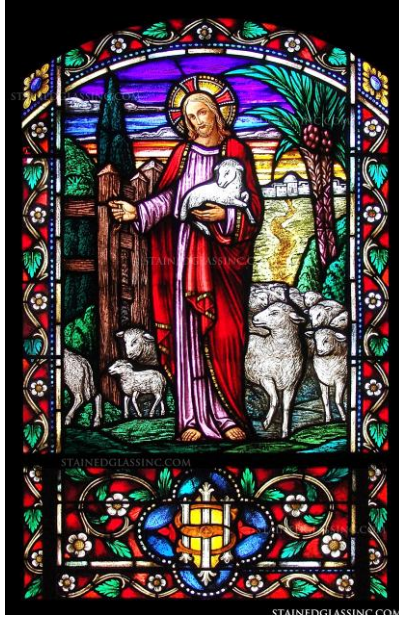


The Fourth Sunday of Easter



26 April 2026

Choral Holy Eucharist
Rite II: 10:00 am

Grace Episcopal Church

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Welcome!

Welcome to those of you here. Here's some information:

Most Sundays, we have Church School at 10:00 am with trained teachers. The classroom is located through the door at the front right of the chapel and down the hall; please ask if you need help finding it. The children will join us in church at the Peace and for Communion. All baptized children of any age are welcome to receive Communion.

Please join in the singing! Hymnals are in the pew and the numbers are listed in the leaflet. "S" numbered hymns are found in the front of the *Hymnal 1982*. The *Book of Common Prayer* may also be found in the rack in front of you.

This is a self-supporting congregation, so when the plate is passed in the middle of the service, please be generous. Today's collection will support our ministries to the community.

At the Eucharist, God welcomes all to the heavenly banquet.

The Episcopal Church offers the sacraments to anyone baptized in any denomination who, through prayer and thoughtful consideration, desires them. Please come to the communion rail to receive the bread whether you are an Episcopalian or not, or to receive a blessing.

When coming to the rail for Communion, please kneel or stand at the rail from right to left until the rail is full. You may receive the wafer, receive the wine after consuming the wafer (no intinction) or may ask for a blessing. Please let the priest know if you need a gluten free wafer.

If this is your first time here, please sign the book at the entrance of the church. If you want more information, our website is www.gracechurchsalem.org. Our weekly newsletter, called Grace Notes, can be found there. If you wish to receive the newsletter, simply go to the website, open Grace Notes and subscribe.

May we all find the service meaningful and the embrace of the community inviting. It is a joy to worship together, wherever we are on our journey.

The Opening Rite

Prelude

Prelude on Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Opening Hymn

Awake and sing the song

The Hymnal 1982, #181

St. Ethelwald

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Song of Praise

Glory to God in the highest

The Hymnal 1982, S278

William Mathias

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.**

The Word of God

The Lessons *(The people sit)*

The First Lesson

Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



- 1 The ¹LORD is my ¹shepherd; *
I shall not ¹be in ¹want.
- 2 He makes me lie ¹down in green ¹pastures *
and ¹leads me be ¹side still ¹waters.
- 3 He re ¹vives my ¹soul *
and guides me along right ¹pathways for his ¹Näme's ¹sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall ¹fear no ¹evil; *
for you are with me;
your ¹rod and your ¹staff, they ¹comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of ¹those who ¹trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my ¹cup is ¹running ¹over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the ¹days of my ¹life, *
and I will dwell in the ¹house of the ¹LORD for ¹ever.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn
Savior, like a shepherd lead us

The Hymnal 1982, #708
Sicilian Mariners

The Gospel

John 10:1-10

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Sarah A Conner

The Nicene Creed

BCP, page 358

The Prayers of the People: Form II

BCP, page 385

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements



At the offertory, you are invited to make a gift in support of Grace Church's ministry. You may place your pledge or donation in the offering plate. Or, to pay your pledge online or make a one-time donation, you may scan this QR code.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

Brother James' Air

arr. Alan Bullard

*The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
the quiet waters by.*

*My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
Ee'n for His own Name's sake.
Within the paths of righteousness,
Ee'n for His own Name's sake.*

*Yea, though I pass through shadows death,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.
Thy rod and staff they comfort still
They comfort still.*

*My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head with oil thou dost anoint,
And my cup overflows.
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.*

