

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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

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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 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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Solemn High Mass, 10:30 A.M.

Propers of Year B

Mass Setting: *Mass of St. James*

Walter MacNutt, 1974

*This setting of the Ordinary of the Mass will be sung by the choir.*

Voluntary: Prayer of Christ ascending to his Father, 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*)

Mode VIII

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

(*Antiphon*) HEARKEN, O Lord, unto my voice, with which I have called to thee,  
Halleluia: 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.

(*Psalm*) The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is  
the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? 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.

Kyrie eleison (*choir*)

W. McNutt

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

[Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.]

Gloria in excelsis from *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena* (*sung by all*)

H. Willan

*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, heav-en-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 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: 15-17, 21-26 [NRSV]

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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

The Word of the Lord.

*Congregation’s Response:* Thanks be to God.



- 1 BLESSĒD is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the ungodly†,  
nor stood in the way | of sinners,  
*\* and hath not sat in the seat / of thē scornful.*
- 2 *But his delight is in the law / of the LORD;*  
*\* and in his law will he exercise him- / self dāy and night.*
- 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by | the water^side,  
*\* that will bring forth his fruit | in düe season.*
- 4 *His leaf also shall / not wither;*  
*\* and look, whatsoever he doeth / it shall prosper.*
- 5 As for the ungodly it is not | so with them;  
*\* but they are like the chaff,*  
which the wind scattereth away from | the face of the ^ earth.
- 6 *Therefore the ungodly shall not be able to stand in / the judgment,*  
*\* neither the sinners in the congregation / of thē righteous.*
- 7 But the LORD knoweth the way of | the righteous;  
*\* and the way of the ungod- / ly shall perish.*



The Epistle: I John 5: 9-13 [NRSV]

A reading from the First Letter of John.

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

The Word of the Lord.

*People's Response:* Thanks be to God.





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: 6-19 [RSV]

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

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

JESUS PRAYED, "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. While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not pray that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; thy word is truth. As thou didst send me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be consecrated in truth.

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 (*Here genuflect*) *pp*

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.

32 (*Here rise*)

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

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

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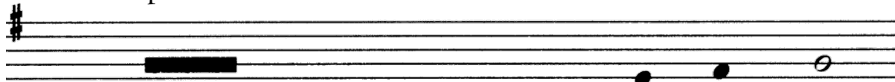
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Et u - nam, san - ctam, ca - tho - li - cam, et a - po - sto - li - cam Ec - cle - si - am.

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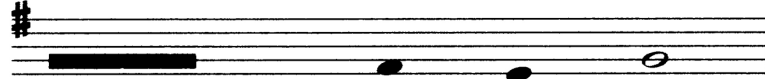
44  
Et ex - pe - cto re - sur - re - cti - o - nem mor - tu - o - rum. Et vi - tam ven - tu - ri sae - cu - li.

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 child *Steven*, 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.

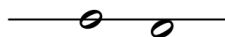
*Leader:* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*pause*); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of / thy salvation. (*Silence*)

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.



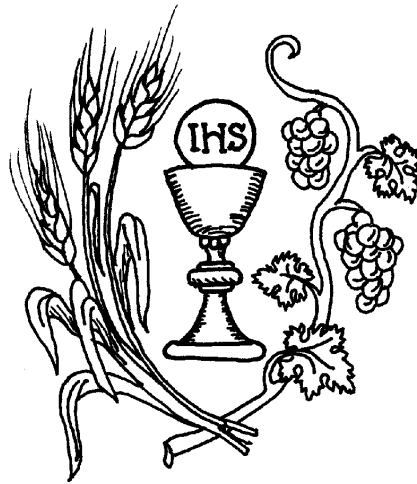


## The Peace

*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

**G**OD is gone up with a merry noise, and the Lord with the sound of the trumpet, Halleluia.

### Anthem (*choir*)

Felix Mendelssohn (d. 1847)

**A**BOVE 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 (*sung by all*)

*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.

