



Celtic Evensong and Communion

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

15 May 2022 4:00 pm

We are so happy you are here.

*We come from many places to be together for a little while.
Each of us brings our own experience and traditions to this gathering.
So here in this place, let us take time together to encounter the holy.*

Please remember to silence all devices

The Opening Rite

Musical Meditation

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Welcome and Announcements

Opening Meditation

Almighty God, Creator of the universe,
At the close of another day I feel hopeless
In the face of our world's suffering:
Yet tonight, once more, I offer
Back to you the only thing I can -
My ordinary, everyday life.
I ask that you take it into your hands
That it may be used to bring even a flicker
Of justice into your world:
A candle of peace.
And not just tonight, Lord,
But through the coming days
As I move in your Spirit of love.
- from Iona Abbey

The Invitatory and Psalm

Officiant Alleluia! Come to us, O risen Lord,
People **and enliven us with your eternal love. Alleluia!**

Psalm 148

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

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- 4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.
- 6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.
- 7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- 8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- 9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- 10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;
- 11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
- 12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.
- 13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- 14 He has raised up strength for his people and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

Officiant and People

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.

The Lessons

Listen now to the Word of God

The First Reading

Acts 11:1-18

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."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Musical Response

Down the Wild River

The Second Reading

John 13:31-35

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Lector For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us,
and for the Word of God within us,
People Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Joanne Moar

Music for Meditation

Carolyn's Welcome

Evening Prayer

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

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Leader Loving God, in our faith, we pray:
For reconciliation between the violated and the violent,
People **That we may rest in your peace.**
Leader For generosity between rich and poor people everywhere,
People **That we may share the abundance of your creation.**
Leader For the growth of love between broken peoples and nations,
People **That we may shape our common life as your kingdom.**
Leader For mutual respect between immigrants and insiders,
People **That we may welcome your image in all who come to us.**
Leader For protection for the weak and humility for the strong,
People **That we may serve others as you serve us in Christ.**
Here, the people may add particular intercessions or thanksgivings.
Leader For all the joys and concerns of our hearts,
People **That we may live with gladness and trust.**

Leader Jesus says, "Come to me you who are troubled and I will give you rest." So come, you who are broken in body or in spirit, you who are torn by relationships and doubt, you who feel deeply within yourselves the divisions of the world. Come, for Jesus invites us to bring our brokenness.

Leader From now until the end of the service, you are invited to come to the Lady Altar and light a candle and kneel at the rail for prayers. The laying on of hands is also offered at the healing station near the door

at the back of the Chapel. Please move about as the Spirit leads you.

Music during Prayers

South Wind

Hymn during the Prayers

Lord, make us servants

1 Lord, make us servants of your peace: Where there is hate, may we sow love;
Where there is hurt, may we forgive; Where there is strife, may we make one.

2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; Where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
Where all is night, may we sow light; Where all is tears, may we sow joy.

3 Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek To be consoled, but to console,
Nor look to understanding hearts, But look for hearts to understand.

4 May we not look for love's return, But seek to love unselfishly,
For in our giving we receive, And in forgiving are forgiven.

5 Dying, we live, and are reborn Through death's dark night to endless day;
Lord, make us servants of your peace, To wake at last in heaven's light.

The Grace See that ye be at peace among yourselves, and love one another. Follow the example of good people of old and God will comfort you and help you, both in this world and in the world which is to come. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts

People **We lift them to the Lord**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right to thank you and praise you giver of life, beloved of the poor and forgotten. We praise you for the prophets who in spite of persecution spoke your challenging word. We praise you that in Christ you chose to be born in a stable and revealed to poor shepherds. We praise you for Mary, first witness of the resurrection; and for all the women and men who have been trusted and empowered by you. With all the unremembered, outcast, with the poor and needy, with the trusting and hopeful in all the ages we praise you saying:

People **Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant

We praise you for Jesus Christ, friend of lepers and tax collectors, who chose a life given up for others.

On the night before he died he shared a meal with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks and broke it and gave it to them saying: "This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me."

After supper he took a cup of wine, blessed it and gave it to them saying: “This is my life-blood poured out for you. Do this to remember me.”

