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

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

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

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

# GRACE EPISCOPAL church

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June 1, 2025

Solemn High Mass, 10:30 A.M.

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Mass Setting: *Mass of St. James*

Walter MacNutt, 1974

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

Tomás Luis de Victoria (d. 1611)

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

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

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

*People:* And grant us thy salvation. Alleluia.

*Celebrant:* O Lord, hear my prayer.

*People:* And let my cry come unto thee.

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

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

### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People:* The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Collect for Purity

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

Introit (*choir*) *Exaudi, Domine*

Mode I

(*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:

**T**HOU 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

**K**yrie 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, 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 takest 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.

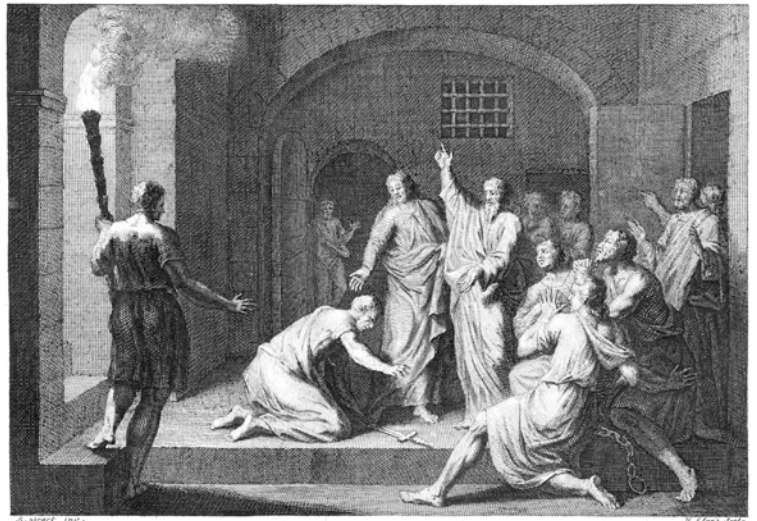
*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**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 16: 16-34 [NRSV]

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

**W**ITH Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi of Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.



The Word of the Lord.

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



- 1 THE LORD is King, the earth may be | glad there<sup>^</sup>of;  
     *\* yea, the multitude of the | isles may <sup>^</sup>be glad <sup>^</sup>thereöf.*
- 2 Clouds and darkness are round a- / bout him;  
     *\* righteousness and judgement are the habi- / tation <sup>^</sup>of his sēat.*
- 3 There shall go a fire be- | fore him,  
     *\* and burn up his ene- | mies on e<sup>^</sup>very side.*
- 4 *His lightnings gave shine unto the | world:*  
     *\* the earth | saw it, <sup>^</sup>and was <sup>^</sup>afräid.*
- 5 The hills melted like wax at the presence of the | LORD;  
     *\* at the presence of the | Lord of <sup>^</sup>the whole ěarth.*
- 6 *The heavens have declared his | righteous<sup>^</sup>ness,*  
     *\* and all the peoples have | seen his glory.*
- 7 Confounded be all they that worship carved images†,  
   and that delight in vain | gods:  
     *\* — | worship <sup>^</sup>him, all <sup>^</sup>ye göds.*
- 8 *Sion heard of it, and rejoiced†; and the daughters of Judah were | glad,*  
     *\* because of thy | judgments, O LÖRD.*
- 9 For thou Lord art higher than all that are in the | earth;  
     *\* thou art exalted | far a<sup>^</sup>bove all göds.*
- 10 *O ye that love the LORD, see that ye hate the thing which is | evil:*  
     *\* the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints;*  
   *he shall deliver them from the hand of | the ungodlĳ.*
- 11 There is sprung up a light for the | righteous,  
     *\* and joyful gladness for such as | are true-hearted.*
- 12 *Rejoice in the LORD, ye | righteous;*  
     *\* and give thanks for a remembrance | of his ho<sup>^</sup>linēss.*

The New Testament Lesson: Revelation 22: 12-14, 16-17, 20-21 [NRSV]

A Reading from the Revelation to John.



