.

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*) *Benedicite gentes*

Mode II

O bless the Lord our God, all ye his peoples, and make the voice of his praise to be heard. It is the Lord who holdeth our souls in life, and who suffereth not our feet to slip. Blessed be the Lord our God, who hath not rejected the voice of my prayer, and who hath not withheld his mercy from me, alleluia.

Anthem (*choir*)

Martin Shaw, 1923

WITH a voice of singing declare ye this and let it be heard, alleluia; utter it even unto the ends of the earth: The Lord hath delivered his people, alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands, O sing praises to the honour of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

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 (*sung by all*)

Musical score for Sursum corda, featuring four staves of music. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And with thy spi- rit." The second staff is for the Celebrant and the People, with lyrics: "Lift up your hearts. We lift them up un-to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with lyrics: "Let us give thanks un- to our Lord God." The fourth staff is for the People, with lyrics: "It is meet and right so to do." The music is in a single melodic line with lyrics underneath.

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 · SANCTUS · SANCTUS

Sanctus and Benedictus (*sung by all*)

H. Willan

Musical score for Sanctus and Benedictus, featuring four staves of music. The lyrics are: "Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly, Lord God of Hosts: Hea-ven 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 music is in a single melodic line with lyrics underneath.

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



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*)

H. Willan

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a- way the sins of the world,
have mercy up- on- us. O Lamb of God, that
ta-kest a- way the sins of the world, have mer- cy up-
on- us. O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-
way the sins of the world, 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 Proper (*choir*) *Ego vos elegi*

Mode I

IHAVE CHOSEN YOU from the world, that ye should go, and bring forth fruit: and that your fruit should remain. 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.

Hymn 455 (*sung by all*)

“O Love of God, how strong and true”

Dunedin



1 O Love of God, how strong and true, e - ter - nal
2 O wide - em - brac - ing, won - drous Love, we read thee
3 We read thee best in him who came to bear for
4 We read thy power to bless and save e'en in the



and yet ev - er new; un - com - pre - hend - ed and un -
in the sky a - bove; we read thee in the earth be -
us the cross of shame, sent by the Fa - ther from on
dark - ness of the grave; still more in re - sur - rec - tion



bought, be - yond all know - ledge and all thought.
low, in seas that swell and streams that flow.
high, our life to live, our death to die.
light we read the full - ness of thy might.

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.*

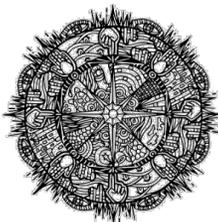
May God, who hath brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

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

Celebrant: 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-I4

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.

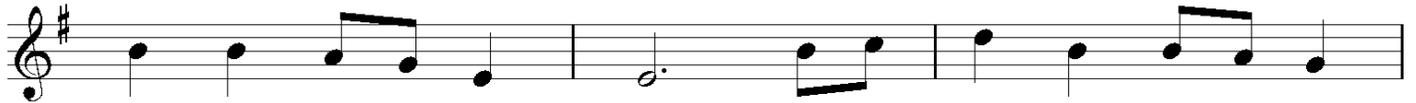
People: Thanks be to God.



1 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast
 2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be
 3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy



trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -
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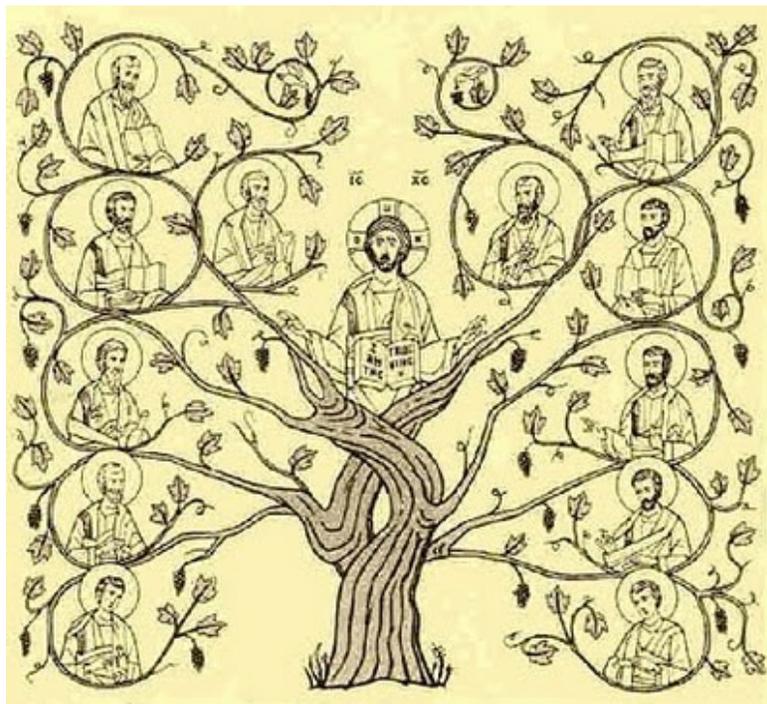
forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and
 from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with
 pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee



thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and
 gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that
 all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and



thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.
 kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:
 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.



The Rogationtide Liturgy



The Lesson: Matthew 6: 25-34 [NRSV]

“THEREFORE I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you — you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.”

The Collects

O gracious Father, who openest thine hand and fillest all things living with thy plenteousness: Bless the lands and waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; let thy Spirit go forth, that it may renew the face of the earth; show thy loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and save us from selfish use of what thou givest, that men and women everywhere may give thee thanks; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Almighty God, who hast made all thy children to be one family in thee, so that what concerns any must concern all, we ask thy help for all who are in hunger and in need. Grant to them comfort and courage in their suffering; grant to us compassion and the willingness to sacrifice for their relief; that together we may build a new and better order on this earth, for the blessing of thy people and the glory of thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Blessing of the Garden

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, Creator of all things and giver of all life: Let thy blessing be upon this garden, and grant that it may serve to thy glory and the welfare of thy people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Litany for Rogationtide (*people's part in italics*)

THAT it may please thee to grant favorable weather, temperate rain, and fruitful seasons, that there may be food and drink for all thy creatures, *we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to bless the lands and waters, and all who work upon them to bring forth food and all things needful for thy people, *we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

That it may please thee to look with favor upon all who care for the earth, the water, and the air, that the riches of thy creation may abound from age to age, *we beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.*

Let us pray. O merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us, we beseech thee, ever thankful for thy loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of thy bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Re-valuing the Lost Message of Rogation Days

(from Trinity Episcopal Church, Rutland, Vermont)



“Beating the bounds:” Rogationtide procession

From the very beginning of faith and worship, people have offered thanks, praise and prayers of request and intercession for the fruits of the earth. Celebrations and rituals were established to recall us to our dependence upon the bounties of the earth. These celebrations remind us of our duties as stewards and caretakers of God’s creation and caution against willful negligence and careless destruction of our only source of sustenance. Our celebration of Rogation Days is one such rite and begins this Sunday, the sixth after Easter. The word “Rogation” is from the same Latin root as “interrogate” and means “to ask.” Rogation Days — the four days before Ascension Day — are days to ask God to bless the fruits of the earth by which we subsist. [In the autumn, Rogation Days of planting and sowing are mirrored by the Ember Days of harvesting and reaping.]

While Rogation Days rituals are among the oldest in our tradition, hearkening back to the Sarum Rite of the 5th century, they are merely given a passing nod in today’s worship. As society moved from an agrarian one to becoming more and more industrialized, the rituals pertaining to localized farming and plantations grew less and less pertinent. By the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, Rogation Days rites and lectionary had been relegated to “occasional services” to be used at the discretion of the parish priest. To be fair, the developers of our current prayer book have included many more prayers and thanksgivings for the natural order that speak to our more global understanding of God’s creation and our roles as stewards.

In fact, the ancient lectionary for Rogation Sunday had evolved out of the instruction for the newly baptized. The Epistle of James focuses on the correct disposition one needs to hear the Word and the expectation of doing the works of God. It was the collect which connected the care and preservation of the fruits of the earth to the expected behaviors of the newly baptized: “O Lord, from whom all good things do come; grant to us, your humble servants that by your Holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by your merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.” The Gospel from John is one that Jesus forewarns of his departure and that the Holy Spirit will come upon them. So ultimately the message of the lectionary is that now that we have received the learning, we are to listen, think and do. Through us, God is working His purpose out.