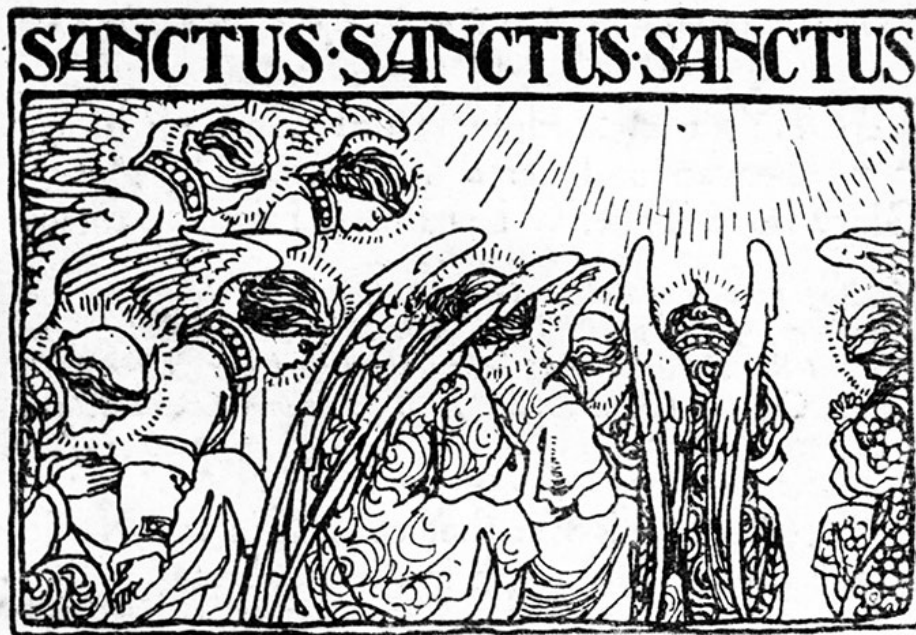
*People*  
It is meet and right so to do.

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.

**B**UT 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 (*choir*)

W. MacNutt

**H**OLY, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, Heav'n and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. ✠ Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

The Canon of the Mass

*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*

—●—○—+  
A- men.



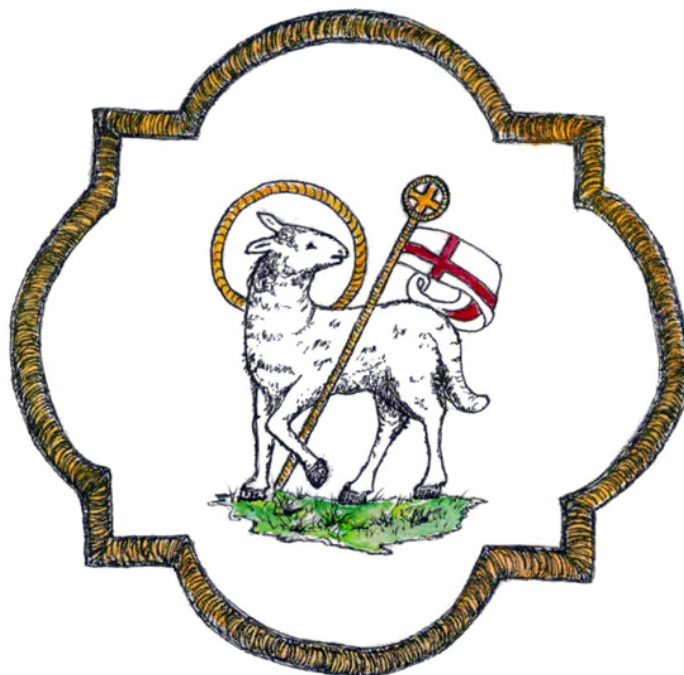
The Lord's Prayer (*sung by all*)

*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 (*choir*)

W. MacNutt

○ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
○ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Prayer of Humble Access (*said by all*)

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**W**E 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

**F**ATHER, 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.*



Motet (*choir*)

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (d. 1594)

**O** REX GLORIÆ, Domine virtutum, qui triumphator hodie super omnes caelos ascendisti, ne derelinquas nos orphanos: sed mitte promissum Patris in nos, Spiritum veritatis, alleluia.

[O King of glory, Lord of Sabaoth, who triumphing today hast ascended above all heavens, leave us not orphans: but send on us the promise of the Father, even the Spirit of truth, alleluia.]

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

**M**AY 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.*

**A**ND 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-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.

**I**N 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.

**R**EGINA CÆLI 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.]



### The Angelus

*Celebrant:* The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary.

*People:* And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

*Celebrant:* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*People:* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*Celebrant:* Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

*People:* Be it unto me according to thy word.