“SEE, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. “It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.” The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.” And let everyone who hears say, “Come.” And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

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: 20-26 [RSV]

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ ac-cor-ding to John.

*People:* ✠ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

“I do not pray for these only, but also for those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. The glory which thou hast given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and thou in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that thou hast sent me and hast loved them even as thou hast loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom thou hast given me, may be with me where I am, to behold my glory which thou hast given me in thy love for me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, the world has not known thee, but I have known thee; and these know that thou hast sent me. I made known to them thy name, and I will make it known, that the love with which thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.”



The Gospel of the LORD.

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



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.



*Kingdom of God; George Walsh, 2005*

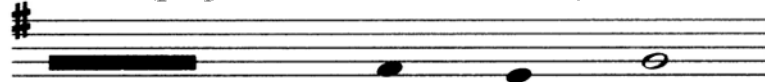


## The Prayers of the People

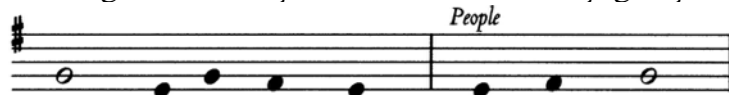
Form IV



*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:* 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.

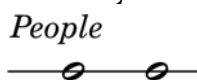
*Leader:* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (*pause*); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of / thy salvation. (*Silence*)

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

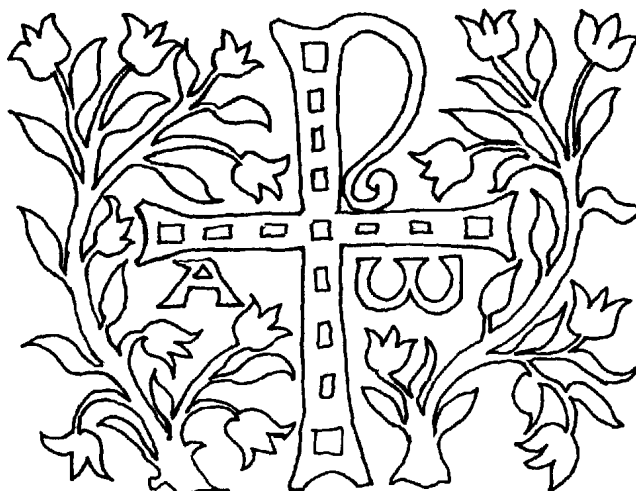
*Leader:* We commend to thy mercy all who have died, that thy will for them may be fulfilled (*pause*); and we pray that we may share with all thy saints in thine e-/ternal kingdom. (*Silence*)

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.



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,  
Galleluia.

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,  
Spiritus veritatis, alleluia.

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

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.

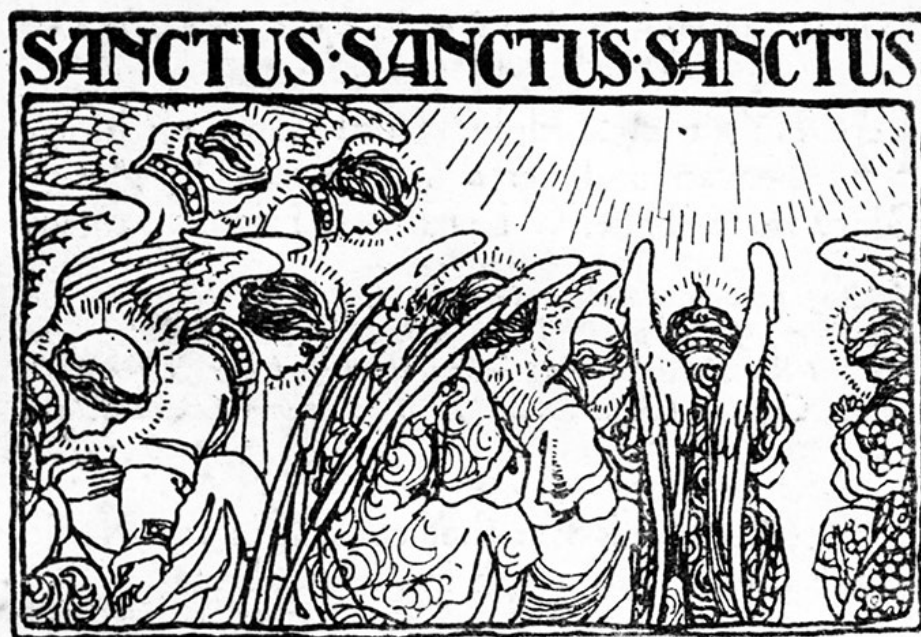
*People:* It is meet and right so to do.