We no longer use the ancient lectionary for Rogation Sunday. Neither do we use the Rogation Days lectionary during the daily offices. But vestiges of the ancient rite remain in some of the hymns we use that are designated for those four days. Hymn 534 in The Hymnal 1982 is called “Purpose” and is the setting for the text by Arthur Ainger. The text was written for the boys of Eton College, where Ainger was a popular schoolmaster, and subtly connects the ancient Rogation lectionary of becoming messengers of God to the even more ancient rites of asking for God’s blessings of earthly produce. This is especially evident in the last stanza:

All we can do is nothing worth,
Unless God blesses the deed;
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide,
Till God gives life to the seed;
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
As the waters cover the sea.

A hymn text by Edward White Benson set to the Vaughan Williams adaptation of the folk tune “Kingsfold” is another hymn specifically denoted for Rogation Days. The first stanza of hymn paraphrases the preamble of the collect: “thou reignest and by thee come down henceforth the gifts of God.” Yet this hymn addresses more specifically the spirit of “Rogation” in petitioning God for a bountiful crop — the better to do God’s work!

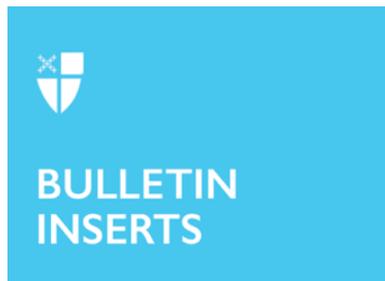
As you progress through the days to Ascension Day next Thursday, take a moment or two to remember the past traditions of Rogation Days and consider the future and our roles in the husbandry of God’s bountiful creation with the following collects:

MONDAY — Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

TUESDAY — Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with your people where they work; make those who carry on the industries and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

WEDNESDAY — O Merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

This Thursday, May 9th, 6 p.m.
SOLEMN HIGH MASS for the FEAST OF THE ASCENSION



May 5, 2024 – Easter 6 (B) Nominees for the 28th Presiding Bishop

The Episcopal Church’s Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop on April 2 announced the names of the bishops it will nominate to succeed Presiding Bishop Michael Curry.

- **The Rt. Rev. J. Scott Barker, Bishop of Nebraska**
- **The Rt. Rev. Daniel G. P. Gutiérrez, Bishop of Pennsylvania**
- **The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, Bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York**
- **The Rt. Rev. Robert Wright, Bishop of Atlanta**

After the April 3-15 petition nomination period closed, the JNCPB announced that it had received one nomination. The bishop below was vetted through the same process of background and reference checks used for its nominees, as required by Canon I.2.1.d. The Episcopal Church’s canons do not allow for nominations from the floor of General Convention.

- **The Rt. Rev. Dede Duncan-Probe, Bishop of Central New York**

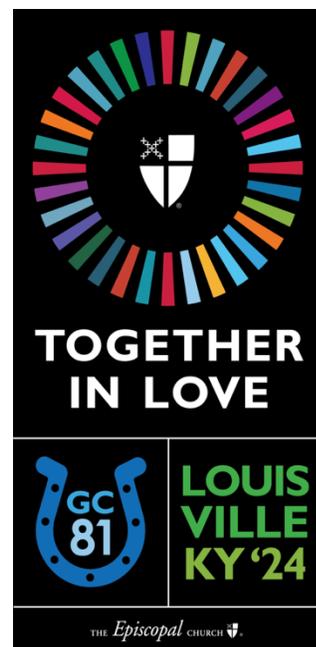
Committee members began working together in the fall of 2021. They surveyed the church in May 2022 about the skills, qualities, and gifts most desired in its next presiding bishop, considering what the church and the world may look like in the next decade. The members used the 6,092 responses, along with hours of conversation and prayers, to develop the “Profile for the Election of the 28th Presiding Bishop.”

In May 2023, the committee invited the members of the church to suggest bishops they ought to consider. Between May 15 and July 15, 111 Episcopalians submitted bishops’ names. There were some duplications among the suggestions. Bishops could also nominate themselves. None did.