*Celebrant:* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*People:* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

*(Here genuflect) Celebrant:* And the Word was made flesh.

*(Here rise) People:* And dwelt among us.

*Celebrant:* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*People:* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

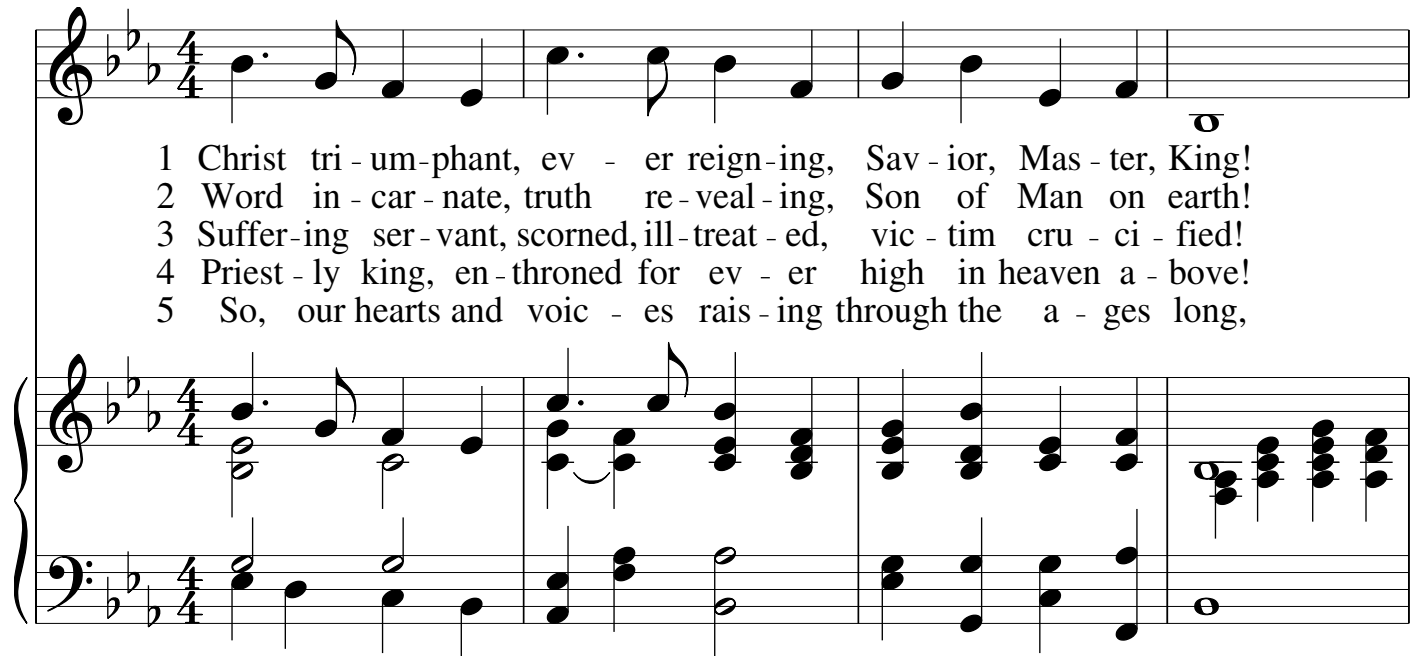
*Celebrant:* Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

