



Celtic Evensong and Communion

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

21 April 2024 4:00 pm

*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

Opening Musical Meditation

Assisi

Opening Meditation

In the infinity of the night skies
In the free flashing of lightning
In whirling elemental winds
You are God.
In the impenetrable mists of dark clouds
In the wild gusts of lashing rain
In the ageless rocks of the sea
You are God and I bless you.
You are in all things
And contained by no thing.
You are the Life of all life
And beyond every name.
You are God and in the eternal mystery I praise you.

- John Philip Newell from Celtic Benediction

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Alleluia! Come to us, O risen Lord,
People and enliven us with your eternal love. Alleluia!
Officiant Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping;
People that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.
All Glory to the Holy Trinity, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever.
Amen. Alleluia.

Song to the Light

The musical score is written on seven staves of a single treble clef. The melody is simple and melodic, with a consistent rhythm of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The text is: "I will kin - dle my fire in the morn of the day, in the pres - ence of ho - ly an - gels. With - out mal - ice or jeal - ous - y, en - vy or fear, with - out ter - ror of an - y - one un - der the sun, but the Ho - ly Be - lov - ed to shield me. O Ho - ly one, kin - dle thou here in my heart, a flame of pure love to my neigh - bor, to my foe, to my friend, to my kin - dred all, to the brave, to the knave, to the thrall. O child of the love - li - est Ma - ry, from the low - li - est thing, to the Ho - ly Name, the be - lov - ed of all."

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Psalm 23

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory to the Holy Trinity, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

The Lessons Reflection

Listen now to the Word of God

The First Lesson

Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is `the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

People Thanks be to God.

Musical Response

Peace and Plenty

The Second Lesson

John 10:11-18

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

Joanna Troy

Music after the Reflection

Searching for Lambs

The Prayers

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Leader: I open my heart to Christ in the stranger,

People: **To Christ in the face of colleague and friend.**

Leader: I open my heart to the one who is wounded,

People: **To Christ in the hungry, the lonely, the homeless.**

Leader: I open my heart to the one who has hurt me,

People: **To Christ in the faces of sinner and foe.**

Leader: I open my heart to those who are outcast,

People: **To Christ in the broken, the prisoner, the poor.**

Leader: I open my heart to all who are searching,

People: **To Christ in the world God's generous gift.**

Leader: I invite you to now offer the prayers of your heart, either silently or aloud.

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect from *Daily Prayer for All Seasons*

Holy One, you planted us by living water, that we might be rooted in righteousness. You call us to be holy as you are holy. Assured of your love, help us cast aside all fear, so that we may love our neighbors as ourselves. **Amen.**

A Collect for Toyohiko Kagawa

Strengthen and protect, O God, all those who suffer for their fidelity to Jesus Christ; that, like your servant Toyohiko Kagawa, they might persevere in seeking and serving Christ in all persons, and work tirelessly for the advancement of your kingdom, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory now and forever. . **Amen.**

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.

Music during Prayers

The Dunmore Lasses

Hymn #645 in *The Hymnal 1982*

The King of Love

The Grace In Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
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.**

Celebrant O God of mystery and promise, you invite us to discover you in the intimate places of ourselves and our lives. You invite us to discover you within the complexities of our humanity, in passionate and tender loving, in struggle and pain, in confusion and unknowing, in flashes of insight and wisdom. You also call us beyond ourselves to places of imagination, beyond the silent stars, in the deep rhythms of the ocean, in the unending cycles of day and night, seasons of life and death. With saints and ancestors, with the seas and earth and sky, with animals and birds, with our friends and those unknown to us, with all creation we join in the song of your unending glory:

Sanctus

**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 that in Jesus you make known to us the wonder and richness of our humanity. We give thanks for his life-giving love, for his healing touch, for his vulnerability and for his gentleness. Before he gave up his life, he shared his humanity, his flesh and blood with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks for it, broke it and gave it to them saying:

***All* “This is my own body given for you. Do this to remember me.”**

Celebrant So too after they had eaten, he took wine, gave thanks for it and gave it to them saying:

***All* “This is my blood, poured out in love for you. Do this to remember me.”**

Celebrant So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Celebrant Holy and gracious God, present with us now, send in kindness your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus., As we eat and drink these bodily things, make us one body, food for the world, one blood to be poured out for the life of all. Touch us with your gentle creativity and fire us with longing for the new age of justice and peace. We ask this through Jesus who gave his body that we might be one and his blood that we might find new life. With him, and through him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, be to you, O God, all honor and glory forever.

