

# The Sixth Sunday of Easter



25 May 2025

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 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 indicting) 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](http://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.

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## Holy Eucharist: Rite II

10:00 AM

### The Opening Rite

**Opening Voluntary**    Arioso

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 16:9-15**

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 67**

**Charles Villiers Stanford**



1 May God be merciful to<sup>1</sup>us and<sup>1</sup>bless us, \*  
show us the light of his<sup>1</sup>counte<sup>1</sup>nance and<sup>1</sup>come to us.

2 Let your ways be<sup>1</sup>known<sup>1</sup> upon<sup>1</sup>earth, \*  
your saving<sup>1</sup>health a<sup>1</sup>mong all<sup>1</sup>nations.

3 Let the peoples<sup>1</sup>praise<sup>1</sup> you, O<sup>1</sup>God; \*  
let<sup>1</sup>all the<sup>1</sup>peoples<sup>1</sup>praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and<sup>1</sup>sing for<sup>1</sup>joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the<sup>1</sup>nations<sup>1</sup>upon<sup>1</sup>earth.

5 Let the peoples<sup>1</sup>praise<sup>1</sup> you, O<sup>1</sup>God; \*  
let<sup>1</sup>all the<sup>1</sup>peoples<sup>1</sup>praise you.

6 The earth has brought<sup>1</sup>forth her<sup>1</sup>increase; \*  
may God, our<sup>1</sup>own God,<sup>1</sup>give us his<sup>1</sup>blessing.

†7 May God<sup>1</sup>give us his<sup>1</sup>blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the<sup>1</sup>ea<sup>1</sup>rth<sup>1</sup>stand in<sup>1</sup>awe of him.

**The Second Lesson**

**Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5**

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day-- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the

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Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

### **The Sequence Hymn**

Lord of all hopefulness

*The Hymnal 1982, #482*

*Slane*

### **The Gospel**

**John 14:23-29**

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

*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 Peace

## The Holy Communion

### Anthem at the Offering

Arlen Clarke

*O Jesus, my Savior, my song in the night, come to us with thy tender love, my soul's delight. Unto thee, O Lord, in affliction I call, my comfort by day, my Song in the Night. O why should I wander a stranger from thee, or cry in the desert thy face to see?*

### The Hymn at the Presentation

*The Hymnal 1982, #475*

God himself is with us

*Tysk*

### The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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### Sanctus

*The Hymnal 1982, S 127*

Calvin Hampton

### The Lord's Prayer

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### The Fraction

*All present are invited to reverently receive the Holy Sacrament.*

### Hymn at the Communion

*The Hymnal 1982, #178*

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks

*Alleluia No. 1*

### Postcommunion Prayer

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### Post Communion Hymn

*The Hymnal 1982, #594*

God of grace and God of glory

*Cwm Rhondda*

### Blessing and Dismissal

### Voluntary Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell

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## — Worship Leaders —

The Reverend Deborah Phillips  
Mark N. Peterson  
Joanne Moar  
Gavin Watson-Betrand  
Maureen Bingham  
Joanne Moar  
Tom and Karen Tucker

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

### **Our Prayers are offered for**

Reny Sparapani, Gary Young, Amy, Paul, Chuck Brown, Heather and Prescott, Ariana, Sheridan, Javy, Faith Aroko and Family, Jesse Hurst and Family, Neal and Maureen Joyce, Arthur, Deb Young, Cindy Rhodes, Ron, Gerald Tucker, Allison Mascolo, Eric Wagner, Melissa Glassman, Max Joyce, Marc Britt, those battling cancer, Mel, Corey MacNeil, Dianne, Michael Towey, Jenny, Loretta and Kris, Priscilla Lemons, Deb Papps, Derek Fuller and Family, 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 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 [prayer-list@gracechurchsalem.org](mailto:prayer-list@gracechurchsalem.org) by Tuesday at noon for publication in that week's e-news.

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**To celebrate Pentecost, we  
will have a “RED” potluck**

**June 8**  
**after the 10:00 am service**





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**All children are spiritual.  
All children are musical too.**



**Sunday 9 June  
9:00 am**

for young children (from birth on)  
their parents and those who are  
young at heart  
to sing and share communion.



**This month, we will hear the  
Ascension and Pentecost Stories  
as we sing songs about the wind and fire,  
and play our instruments**

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**All people of any denomination are welcome!**

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Pride Events at Grace Church



# Pride Month Events



## Pride Service

June 1 at 10:00 am

Let us give thanks for the uniqueness and  
diversity among us and  
recommit to our work for LGBTQ+ rights

## Pride Parade

June 28

Come march as Grace Church to celebrate  
LGBTQ+ Pride

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**Debbie's Last Sunday**

As Debbie announced in a letter in February, she will be retiring from Grace Church on July 1st after almost 28 years as our Rector. We ask that you save the date of June 22nd for her final Sunday with us. This is the only service on this day. More details are to follow.

*You are invited to a Celebration  
Of Debbie's Retirement  
On June 22*

*Choral Holy Eucharist at 4:00 pm*

*Party at 5:30 pm*

*Grace Episcopal Church*

*385 Essex Street*

*Salem, Massachusetts*

*R.S.V.P. by June 10 to*

*[ryan.l.patten@gmail.com](mailto:ryan.l.patten@gmail.com)*

## — Grace Episcopal Church —

*A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts*

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The Right Reverend Julia Whitworth  
The Reverend Deborah A. Phillips  
The Reverend E. Clifford Cutler  
The Reverend Manny Faria  
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*Assisting Clergy*  
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### — Vestry —

Ryan Patten  
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Joanne Moar, Susan Tweed, Holly Willis

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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.*