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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

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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 FIFTH 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.

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Mass Setting: *Grace Mass*

Edward Ivor Wagner, 1987

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

Voluntary: *Christ lag in Todesbanden*

Johann Sebastian Bach (d. 1750)

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*) *Cantate Domino*

Mode VI

(*Antiphon*) O SING UNTO THE LORD, sing him a new song, alleluia, for the Lord hath
done marvellous things, alleluia: in the sight of the nations hath he openly shown his
righteousness, alleluia, alleluia. (*Psalm*) With his right hand and his holy arm hath he
gotten himself the victory. 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 (*sung by all*)

E. Wagner

Cantor *All*

[Ky-ri-e e- lei- son.] Ky-ri-e e- lei- son. Ky-ri-e e- le- i- son.

Cantor *All*

[Chris-te e- lei- son.] Chris-te e- lei- son. Chris-te e- lei- son.

Cantor *All*

[Ky-ri-e e- lei- son.] Ky-ri-e e- lei- son. Ky-ri-e e- le- i- son.



Gloria in excelsis (*sung by all*)

in excelsis deo!

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 Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: The Acts of the Apostles II: 1-18 [NRSV]

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

NOW the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

The Word of the Lord.



Congregation's Response: Thanks be to God.



- 1 O PRAISE THE LORD from the | heavens:
 * — / *praise him in the ^ heights.*
 2 *Praise him, all ye angels of / his:*
 * — / *praise him, all his ^ host.*
 3 Praise him, sun and | moon:
 * praise him, | all ye stars and ^ light.
 4 *Praise him, all ye / heavens,*
 * *and ye waters that are a- / bove the heavens.*
 5 Let them praise the Name of the | LORD:
 * for he spake the word, and they were made†;
 he commanded, and they | were created.
 6 *He hath made them fast for ever and / ever:*
 * *he hath given them a law which shall / not be broken.*
 7 Praise the Lord from the | earth,
 * ye | dragons and all ^ deeps;
 8 *Fire and hail, snow and / vapours,*
 * *wind and storm ful- / filling his word;*
 9 Mountains and all | hills;
 * fruitful trees | and all cedars;
 10 *Beasts and all / cattle;*
 * *creeping / things and flying ^ fowls;*
 11 Kings of the earth and all | peoples;
 * princes and all | judges of the ^ world;
 12 *Young men and maidens, old men and children,*
 praise the Name of the / LORD:
 * *for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above / heaven and earth.*
 13 He shall exalt the horn of his people†: all his saints shall | praise him;
 * *even the children of Israel, even the peo- / ple that serveth ^ him.*

The New Testament Lesson: Revelation 21: 1-6 [NRSV]

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

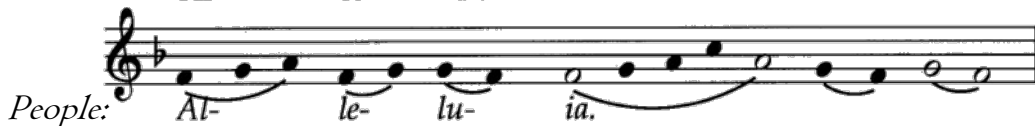
The Word of the Lord.

People's Response: Thanks be to God.

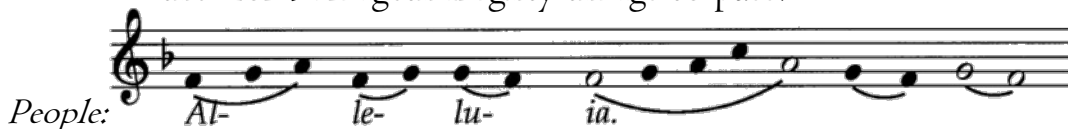


The Alleluia *Dextera Domini*

Tone VI



Choir: THE RIGHT HAND OF THE LORD hath the pre-eminence: the right hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass.



Choir: Christ, being raised from the dead, dieth no more: death hath no more dominion over him.



The Holy Gospel: St. John 13: 31-35 [RSV]

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

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

WHEN he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of man glorified, and in him God is glorified; if God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. You will seek me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going you cannot come.' A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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


The Sermon

Mr. Sean Glenn, *Haven Religious*

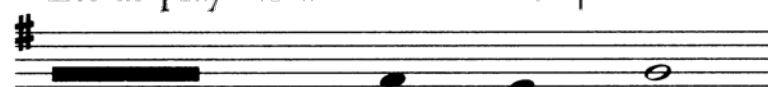
The Nicene Creed (*said by all*)

Prayer Book p. 327

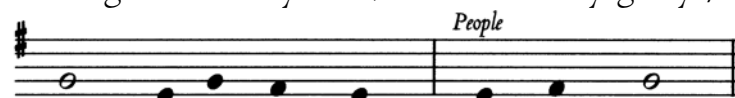
I BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church; I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins; ✠ and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



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 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 *Heather, and Jerry*, 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*)

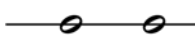
Lord, in thy mercy *People: hear our prayer.*

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) *Jubilate Deo*

Mode I

O BE JOYFUL IN GOD, all ye lands; sing hymns of praise unto his Name; O come hither and hearken, all ye that fear God, and I will tell you what the Lord hath done for my soul, alleluia.

