

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter



**2 May 2021**

**Morning Prayer Rite I  
with Birthday Blessing**

**10:00 am**

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**The Opening Rite**

**Voluntary** Jesus meine Zuversicht

Johann Walther

**Welcome**

**Opening Hymn #738 in Wonder, Love and Praise**

Day of delight and beauty unbounded, tell the news, the Gospel spread!  
Day of all wonder, day of all splendor, tell Christ risen from the dead!

Sing of the sun from darkness appearing,  
sing of the seed from barren earth greening, sing of creation, alleluia!  
Sing of the stream from Jesus' side flowing;  
sing of the saints in water made holy; sing of salvation, alleluia!

Day of delight and beauty unbounded, tell the news, the Gospel spread!  
Day of all wonder, day of all splendor, tell Christ risen from the dead!

Sing now of mourning turned into dancing,  
sing now the myst'ry, hope of our glory, sing with thanksgiving, alleluia!  
Sing now of fasting turned into feasting,  
sing the Lord's favor lasting forever; sing all things living, alleluia!

Day of delight and beauty unbounded, tell the news, the Gospel spread!  
Day of all wonder, day of all splendor, tell Christ risen from the dead!

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Gastoldi (1556-1622); harm. John L. Hooker (b. 1944)  
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**Opening Sentence**

*Officiant* Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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*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. Alleluia.

**Christ our Passover** *Pascha nostrum*

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; \*  
therefore let us keep the feast,  
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, \*  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; \*  
death no longer has dominion over him.  
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; \*  
but the life he lives, he lives to God.  
So also consider yourselves dead to sin, \*  
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, \*  
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
For since by a man came death, \*  
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.  
For as in Adam all die, \*  
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

**Psalm 22:24-30**

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

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30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

*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**

### **The First Lesson**

**Acts 8:26-40**

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **Canticle 18 Song to the Lamb**

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;

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And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.

**The Second Lesson**

**1 John 4:7-21**

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

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## Hymn #765 in Wonder, Love, and Praise

O blessed spring, where Word and sign embrace us into Christ the Vine:  
here Christ enjoins each one to be a branch of this life-giving Tree.

Through summer heat of youthful years, uncertain faith, rebellious tears,  
sustained by Christ's infusing rain, the boughs will shout for joy again.

When autumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their heavy harvest hold,  
then through us, warm, the Christ will move  
with gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.

As winter comes, as winters must, we breathe our last, return to dust;  
still held in Christ, our souls take wing and trust the promise of the spring.

Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree, be praised for this blest mystery:  
that Word and water thus revive and join us to your Tree of Life.

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Music: Berglund, Robert Buckley Farlee (b. 1950)

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### The Third Lesson

John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

The Homily

The Reverend Deborah Phillips

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## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together,*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

*The People stand or kneel*

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And with thy spirit.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

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## The Suffrages B

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. We praise your Name for ever.  
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
R. For we put our trust in you.  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

## Other Prayers

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.**

O God, who makest us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of thy Son our Lord: Grant us this day such blessing through our worship of thee, that the days to come may be spent in thy favor; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord . **Amen.**

O God, who hast made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and didst send thy blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after thee and find thee; bring the nations into thy fold; pour out thy Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of thy kingdom; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord . **Amen.**

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Intercessory Prayer and Thanksgiving

*You may now add your own prayers, either silently, in the comments or the chat*

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## Offertory Hymn #204

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,  
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;  
love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,  
thinking that never he would wake again,

laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain,  
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
thy touch can call us back to life again,  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.

Words: John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958), alt. Music: Noël nouvelet, medieval French carol; harm. Marcel Dupré (1886-1971); adapt. Roy F. Kehl (b. 1935); alternative accompaniment George Mims (b. 1938)  
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## The Concluding Rite

### The General Thanksgiving

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for thine inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,

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that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication unto thee; and hast promised through thy well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name thou wilt be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions of thy servants as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.  
**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

### **Concluding Sentence**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. **Amen.**

### **Closing Voluntary**

### **Worship Leaders**

The Reverend Deborah Phillips  
Larry Kamp  
Barbara Layne  
Katie LaBonte  
Jason Stonehouse

*Officiant and Preacher*  
*Organist and Choir Director*  
*Lector*  
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## Parish Prayer List

Barbara and Loretta who are recovering from surgery.

Kristin Gourley, on her cancer diagnosis, that she made find healing and find the inner peace she seeks.

For the peaceful repose of the soul of Benjamin Quartarone.

Linda Whalen, Bob Peterson, Nancy Brown, Brian Peterson, Robert Squillaro, Jenny, Loretta and Kris, Deb Papps, Derek Fuller and Family, Kathy Southern, Becky, the Quartarone Family, Scott Tucker, and the Salem Public Schools.

For an end to racism, gun violence and oppression.

Thanksgiving for Jon Papps and Helen Watson-Felt, in whose memory the flowers at the Easter Altar are given.

If you have prayer requests, please

email [regathering@gracechurchsalem.org](mailto:regathering@gracechurchsalem.org) by Tuesday at noon for publication in that week's e-news. Your request will remain on the list until Easter unless you ask to have it removed.

## Anti-racism Work at Grace Church

Our antiracism team recently met and we have some information to share with you. **Virtual cottage meetings** will resume in the middle of May. We will be meeting this Tuesday to prepare the schedule and questions. Look for information soon on how to sign up. Each person on the committee will facilitate as we dig deeper into our own experiences living in a culture and country steeped in white supremacy. We earnestly hope that every member will do their best to attend one of these cottage meetings.

We also decided to do something for **Juneteenth** this year. A few ideas were shared and we hope to share more information with you soon.

Finally, look for a list of **readings and videos** that you can access to grow your knowledge about racism and antiracism work.

We believe firmly that it is the responsibility of all white folks to do due diligence in learning how to anti racists. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or would like to be a part of our work together. Pray for our work. Pray that we may be the Body of Christ and recognize Christ in all persons.

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## Plant Sale and Workshop on May 22

This year's plant sale will have two components: A plant walk, much like our cookie walk, and a wonderful workshop by Brian Fizer that teaches us how to put together and care for a container garden filled with native plants. The workshops will be offered at 10 and 11 and you can purchase your ticket through ticketleap here: <https://grace-church.ticketleap.com/> beginning this weekend.

We are still looking for donations of all kinds of plants and monies. Please contact [fundraising@gracechurchsaalem.org](mailto:fundraising@gracechurchsaalem.org) if you wish to help.



## **PLANT SALE & CONTAINER PLANTING WORKSHOP**

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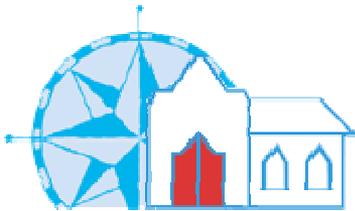
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*The Mission of Grace Church is to unconditionally invite all people to join us in building a faithful Episcopal congregation that goes out into the community and through prayer, presence, and partnering improves the quality of life by bringing everyone closer to God.*