

The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday



24 May 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

Nun bitten wir den Heiligen Geist

Dietrich Buxtehude

Opening Hymn

Holy Spirit, ever living

The Hymnal 1982, #511

Abbot's Leigh

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Trisagion

Holy God, Holy and Mighty

The Hymnal 1982, S101

John Rutter

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Collect for Heroic Service

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Word of God

The Lessons *(The people sit)*

The First Lesson

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a

tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: `In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

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

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Samuel Sabastian Wesley



- 25 O LORD, how ¹manifold ¹are ¹your ¹works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the ¹earth is ¹full of your ¹creatures.
- 26 Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its ¹living things too ¹many to ¹number, *
— ¹creatures both ¹small and ¹great.
- 27 There move the ships,
and there is ¹that Le¹viathan, *
which ¹you have ¹made for ¹the ¹sport of it.
- 28 All of them ¹look to ¹you *
to give them their ¹food in ¹düe ¹season.
- 29 You give it to ¹them; they ¹gather it; *
you open your hand, and ¹they are ¹filled with ¹good things.
- 30 You hide your face, and ¹they are ¹terrified; *
you take away ¹their ¹breath,
and they ¹die and re¹turn to their ¹dust.
- †31 You send forth your Spirit, and ¹they are ¹cre¹ated; *
and so you re¹new the ¹face of the ¹earth.
- 32 May the glory of the LORD en¹dure for ¹ever; *
may the LORD re¹joice in ¹all his ¹works.
- 33 He looks at the ¹earth and it ¹trembles; *
he touches the ¹mountains ¹and they ¹smoke.
- 34 I will sing to the LORD as ¹long as I ¹live; *
I will praise my ¹God while I ¹have my ¹being.
- 35 May these words of ¹mine ¹please him; *
I will re¹joice ¹in the ¹LORD.
- 37 Bless the LORD, ¹O my ¹soul. *
— ¹Halle¹lü¹jah!

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free-- and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

Wonder, Love, and Praise, #742

Loving Spirit

Omni die

The Gospel

John 20:19-23

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. 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

Hilary Tadman-Robins

Come Down, O Love Divine

*Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;*

*O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.*

*O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.*

*And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till Love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.*

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| The Hymn at the Presentation O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God | <i>The Hymnal 1982, #505</i> <i>O heiliger Geist</i> |
| The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B | <i>BCP, page 367</i> |
| Sanctus Holy, holy, holy | <i>The Hymnal 1982, S114</i> <i>Healey Willan</i> |
| The Lord's Prayer | <i>BCP, page 364</i> |
| The Fraction Anthem | <i>The Hymnal 1982, S158</i> <i>Healey Willan</i> |
| Communion <i>All present are invited to reverently receive the Holy Sacrament</i> | |
| Hymn at Communion Breathe on me, Breath of God | <i>The Hymnal 1982, #508</i> <i>Nova Vita</i> |
| Postcommunion Prayer | <i>BCP, page 365</i> |
| Postcommunion Hymn Hail this joyful day's return | <i>The Hymnal 1982, #224</i> <i>Sonne der Gerechtigkeit</i> |
| Blessing and Dismissal | |
| Postlude Sonne der Gerechtigkeit | <i>Ernst Pepping</i> |

— Worship Leaders —

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| The Rev. Sarah A. Conner | <i>Presider and Preacher</i> |
| Joanne Moar | <i>Verger</i> |
| Gavin Watson-Bertrand | <i>Acolyte</i> |
| Deb Papps | <i>Lector</i> |
| Joanne Moar | <i>Chalicer</i> |
| Peggy Carter & Megan Salamida | <i>Ushers</i> |

Our Prayers are offered for

Jim Ayers, Mary Brown, Robert Borden, Linda Abbene, Deven Manthorne, Margarete Connor, 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 getting 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!

Visit onrealm.org to access our church directory, give online, and stay informed about upcoming events. Scan the QR code to get started today!





Thank you to everyone who participated in the Plant Sale, whether by donating plants or funds, helping with the event, or buying plants (or all three!!). The sale was our most successful sale ever and was a wonderful, fun community event. We couldn't have done it without you.



~ The Fundraising Committee

UPCOMING — — Events

TODAY!

Pentecost Potluck This Sunday



This Sunday is the Feast of Pentecost, when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit – sometimes known as “the birthday of the Church.” It’s customary to wear red on that day, to recall that passage from the Book of Acts: “divided tongues, as of fire, rested on each of the apostles,” filling them with the Holy Spirit.

***We’re also having a parish potluck
after the 10:00 a.m. service!***

Bring something red to share:
strawberries, red potato salad, red jello –
whatever suits you.



On Saturday, May 30th at 10:30 am

Kourtni Patten

**will be ordained
to the transitional diaconate
at Cathedral Church of St. Paul
in Boston.**

**For Kourtni, this is the culmination of years of
discernment, preparation, and prayer.
Everyone is invited to attend her ordination as she
continues growing into the ministry to
which God has called her.**

**On Sunday, May 31st, we will have the joy of
welcoming Kourtni to serve as a deacon that day at
Grace, her sponsoring parish.**

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 Retiring Shepherds

Father Edgar from St. Lucas Chelsea.



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 Lay Shepherds



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 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 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 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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— Grace Episcopal Church —

A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

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The Reverend Sarah A. Conner

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