

The Sixth Sunday of Easter



5 May 2024

Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II
With the Birthday Prayer: 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 located 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 communion, 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 **gluten free**.

The priest, Debbie, is available after the service to answer any questions you might have. Please let her know your thoughts about today's service.

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 in our journey.

The Opening Rite

Opening Voluntary Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ J. S. Bach

The Hymn at the Procession *The Hymnal 1982, #348*
Lord, we have come at your own invitation *O quanta qualia*

Opening Acclamation *The Book of Common Prayer, page 355*

Song of Praise *The Hymnal 1982, S 266*
A Song to the Lamb Calvin Hampton

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 the Lord

The Lessons *The people sit.*

The First Lesson **Acts 10:44-48**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
— and the peoples with equity.

The Second Lesson

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for

whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth..

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, #706

In your mercy, Lord, you called me

Halton Holgate

The Gospel

John 15:9-17

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Deborah Phillips

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People: Form II

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The Birthday Prayer

Those celebrating birthdays this month are invited to come forward.

Said by all

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 lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Anthem at the Offering

Peter Nardone

I give to you a new commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you. Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsulemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. [Where charity is true, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be glad in him. Let us fear and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another.] Amen.

The Hymn at the Presentation

The Hymnal 1982, #700

O love that casts out fear

Moseley

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982, S 127

Calvin Hampton

The Lord's Prayer

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At the Fraction

The Hymnal 1982, S 152

Mason Martens

All present are invited to reverently receive the Holy Sacrament.

Hymn at the Communion

The Hymnal 1982, #178

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord

Alleluia No. 1

Postcommunion Prayer

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Post Communion Hymn
God of grace and God of glory

The Hymnal 1982, #594
Cwm Rhondda

Blessing

Dismissal

Voluntary Postlude in G Major

G. F Handel

— Worship Leaders —

The Reverend Deborah Phillips
Mark N. Peterson
Joanne Moar
Gavin Watson-Betrand
Eric Wagner
Joanne Moar
Barbara Layne, Faith Aroko

Presider and Preacher
Organist and Choir Director
Verger
Acolyte
Lector
Chalicer
Ushers

Our Prayers are offered for

For the Diocese of Massachusetts as we search for our next Bishop Diocesan, 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 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 Fundraising Committee 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.

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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:** 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:** 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:** 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:** **Plant Sale 9:00—12:00 pm**
- Sunday:** **Young and Restless at 9:00 am**
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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*

**SATURDAY MAY 11th
9 - 12
GRACE CHURCH SALEM
385 ESSEX STREET**

Bishop Candidates' Meet and Greets

The Transition Committee, of which our own Kourtnei 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.

A Prayer for the Bishop Election

Loving and Living God, as we seek a bishop for the Diocese of Massachusetts, we also seek you. Help us to listen deeply as you speak through the people of our diocese; through our parishes, missions, ministries and institutions; through our neighborhoods, towns and cities; through our past and our present; through word and sacrament.

When we are distracted by other voices, other tasks, other pressures, call us back to you. Give us courage, vision and an ability to see past the surface of things. May we be patient and compassionate, trusting always in your mercy and goodness to us and to all that you have made.

We pray this in the name of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, one God.
Amen.

Next Sunday: Ascension Sunday

Forty days after Easter, our tradition tells us that the risen Christ gathered his followers to the Mount of Olives and while giving instructions as to the preparation for Pentecost and the great commissioning, he ascends into the heavens in their sight. Many in the Episcopal Church observe this Holy Day on the following Sunday, as will we.

During the Young and the Restless Chapel service, Debbie will tell this story and then sing “Up! Goes Lord Jesus” (apologetically to “Pop goes the weasel”).

During our 10:00 am service, we will consider what it might mean to us that Jesus took humanity with him as he was glorified.

At the 4:00 pm service, we will hear a meditation on the Ascension. We will also observe Thurgood Marshall’s Feast Day.



The Ascension edicule on the Mt. of Olives

— Grace Episcopal Church —

A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry
The Right Reverend Alan M. Gates
The Right Reverend Carol Gallagher
The Reverend Deborah A. Phillips
The Reverend E. Clifford Cutler
The Reverend Manny Faria
The Reverend Ann Perrott
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Tom and Karen Tucker

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Assisting Clergy
Assisting Clergy
Music Director
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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.