Hymn 704 (sung by all)

“O thou who camest from above”

Hereford

1 O thou who cam - est from a - bove the fire ce -
2 There let it for thy glo - ry burn with ev - er -
3 Je - sus, con - firm my heart's de - sire to work, and
* 4 Still let me prove thy per - fect will, my acts of
les - tial to im - part, kin - dle a flame of
bright, un - dy - ing blaze, and trem - bling to its
speak, and think for thee; still let me guard the
faith and love re - peat, till death thy end - less
sa - cred love up - on the al - tar of my heart.
source re - turn in hum - ble prayer and fer - vent praise.
ho - ly fire and still stir up the gift in me.
mer - cies seal, and make the sac - ri - fice com - plete.

Presentation of the alms and oblations

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

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. *People:* 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.

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender
A 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.

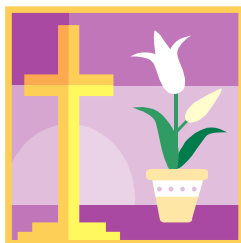
And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be
a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all
others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most
precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus 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 (*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
All sins of the world,] have mer-cy u- pon us. *Cantors* [O Lamb of God, that
All tak-est 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 (*choir*) *Ego sum vitis vera*

Mode VIII

I AM THE VINE and ye are the branches: whoso abideth in me, and I in him, the same I bringeth forth much fruit, 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*)

Giuseppe Pitoni (d. 1743)

CANTATE DOMINO canticum novum; laus eius in ecclesia sanctorum. Laetetur Israel in eo, qui fecit eum, et filiae Sion exsultent in rege suo.

[O sing unto the Lord a new song; let the congregation of saints praise him. Let Israel rejoice in him that made him, and let the daughters of Sion be joyful in their King.] Ps. 149: 1-2

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 always. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

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

People: 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.

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

[Queen of Heaven, be joyful, alleluia. For he whom so meetly thou barest. Hath arisen as he promised: 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.

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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.

WE 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.*



Hymn 582 (*sung by all*)

“O holy city, seen of John”

Sancta civitas



1 O ho - ly ci - ty, seen of John, where Christ, the Lamb, doth reign,
 2 O shame to us who rest con - tent while lust and greed for gain
 3 Give us, O God, the strength to build the ci - ty that hath stood
 4 Al - rea - dy in the mind of God that ci - ty ris - eth fair:



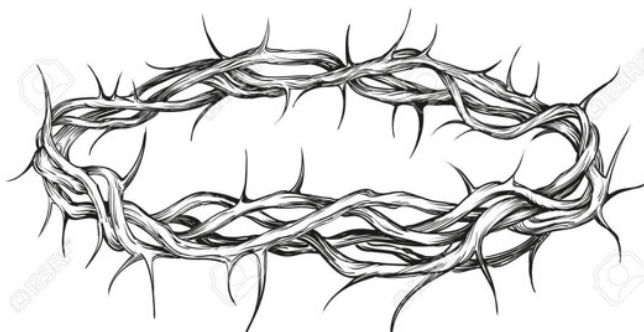
with - in whose four - square walls shall come no night, nor need, nor pain,
 in street and shop and ten - e - ment wring gold from hu - man pain,
 too long a dream, whose laws are love, whose crown is ser - vant - hood,
 lo, how its splen - dor chal - leng - es the souls that great - ly dare—



and where the tears are wiped from eyes that shall not weep a - gain!
 and bit - ter lips in blind de - spair cry, “Christ hath died in vain!”
 and where the sun that shin - eth is God’s grace for hu - man good.
 yea, bids us seize the whole of life and build its glo - ry there.

Voluntary: Fantasia on *Christ lag in Todesbanden*

Sean R. Glenn (2008)



May 18, 2025 – Easter 5 (C)
Traveling the Way of Love: Worship

“Traveling the Way of Love” Season 2 offers video stories of the ways people across The Episcopal Church participate in the seven Way of Love practices. Produced by the Office of Communication in partnership with Evangelism colleagues, it includes study guides to help congregations or small groups engage the stories and strengthen one another’s discipleship. Each week, we’ll share information about an episode, along with study questions suitable for congregational, small group, or personal reflection. You can find each episode and its discussion guide at iam.ec/TWOL2.