The committee invited all the bishops named to enter the discernment process. Those who agreed provided biographical information, references, and written and video responses to several questions. They were interviewed via Zoom. In January the members decided which of the bishops to invite to meet with them during an in-person retreat March 18-23 at the Lake Logan Conference Center in the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina. The committee discerned its slate at the close of that gathering.

“We appreciate the many Episcopalians who prayerfully set us on our way to discerning this slate of nominees,” said the Rt. Rev. Mark Lattime, bishop of Alaska, who co-chairs the committee with Canon Dr. Steve Nishibayashi of the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles.

For more information, contact the committee at pb28@episcopalchurch.org. Read more at <https://generalconvention.org/nominees-for-the-28th-presiding-bishop/>.



GRACE NOTES

May 5 *The Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ Rogation Sunday*

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, and please contact her immediately, should there be an illness, hospitalization, or any other pastoral emergency that she 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; and Rowena, Jerry, Annika, and Joseph, our priests.
- *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 Haven; St. Luke's, New Haven; St. Paul & St. James, New Haven; retirement communities, especially Armsmead; chaplains at retirement communities, and Retired Clergy Chaplains. *Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.*
- *World & Community Concerns:* For peace throughout the world, especially between Iran, Israel, and Gaza, and in the Middle East; in Sudan; and between Russia and Ukraine; for Christians being persecuted around the world, particularly in China and Palestine; for those who are suffering because of extreme climate; for the hungry and poor in our midst; and the volunteers who serve *A Place of Grace* food pantry.
- *Serving Our Country in the Military (especially those associated with Grace Church):* Brian, Spencer, Bradley, Curtis, Jordan, John, Carrington, William, Noel, James, Ryan, Michael, Karl, Alec, Jeff, David, Tom, Michael, and Charles.
- *Thanksgiving and Celebrations:* We give thanks and ask for thy blessings upon Claudia Gwardyak & Tom Phillips (both on Mon.), Barbara Burr (Tue.), William Burns (Wed.), and Ratana Leach (Fri.), whose birthdays we celebrate this week.
- *Sick or in need:* Mayerli & the Lopez Vela Family; Mark; Jerry; Tom, Bonnie & the Burns Family; Megin; Patti; Steve; Walter & Claudia; Adrienne & Ken; Tom & Elaine; Ellen; Sally; Errol, Norma & the Kemp Family; Barbara; Nigel, Kraig & Deidre; Carmen & Félix; Mary; Monica; Antoinette; Josephine, Melissa, Jaden, Tay, & Soraya; Julia, Mike, André & Maria; Linda, Tiffany & the Galarza Family; Marcolina; Peter; Sr. Linda Giuli; Leonard; Joy; Anthony & Gail, Cori and the Mackey Family; Brad, Mary, Leslie & Stephen; Judy; Doug; Jane; Bill, Carolyn & Susan; McJohn; Doreen; Ted; Kanata; Betty & John; Mary & Lou; Nelda Sue; Nazra; Diane; Nina; Ellen and Jim; Lauren, Alexandra & Anna; Mark & Diane; Jean; and all victims of natural and man-made disasters.
- *The Deceased:* We pray for the repose of all soldiers and civilians killed in war or civil strife, and in memory of Yvonne Chowenhill, Patricia Ann Parsons Tomita, Antoinette Steele, Ethel Glasner, and Eunice Lyman, in whose memory the flowers are given *(by Barbara Galbreath)*.

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, May 5 *The Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ Rogation Sunday*

8:00 a.m.: Low Mass

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

Tuesday, May 7 *Feria*

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Office Hours

Wednesday, May 8 *Dame Julien of Norwich, c.1417*

9:30 a.m.: Low Mass (also on Facebook Live), followed by breakfast at Effie's

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Office Hours

7:00 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 9 *ASCENSION DAY*

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

6:00 p.m.: SOLEMN HIGH MASS for the FEAST OF THE ASCENSION (also on Facebook Live)

Friday, May 10 *Feria*

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Office Hours

Sunday, May 12 *The Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ The Sunday after Ascension Day*

8:00 a.m.: Low Mass

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



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Come and Celebrate The Feast of the Ascension



Thursday, May 9th, 2024
Solēmn High Mass at 6:00 p.m.