*Goodness and mercy all my days
Will surely follow me;
And in my father's heart alway
My dwelling place shall be.*

The Hymn at the Presentation

The King of love my shepherd is

The Hymnal 1982, #645

St. Columba

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, page 367

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy

The Hymnal 1982, S128

William Mathias

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, page 364

The Fraction Anthem

*The Hymnal 1982, S165
William Mathias*

Communion

All present are invited to reverently receive the Holy Sacrament

Hymn at Communion

Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless

*The Hymnal 1982, #343
St. Agnes*

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP, page 365

Postcommunion Hymn

The day of resurrection

*The Hymnal 1982, #210
Ellacombe*

Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude

Water Music: Hornpipe

George Frideric Handel

— Worship Leaders —

The Reverend Sarah A. Conner

Presider and Preacher

Joanne Moar

Verger

Gavin Watson-Bertrand

Acolyte

Jane Thompson

Lector

Joanne Moar

Chalicer

The Tuckers

Ushers

Our Prayers are offered for

Mary Brown, Robert Borden, Linda Abbene, Deven Manthorne, Margarette Connor, Chuck Manck, Barbara Dwyer, Lilyann, John Gilbo, Vance Gilbert, Reny Sparapani, Laurel, Gary Young, Amy, Paul, Heather and Prescott, Ariana, Sheridan, Javy, Faith Aroko and Family, Jesse Hurst and Family, Maureen Joyce, Arthur, Deb Young, Cindy Rhodes, Ron, Allison Mascolo, Melissa Glassman, Max Joyce, Marc Britt, those battling cancer, Mel, Corey MacNeil, Dianne, Jenny, Loretta and Kris, Priscilla Lemons, Deb Papps, Derek Fuller and Family, for the peaceful repose of the soul of Smadar and all victims of war the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and their ministries; the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem, the Salem Public Schools and for an end to racism, war, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, gun violence and oppression. In thanksgiving, we pray for the ministry of The Reverend Debbie Phillips and her husband, Eric Wagner, this community of faith, for God's grace and forgiveness, for those with the courage to stand up to tyranny, for creation, for the diversity of people, and for all the blessings of this life.

If you have additions or deletions to the prayer list, please email prayerlist@gracechurchsalem.org by Tuesday at noon for publication in that

week's e-news. The Parish Prayer List is read aloud each Wednesday at Morning Prayer.

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We are excited to announce that Grace Church is now accepting gifts via Realm!

Realm is an online tool to help us keep more accurate and up to date stewardship records. This will be an alternative to the PayPal button on our website and automated bill pay options.

If you pledged for 2026, you will soon receive an email invitation to login to your personal Realm account and create a password (if you don't see it please check your spam folder).

Should you choose to log in, we need your help to ensure our records are up to date. We did our best, but please double-check that your contact information looks correct. Additionally, please review your pledge information and giving history for accuracy. If you notice any discrepancies or have questions, please reach out to me

at treasurer@gracechurchsaalem.org

While we encourage you to try this new way of giving, don't worry all the old ways still work too! Thank you in advance for your patience as we learn this new tool together!

~ Katie Scott, Treasurer



**GIVE
TODAY**



Grace Church
Annual Plant Sale
Saturday, May 16
9am - 12pm

Grace Episcopal Church
385 Essex Street, Salem MA
www.gracechurchsalem.org
fundraising@gracechurchsalem.org

If you would like to participate, please complete a Donation Sign-Up Form. Forms are available:

- As an *online fillable form* and as a *downloadable PDF* found on the home page of our website gracechurchsalem.org
- As printed copies located at the back of the church

We would like to have all donations by **May 9th** to allow us time to sort, repot and buy supplemental plants as needed for the sale.

We would also like to have volunteers to help with set up, break down and sales on May 16th. Financial contributions towards the fundraiser are also appreciated. Please contact one of us or send an email at fundraising@gracechurchsalem.org if you are able to volunteer and we will sign you up.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to the committee for more information about making donations, how to contribute, or with any other questions you may have.

Thank you for your support.

- Peggy, Melissa, and Joanne

2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal

Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts



Dear Beloved Friends in the Diocese of Massachusetts,

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! The Fourth Sunday of Easter is affectionately known as Good Shepherd Sunday, and this year, our Gospel for that day reminds us that Jesus said, "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." That is what shepherds do — they guide, support, and walk alongside their flock so that God's people may live abundant lives.