Episode 1: Worship

“When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.” - Luke 24:30-31



When we worship, we gather with others before God. We hear the Good News of Jesus Christ, give thanks, confess, and offer the brokenness of the world to God. As we break bread, our eyes are opened to the presence of Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we are made one body, the body of Christ sent forth to live the Way of Love.

1. In this episode, host Chris Sikkema visits Palmer Memorial Episcopal Church in Houston, Texas, and chats with the Rev. Ryan Hawthorne about what worship means to her. Hawthorne emphasizes that worship is not just a communal practice, but a deeply personal one. She invites individuals to find the worship practices that resonate with their soul, which might include worshipping within a church community. What worship practices deeply touch your soul?
2. The call to gather and worship within the Christian tradition, as understood through the Episcopal lens, is a call to “the collective.” It is a call to come together across generations and all sorts of messy human experiences to pray, offer praise and thanksgiving, proclaim the Gospel, and promote justice, peace, and love. What voices are missing from your worship experience? How could it be a more “collective” experience?
3. Palmer’s former senior warden, Dr. Danna Kurtin, spoke about the importance of curiosity when it comes to practicing worship on the Way of Love. Being curious about our neighbors, other traditions, and the ways God is moving in the world through changing culture are just some of the things that can influence our worship experience. Where might the Holy Spirit be asking you – as an individual or as a faith community - to be curious and to stretch in your practice of worship?

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FOR PASTORAL ASSISTANCE

Our Rector, 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; Sean, Presiding Bishop; Jeffrey and Laura, Bishops of ECCT; Rowena, Jerry, Annika, and Joseph, our priests, and Marta, our curate.
- **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. Thomas', New Haven; Trinity, New Haven; St. James, New London; and clergy peer groups & the Clergy Family Assistance Program. *The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East.*
- **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 Bethany-Anne Bouchard & Heather Cohn (both on Mon.), and Paul Bisaillon & Fr. Jerry Carroon (both on Sat.), whose birthdays we celebrate this week.
- **Sick or in need:** Adrienne & Kenneth; Camden; Luiz & the Vela Cruz Family; Starr; Wilma and the Beaulieu Family; Heather; David; Neil; Mark; Jerry; Bonnie & the Burns Family; Lea; Megin; Walter & Claudia; Tom & Elaine; Ellen; Sally; Errol, Norma & the Kemp Family; Barbara; Nigel, Kraig & Deidre; Mary; Josephine, Melissa, Jaden, Tay, Soraya & Rapael; Julia, Mike, André & Maria; Linda, Tiffany & the Galarza Family; Kathy; Patti; Delores; Nancy; Marcolina; Peter; Sr. Linda; Leonard; Joy; Cori and the Mackey Family; Judy; Jane; Bill, Carolyn & Susan; McJohn; Doreen; Ted; Kanata; Betty & John; Mary & Lou; Nelda Sue; Diane; Mark & Diane; Jean; and all victims of natural and man-made disasters.
- **The Deceased:** We pray for the repose of Antoinette Bouchard, Nicole Beckford, all soldiers and civilians killed in war or civil strife, and in memory of Malcolm McAllister, Robert Murphy, Lillian Der Sarkissian Perron, and Elsie Lang Murphy.

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## ***THIS WEEK AT GRACE***

**Sunday, May 18 *The Fifth Sunday of Easter***

8:00 a.m.: Low Mass

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

**Tuesday, May 20 *Alcuin, Deacon, and Abbot of Tours, 804***

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

**Wednesday, May 21 *Feria***

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

4:30 p.m.: **Grace Kids**

7:00 p.m.: **Choir Rehearsal**

**Thursday, May 22 *Feria***

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

**Friday, May 23 *Feria***

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

**Sunday, May 25 *The Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ Rogation Sunday***

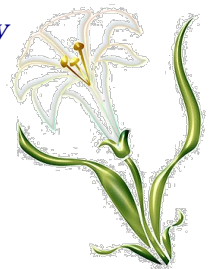
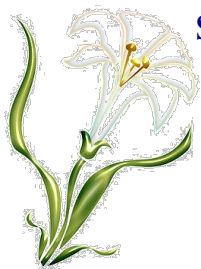
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## **Tra La, it's May! The Evensong of May!**

**Will happen on May 27  
(the day after Memorial Day)**

**GPM**

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Come at 5:00 to sing with the Schola  
6:00 to just be there vibin'



## **Come and Celebrate The Feast of the Ascension**

Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Solemn High Mass  
at 6:00 p.m.