*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.

**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.

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*

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A- men.

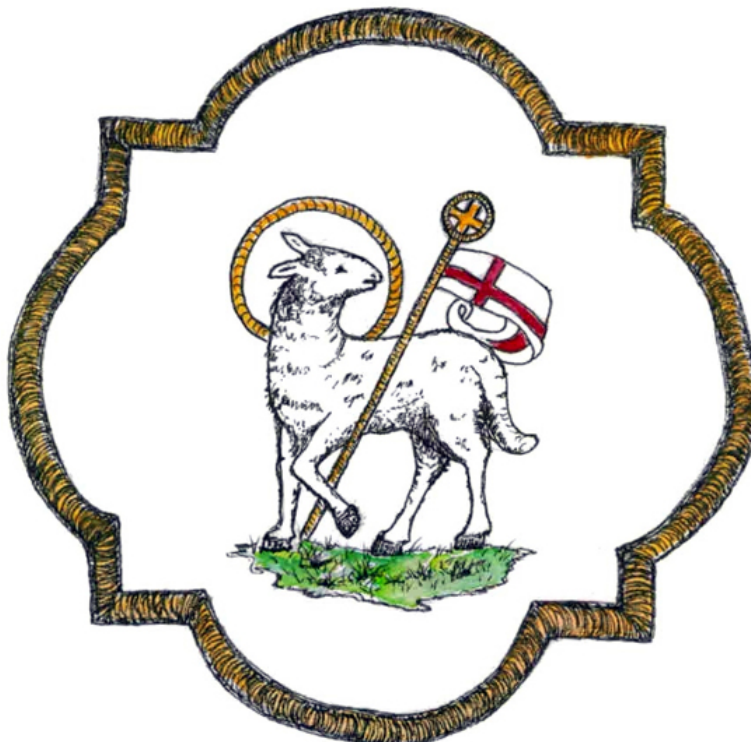
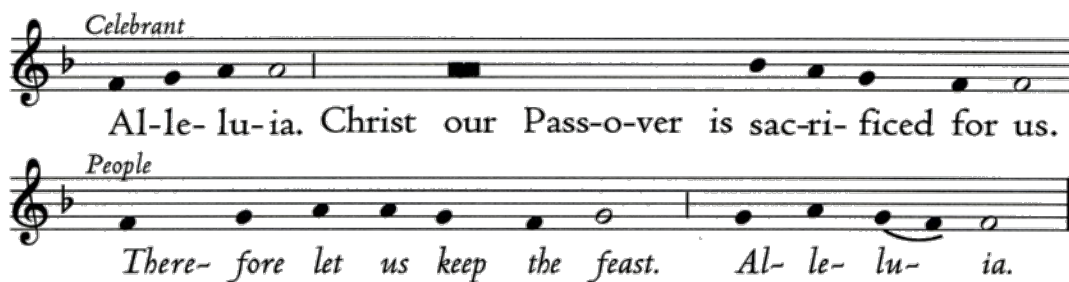


The Lord's Prayer (*sung by all*)

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



The Fraction



Agnus Dei (*choir*)

W. MacNutt

O LAMB OF GOD, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O 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.