As bishop, I am reminded of my call to serve as shepherd every time I carry the crozier and walk among you in your congregations. Through your faithful witness and ministries, you remind me again and again of the power of our faith in Christ to transform our lives and the communities in which we live.

During this Easter season, I invite you to support the Bishop's Annual Appeal, which this year highlights key ways we support shepherds, lay and ordained alike, who are strengthening congregational vitality throughout our diocese.

Your generosity helps strengthen congregations and ministries across our diocese. For example, diocesan support is helping to nurture collaborative Latino ministry between Trinity/Trinidad in Haverhill and St. Anne's/Sta. Ana in Lowell, strengthening bilingual worship and outreach in their communities. Through the work of our regional canons, we are offering innovative resources for congregations to discern pathways to vitality. Congregations such as St. John's in Sandwich are growing through tools like Invite, Welcome, Connect. Diverse clergy mutual support groups are serving a wide variety of communities. All of these ministries bind us together as one church, as the collective body of Christ.

Lay leaders are also essential shepherds in the life of our diocese. Through initiatives such as the Finance Forums and new wardens' gatherings, we are equipping parish leaders with tools, resources, and connections that strengthen the ministries of local congregations. We are creating a new lay preaching certification program that will help support the development of prophetic voices among our laity.

And perhaps most important of all — our newest shepherds. One of the great strengths of our diocese is that we continue to raise up talented people for ordained ministry — we have 39 people in the ordination process! Yet fewer congregations are able to support clergy in the early years of ministry. Through the Strategic Curacies Initiative, we are investing in the formation of newly ordained priests so that they can grow into wise and faithful leaders for Christ's Church.

In this season of resurrection and renewal, I ask: will you support the growth of our shared ministry by donating to the Bishop's Annual Appeal? Your Easter gift will help ensure the Church continues to raise up faithful shepherds and vibrant congregations for generations to come.

Together we are already doing important work — and with your help we can do even more to nurture leaders and care for Christ's flock.

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Faithfully,

The Rt. Rev. Julia E. Whitworth
Bishop Diocesan

*"I am the good shepherd.
The good shepherd lays
down his life for the sheep."
John 10:11*



Our New Shepherds

Our newly ordained: Revs. Jocelyn Collen, Mary Curlew, Eva Dalzell, Julia Matallana-Freedman, and Aidan Stoddart!



Our Lay Shepherds



Our Prophetic Shepherds

In March, our cathedral partnered with Episcopal City Mission to host a morning of prayer and preparation before demonstrations on the Boston Common.



Our Retiring Shepherds

Father Edgar from St. Lucas Chelsea.



Our Regional Shepherds

The Rev. Canon Kelly A. O'Connell
Regional Canon for the Southern Region

The Rev. Canon Gregory G. Perez
Regional Canon for the Northern & Western Region

The Rev. Canon Marissa S. Rohrbach
Regional Canon for the Central Region



Our Future Shepherds

In the Diocese of Massachusetts, we are building the church of the future – and maybe even some bishops of the future!



Our Shepherds of Hope

Voices of Hope, at the Bishop Alan Gates African Episcopal Mission Center, was a day full of music, strong community spirit, and meaningful connections.



Our Sainly Shepherds

People from across our diocese joined the John Burgess Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians to celebrate the Feast of Absalom Jones and Barbara C. Harris at our cathedral.



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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.

— Grace Episcopal Church —

A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

The Most Reverend Sean Rowe	<i>Presiding Bishop</i>
The Right Reverend Julia Whitworth	<i>Bishop Diocesan</i>
The Reverend Sarah A. Conner	<i>Interim Priest</i>
The Reverend E. Clifford Cutler	<i>Assisting Clergy</i>
The Reverend Manny Faria	<i>Assisting Clergy</i>
Mark N. Peterson	<i>Music Director</i>
Tom and Karen Tucker	<i>Property Stewards</i>
Jenny Connors	<i>Parish Administrator</i>

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Lisa Duffy	<i>Junior Warden</i>
Joanna Troy	<i>Clerk</i>
Katie Scott	<i>Treasurer</i>
Javy Awan, Kai Freyleue, Susan Tweed, Caroline Watson-Felt, Holly Willis	<i>Members of Vestry</i>