*People:* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

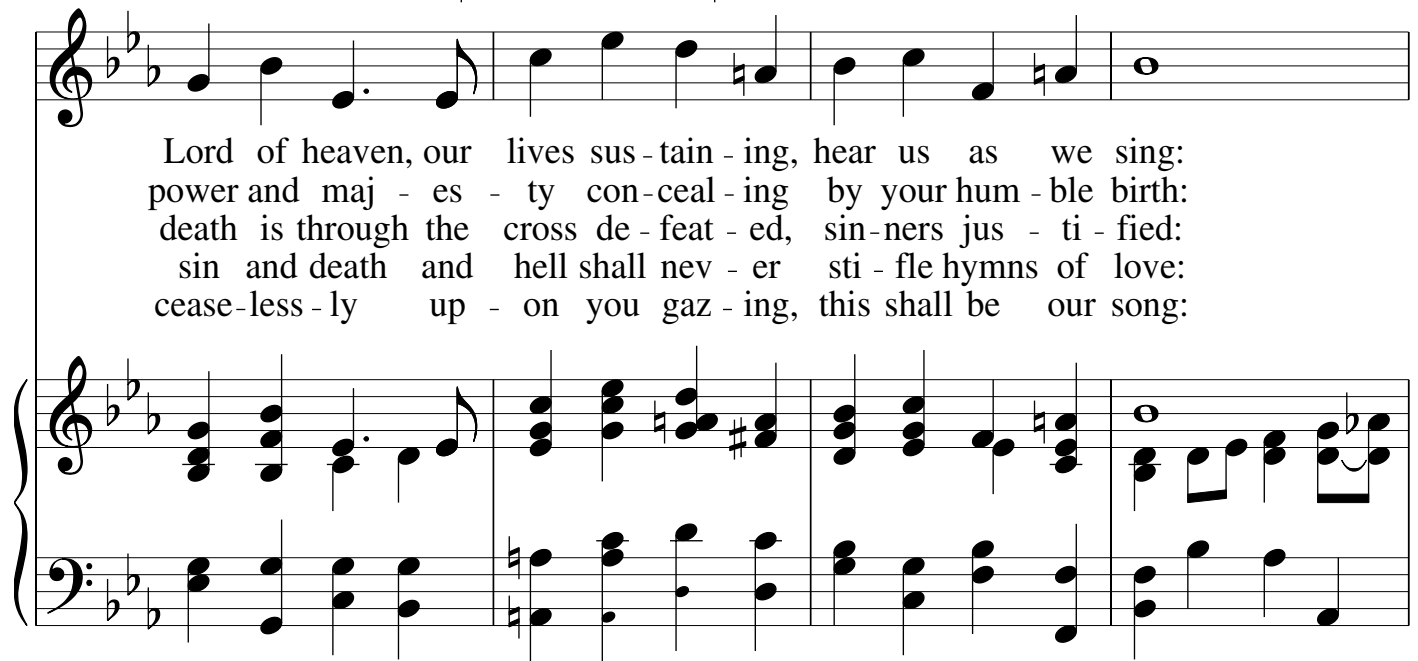
*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**W**E beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*





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.



## BULLETIN INSERTS

### May 12, 2024 – Easter 7 (B) Ascension Day

The Feast of the Ascension of Jesus Christ is celebrated 40 days after Easter Day, marking the conclusion of Jesus' postresurrection appearances and his ascension into heaven. This year, Ascension Day fell last Thursday, May 9.

Celebration of this holy day dates back at least to the late fourth century, and scriptural references to Jesus' ascension occur in both The Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel of Mark:

“So when they 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 towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards 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’” (Acts 1: 6-11, NRSV).

“So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God” (Mark 16:19, NRSV).

The Ascension of Jesus is also professed in the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed: “He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father” (Book of Common Prayer, pp.120, 358).

### Collect for Ascension Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen (Book of Common Prayer, p. 226).



*The Ascension. Hans Süss von Kulmbach, 1513. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York, N.Y.*



# GRACE NOTES

May 12 *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, 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; Intentional Episcopal Communities in Connecticut, including the Episcopal Church at Yale, Seabury Retirement community, Haven Community, and All Saints Chapel, West Cornwall; parish prayer groups; intercessory prayer chains; healing prayer groups, and parish and community bible studies. *The Anglican Church of Burund.*
- *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 Steven Leach (Fri.), whose birthday we celebrate this week.
- *Sick or in need:* 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 & Rapael; Julia, Mike, André & Maria; Linda, Tiffany & the Galarza Family; Delores; Nancy; 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 Yvonne Heath, Mayerli Lopez Vela, Sister Eileen T Kelly, all soldiers and civilians killed in war or civil strife, and in memory of Amelia Desrosiers, Robert Lyman, Antoinette Steele, Malcolm McAllister, Charles Vautaret, Anne Hiatt, Allyn Hilt, Agnes Carroon, Beatrice Wagner, and Robert Murphy.

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**THIS WEEK AT GRACE**

**Sunday, May 12** *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)

**Tuesday, May 14** *Feria*

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

**Wednesday, May 15** *Feria*

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 16** *Feria*

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

**Friday, May 17** *Feria*

11:00 a.m.: Vestry Meeting at Grace Church

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

**Sunday, May 19** *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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