All **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.

Communion

Concluding Prayer

***All* Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and love. Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing God’s blessing be with you, Christ’s peace be with you, the Spirit’s outpouring be with you, now and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Officiant May the Lord grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Worship Leaders

The Reverend Deborah Phillips
Ryan, Patten, Debbie Phillips
Paul Massari
Joanna Troy
Joanna Troy
Marianne Cannon

Officiant
Musicians
Assisting
Reflection
Prayers
Usher

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Parish Prayer List

For those battling cancer, especially Faith's friend and the Princess of Wales, Heather and Prescott,, Ariana, Sheridan, Faith Aroko and Family, Jesse Hurst and Family, Angela Williams, Neal and Maureen Joyce, Arthur, Jane Jane Thompson, Deb Young, Cindy Rhodes, Ron, Gerald Tucker, Allison Mascolo, Melissa Glassman, Max Joyce, Inga, Henry, and Lucas, Mel, Corey MacNeil, Dianne, Michael Towey, Jenny, Loretta and Kris, Deb Papps, Derek Fuller and Family, the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and their ministries, Palestinian Families, for Ukraine and Haiti; the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem, the Salem Public Schools and for an end to racism, war, anti-Semitism, gun violence and oppression. In thanksgiving for the Creation Care Team at Grace Church. If you have prayer requests, please email prayerlist@gracechurchsalem.org by Tuesday at noon for publication in that week's e-news.

This Week's Saint: Toyohiko Kagawa

Toyohiko Kagawa was born in 1888 in Kobe, Japan. Orphaned early, he lived first with his widowed stepmother and then with an uncle. He enrolled in a Bible class in order to learn English, and in his teens he became a Christian and was disowned by his family. In his late teens, he attended Presbyterian College in Tokyo for three years. He decided that he had a vocation to help the poor, and that in order to do so effectively he must live as one of them. Accordingly, from 1910 to 1924 he lived for all but two years in a shed six feet square (about 180 cm) in the slums of Kobe.

In 1912 he unionized the shipyard workers. He spent two years (1914-1916) at Princeton studying techniques for the relief of poverty. In 1918 and 1921 he organized unions among factory workers and among farmers. He worked for universal male suffrage (granted in 1925) and for laws more favorable to trade unions.

In 1923 he was asked to supervise social work in Tokyo. His writings began to attract favorable notice from the Japanese government and abroad. He established credit unions, schools, hospitals, and churches, and wrote and spoke extensively on the application of Christian principles to the ordering of society.

He founded the Anti-War League, and in 1940 was arrested after publicly apologizing to China for the Japanese invasion of that country. In the summer of 1941 he visited the United States in an attempt to avert war between Japan and the US. After the war, despite failing health, he devoted himself to the reconciliation of democratic ideals and procedures with traditional Japanese culture. He died in Tokyo 23 April 1960.



Social Committee Meeting

Next week, at 3:00 pm in the Common Room, there will be a meeting of our Social Committee. This group was formed to offer monthly opportunities for anyone who wishes to join with others in a purely social endeavor. We are aware of the need for connection and belonging and this is but one way we offer this opportunity to the community at large.

At the meeting, we will discuss who might offer to take a leadership role in one of the community events between now and the end of summer.

These include:

Karaoke- rescheduled time still to be determined

Red food potlucks - after each service Pentecost (mostly sign up sheets and table set up and break down)

Anti-racism craft June (tbd)

Church picnic - all day July 21

Ice Cream Social - Aug

If you would like to lead, or help coordinate any of these events and cannot make this meeting please reach out to Laura Beasley-Topliffe at either

Arakani@gmail.com or 717-712-7447.

Thanks everyone for your support for these events in any capacity.

Peace,

Laura

Carson Cooman Concert

This evening at 5 pm, Carson Cooman, Composer in Residence, Harvard University, The Memorial Church, Monastery Organist, Society of St. John the Evangelist and Organ Editor, Lorenz Publishing Co./Sacred Music Press will be playing an organ recital at St. Michael's Church in Marblehead on the 1975 C. B. Fisk organ.

The program features music by Karen Beaumont, Katia Farn, and Thomas Åberg as well as the first performance of Carlotta Ferrari's "Il catalogo di ragni"—a set of musical sketches depicting Italian spiders.

