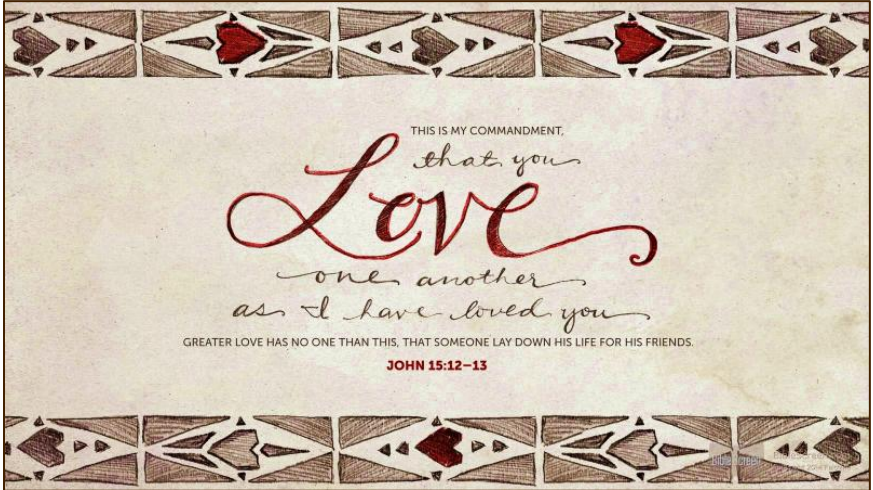


The Sixth Sunday of Easter



10 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

An Wasserflüssen Babylon

Johann Sebastian Bach

Opening Hymn

Come down, O Love divine

The Hymnal 1982, #516

Down Ampney

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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

The Lessons *(The people sit)*

The First Lesson

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and

perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’ Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

Psalm 66:7-18

Charles Villiers Stanford



- 7 Bless our¹ God, you¹ peoples; *
 make the¹ voice of his¹ praise to be¹ heard;
- 8 Who holds our¹ souls in¹ life, *
 and will not al¹low our¹ feet to¹ slip.
- 9 For you, O¹ God, have¹ proved us; *
 you have tried us¹ just as¹ silver is¹ tried.
- 10 You brought us¹ into¹ the¹ snare; *
 you laid heavy¹ burdens up¹ on our¹ backs.
- †11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
 we went through¹ fire and¹ water; *
 but you brought us out¹ into¹ a¹ place of re¹freshment.
- 12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
 and will¹ pay you my¹ vows, *
 which I promised with my lips
 and spoke with my¹ mouth when I¹ was in¹ trouble.

- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
with the smoke of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.
- 16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;
- 17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.
- †18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who

has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

The Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, #205

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Gelobt sei Gott

The Gospel

John 14:15-21

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Canon Greg Perez

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

David Willcocks

Love divine, all loves excelling

The text for this morning's choir anthem can be found in the Hymnal #657

The Hymn at the Presentation

The Hymnal 1982, #302

Father, we thank thee who hast planted

Rendez à Dieu

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, page 367

Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982, S128

Holy, holy, holy

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

Wonder, Love, and Praise, #812

I, the Lord of sea and sky

Here I Am, Lord

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP, page 365

Postcommunion Hymn

Wonder, Love, and Praise, #780

Lord, you give the great commission

Abbot's Leigh

Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude

Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten

Johann Sebastian Bach

— Worship Leaders —

The Rev. Canon Greg Perez
Joanne Moar
Gavin Watson-Bertrand
Jim Harrison
Joanne Moar
Jason Barnes & Peggy Carter

Presider and Preacher
Verger
Acolyte
Lector
Chalicer
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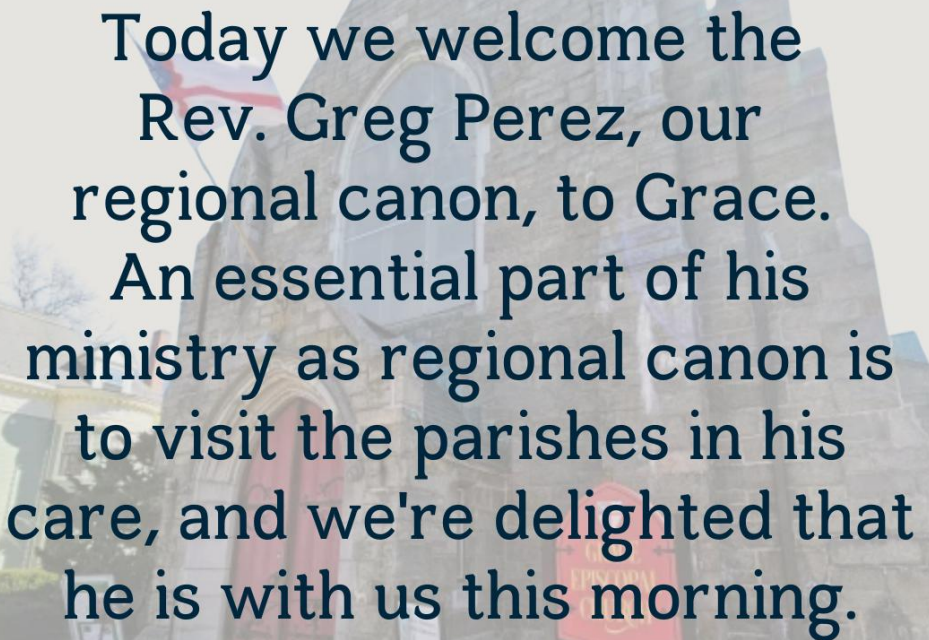
Our Prayers are offered for

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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Today we welcome the
Rev. Greg Perez, our
regional canon, to Grace.
An essential part of his
ministry as regional canon is
to visit the parishes in his
care, and we're delighted that
he is with us this morning.



Join our RealM Online Community!

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!





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



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www.gracechurchsalem.org
fundraising@gracechurchsalem.org




We would 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



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 Colten, 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

The Most Reverend Sean Rowe

The Right Reverend Julia Whitworth

The Reverend Sarah A. Conner

The Reverend E. Clifford Cutler

The Reverend Manny Faria

Mark N. Peterson

Tom and Karen Tucker

Jenny Connors

Presiding Bishop

Bishop Diocesan

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