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Celebrant

Come now Holy Spirit of God. Come upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that in sharing this feast we may become the body of Christ. Break down walls of selfishness and fear and bring us all to the new age in which none go hungry and all are fed. Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

The Invitation

Celebrant This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.

It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,

You who have been here often, and you who have not been here long,
you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

Communion

The Priest will come and give you communion in your pew.

Concluding Prayer

God our Deliverer, by water and the Holy Spirit we have been buried with Christ and raised to the new life of grace: Give us inquiring and discerning hearts, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Blessing

May the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Officiant The Lord almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.

All Thanks be to God.

Concluding Musical Meditation

Andrew's March

*Please leave immediately and quietly at the end of the service
as we wish to continue to contemplate the sacred mysteries we have received.
We continue to practice social distancing while entering and leaving the space.*

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Debbie Phillips	<i>Officiant</i>
Ryan Patten, Debbie Phillips, Eric Wagner	<i>Musicians</i>
Paul Massari	<i>Assisting</i>
Joanne Moar	<i>Reflection</i>
Joanna Troy	<i>Intercessor</i>
Joanna Troy	<i>Usher</i>

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Parish Prayer List

Evan Wagner, Garrett Graves, Nancy and her granddaughter, Sherri and Jerry Rhoads, Karen Kelly, Allison Mascolo, The Bishop-Tanquay Family, Marion McIntosh Gates, Max Joyce, Inga and Todd and Family, Linnae Peterson, Mel, Melissa Glassman, Corey MacNeil, Cliff Cutler, Helen Phillips, Kristin Gourley, Scott Tucker, Zan Duffy, Dianne, Sarah Colvin Duffy, Michael Towey, Stacia, Brian Peterson, Jenny, Loretta and Kris, Deb Papps, Derek Fuller and Family, the people of Palestine, Afghanistan, and Ukraine; the Salem Public Schools and for an end to racism, war, anti-Semitism, gun violence and oppression.

If you have prayer requests, please email regathering@gracechurchsalem.org by Tuesday at noon for publication in that week's e-news.

Woven Together: The Assessment

Dear Friends of Grace,

As we know, the last two years have been very unusual, and as the vestry has been focused on Grace Church's day to day operations, we have unfortunately gotten behind in our obligations to our Diocese. We will be going out to our community with a special ask to raise \$10,000.

When we think of our Diocese, it's not an organization on high, it is a group of churches, congregations and neighbors supporting each other. Grace Church has received support from our Diocese from the Mission Hub grant, among other support. Other churches in the Diocese have also received support, and we want to fulfill our mission to support our neighbor churches.

We know everyone is in a different financial situation, and we don't want our members, friends and neighbors to feel a need to donate an uncomfortable amount. We are asking that everyone participate in a way that is attainable for you, as a show of gratitude for our community, and for our neighboring parishes in Eastern Massachusetts.

Gratefully,
Angela Williams, Treasurer

Update: As of Last Sunday, about 40% of the congregation had participated.

Welcome Spring! Plant Sale this Saturday!!!!

2ND ANNUAL PLANT SALE



Take a stroll in plant heaven! Hundreds of plants to choose from: herbs, vegetables, flowers.

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Saturday, May 21, 2021 • 9 - 12

Sabbatical Dates

Jesus took himself apart often in his ministry, to pray, to be with God, to be renewed. The Clergy Sabbatical Program sponsored by the bishops seeks to ensure that clergy in the Diocese of Massachusetts have an opportunity for a time of sabbath, for a renewal of spirit and a reaffirmation of life with God. A sabbatical can offer opportunities for creativity and discovery for both the clergyperson and the congregation. It is recommended that clergy take a sabbatical every five years.

Debbie will be on sabbatical from June 13 through September 7. During this time, you will have a chance to consider what Grace Church is calling you all to be in the future. The Revs. Cliff Cutler and Manny Faria will be taking many of the services. We will also have members leading us in Morning and Evening Prayer. We pray that all will return refreshed and renewed as we begin our 26th year together with her.

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The Right Reverend Alan M. Gates
The Right Reverend Gayle E. Harris
The Reverend Deborah A. Phillips
Larry Kamp
Tom and Karen Tucker
Hugh MacKay and Joanne Moar

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