St. Michael's Episcopal Church

26 Pleasant St.

Marblehead, MA

<https://www.stmichaels1714.org/concert-series>

This Week at Grace Church

- Today:** Choir Rehearsal at 9:15 am
Holy Eucharist at 10:00 am
Coffee at 11:00 am
Celtic Evensong and Communion at 4:00 pm
Kitchen Fellowship at 5:00 pm
- Monday:** **Earth Day**
Office Hours 10:00—2:00 pm
Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem 2:00 pm—6:00 pm
- Tuesday:** Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem 2:00 pm—6:00 pm
Knitting Group 7:00 pm—8:00 pm
- Wednesday:** Anti-Racism Meeting at 10:00 am
Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem 2:00 pm—6:00 pm Bible Study 5:00 pm– 6:00 pm (on Zoom)
Choir Rehearsal 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm
- Thursday:** PEM tour with Maureen Bingham: Segregation and the Salem Public Schools at 1:00 pm
Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem 2:00 pm—6:00 pm
- Friday:** Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem 2:00 pm—6:00 pm
- Saturday:** Music Together 10:00 am—12:00 pm
- Sunday:** Choir Rehearsal at 9:15 am
Holy Eucharist and Baptism at 10:00 am
Coffee at 11:00 am
Social Committee Meeting at 3:00 pm
Celtic Evensong and Communion at 4:00 pm
Kitchen Fellowship at 5:00 pm

Peabody Essex Museum Exhibit

There will be a presentation on April 25th at 1:00 pm led by Maureen Bingham at the Peabody Essex Museum on the history of School desegregation in the Salem Public Schools in the 1830s that has modern day ramifications. The exhibit entitled "Let None Be Excluded: The Origin of Equal School Rights in Salem" provides original source materials for the history of school desegregation in the US and the role that such prominent families of Salem such as the Remonds played in this fascinating story.

Salem residents and PEM members are free with ID and Maureen can take 6 guests who do not fall into those categories.

Please email Maureen by April 18 if you are interested at mcbing@comcast.net or call 978-821-6593.

Bishop Candidates' Meet and Greets

The Transition Committee, of which our own Kourtni Patten is a member, has announced the scheduling of a series of open meetings around the diocese May 7-11, giving the people of the diocese an opportunity to meet and learn more about the nominees for election as the diocese's 17th bishop diocesan. All in the diocesan community are invited to attend, particularly those who are voting members of the Special Electing Convention to be held on Saturday, May 18 at Trinity Church in Boston.

The meet-and-greet gatherings will be held on:

Tuesday, May 7 at All Saints' Parish, Ashmont in Dorchester, 7-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 8 at St. Mary's Church in Barnstable, 10-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 8 at St. Thomas's Church in Taunton, 7-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 9 at Christ Church in Needham, 2-3:30 p.m.

Friday, May 10 at Christ Church in Andover, 7-8:30 p.m. (with childcare)

Saturday, May 11 on Zoom, 10:30 a.m.-noon (with special Zoom rooms for youth and young adults, as well as for all others).

Additionally, there will be a "Coffee & Conversations with Clergy, Postulants and Candidates" session on Thursday, May 9, 10:30 a.m. to noon, at St. Paul's Church in Dedham.

Information about Zoom access and other details will be posted at www.diomass.org/bishop-search/meet-greets as they become available.

Welcome Spring

Hi to all our green thumbs out there.

The annual Grace Church Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 11 this year. Please think of us as you start your seedlings and set a few aside for the sale. Breaking up houseplants? Dividing annuals? We would be happy to take the extras for the sale. More information will be forthcoming as the date approaches.

Also we would love help with set up, sales and breakdown on the day of. If you don't have anything on your calendar for that day pencil in Grace Church plant sale "help."

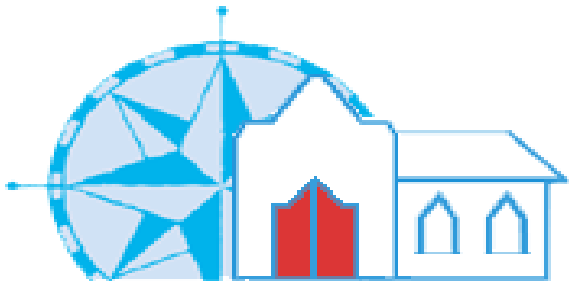


4th Annual Plant Sale

*Take a stroll in plant heaven...
hundreds of plants to choose from
herbs, vegetables and flowers*

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