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

The Invitation to Communion

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

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

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

Mode IV

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

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

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

Hymn 315 (*sung by all*)

"Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray"

Song I

1 Thou, who at thy first Eu - cha - rist didst pray  
2 For all thy Church, O Lord, we in - ter - cede;  
3 So, Lord, at length when sac - ra - ments shall cease,  
that all thy Church might be for ev - er one,  
make thou our sad di - vi - sions soon to cease;  
may we be one with all thy Church a - bove,

grant us at ev - ery Eu - cha - rist to say  
draw us the near - er each to each, we plead,  
one with thy saints in one un - bro - ken peace,

with long - ing heart and soul, "Thy will be done."  
by draw - ing all to thee, O Prince of Peace;  
one with thy saints in one un - bound - ed love;

O may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,  
thus may we all one bread, one bo - dy be,  
more bless - ed still, in peace and love to be

through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
through this blest sac - ra - ment of u - ni - ty.  
one with the Trin - i - ty in U - ni - ty.

## 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 (*all stand*)

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Al-le-lu-ia! | Al-le - lu - ia!

*People:* Thanks be to God. Al-le-lu - ia! | Al-le - lu - ia!

## 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.



REGINA 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.

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.*

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.



## June 1, 2025 – Easter 7 (C) Traveling the Way of Love: Turn

*“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](http://iam.ec/TWOL2).*

### Episode 3: Turn

“As Jesus was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he got up and followed him.” - Mark 2:14

Like the disciples, we are called by Jesus to follow the Way of Love. With God’s help, we can turn from the powers of sin, hatred, fear, injustice, and oppression toward the way of truth, love, hope, justice, and freedom. In turning, we reorient our lives to Jesus Christ, falling in love again and again.



1. In this episode, host Chris Sikkema visits the Rev. Rita Powell and Alden Fossett at Harvard University. Together, they discuss what it means to practice “pausing” in a society that often demands exhaustion as a mark of worthiness. Where in your life could you press pause as part of a spiritual practice of “turn”?
2. When we choose to turn and pause, we have the opportunity to listen to people and places that often are overlooked or exploited. Rita and Alden shared stories of leading their communities to pause and listen to both the natural world and the stories of enslaved people. Whose stories and experiences are overlooked in your context? What would it take to practice listening deeply to those stories and experiences?
3. As the host says, when we can make something right, we are called to do so. The Episcopal Chaplaincy at Harvard hosts a series of meals out on the sidewalk as a way of making right previous church practices that excluded people from entering our doors as full members of our communities. By hosting a meal on the street, The Episcopal Chaplaincy community is turning from a tradition of oppression and gatekeeping toward a way of being that is open, just, and free for all. As you think about your community of faith and personal practice of turning, what action steps can you take to make something right? What outward and visible sign can you signal that reflects a commitment to turning toward Jesus and his way of love?

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**June 1 The Seventh Sunday of Easter ~ The Sunday After Ascension Day**

## 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. John's, Niantic; Zion, North Branford; St. John's, North Haven; Episcopal Rainbow, TransEpiscopal, Believe Out Loud, LGBTQ+ Episcopalians & those who serve the LGBTQ+ community. *The Anglican Church of Korea.*
- *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 & Ratana Leach celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Friday.
- *Sick or in need:* Felix & Carmen; Adrienne & Kenneth; Michael; Wilma and the Beaulieu Family; Pamela; Camden; Luiz & the Vela Cruz Family; Heather; David; Neil; Mark; Jerry; Abby, 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, all soldiers and civilians killed in war or civil strife, and in memory of Betty Benton.

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## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

**Sunday, June 1** *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, June 3** *The Martyrs of Uganda, 1886*

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

**Wednesday, June 4** *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, June 5** *Boniface, Archbishop of Mainz, Missionary to Germany & Martyr, 754*

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

**Friday, June 6**

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

**Sunday, June 8** *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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