



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



HOLY EUCHARIST

May 5, 2024 | 10:30am

Your presence is a blessing to us!

A carpeted area for children with books and comfortable seating is located in the front by the font.

(Please silence all electronic devices during the service.)

PRELUDE

Mélodie, Op. 42, No. 3

Pyotr Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

Please stand as you are able and join in singing the opening hymn.

OPENING HYMN 412

“Earth and All Stars”



1	Earth and all stars,	loud rush - ing	plan - ets,	sing to the
2	Hail, wind, and rain,	loud blow - ing	snow - storms,	sing to the
3	Trum - pet and pipes,	loud clash - ing	cym - bals,	sing to the
4	En - gines and steel,	loud pound - ing	ham - mers,	sing to the
5	Class - rooms and labs,	loud boil - ing	test - tubes,	sing to the
6	Know - ledge and truth,	loud sound - ing	wis - dom,	sing to the



1	Lord _____	a new song!	O vic - to - ry,
2	Lord _____	a new song!	Flow - ers and trees,
3	Lord _____	a new song!	Harp, lute, and lyre,
4	Lord _____	a new song!	Lime - stone and beams,
5	Lord _____	a new song!	Ath - lete and band,
6	Lord _____	a new song!	Daugh - ter and son,



1	loud shout - ing	ar - my,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
2	loud rus - tling	dry leaves,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
3	loud hum - ming	cel - los,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
4	loud build - ing	work - ers,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
5	loud cheer - ing	peo - ple,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!
6	loud pray - ing	mem - bers,	sing to the	Lord _____	a new song!



He hath done mar - vel - ous things.



I, too, will praise him with a new song!

THE WORD OF GOD

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please join in singing the hymn.

GLORIA S277

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God,
hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.**

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:44-48

Carol McNally

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Please join the choir in singing the antiphon.

PSALM 98

“Cantate Domino”

Antiphon



All the ends of the earth have seen the vic - to - ry of our God,



hal - le - lu - jah.

Chant Tone



Verses

- 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 him/self the victory. [Ant.]
- 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. [Ant.]
- 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. [Ant.]
- 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. [Ant.]

9 Let the rivers clá'p their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he / comes to jú'dge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he jú'dge the world *
and the peo/ples with équity. [Ant.]

SECOND LESSON

1 John 5:1-6

José Estabil

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able and join in singing the hymn.

GOSPEL HYMN 577

“God is Love and Where True Love Is”

Refrain



God is love, and where true love is God him - self is there.



1 Here in Christ we gath - er, love of Christ our call - ing.
2 When we Chris - tians gath - er, mem - bers of one Bo - dy,
3 Grant us love's ful - fill - ment, joy with all the bless - ed,



Christ, our love, is with us, glad - ness be his greet - ing.
let there be in us no dis - cord but one spi - rit.
when we see your face, O Sa - vior, in its glo - ry.



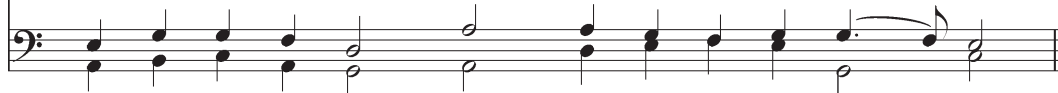
Let us fear and love him, ho - ly God e - ter - nal.
Ban - ished now be an - ger, strife and ev - ery quar - rel.
Shine on us, O pur - est Light of all cre - a - tion,



Repeat Refrain



Lov - ing him, let each love Christ in one an - oth - er.
Christ, our God, be al - ways pres - ent here a - mong us.
be our bliss while end - less a - ges sing your prais - es.



The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. Tammy Hobbs Miracky

A period of silence is observed.

Please stand as you are able and join in affirming our faith.

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation**

he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Form VI, BCP, pg. 392

Lisa Tieszen

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Alan and Carol, our Bishops; and in our Grace Cycle of Thanksgiving, we give thanks for our Treasurer, Susan Keefe, who uses her

financial knowledge and keen eye for detail to help our parish store up our treasure in heaven, while sticking to our budget on earth!

For all who serve God in the Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those on our parish prayer list.

The people may add their own petitions, silently or out loud.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The people may add their own thanksgivings, silently or out loud.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The people may add their own petitions, silently or out loud.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

PRESIDER'S COLLECT

Holy One, open our hearts to your presence around us and among us and within each of us, until your glory is revealed in our love of both friend and enemy, in communities transformed by justice and compassion, and in the healing of all that is broken. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

Please greet those around you, mindful that some may prefer a wave to a handshake or a hug.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "See the Land Her Easter Keeping" Alice Jordan (1916-2012)

Please stand and join in singing the hymn.

OFFERTORY HYMN H 380

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ all creatures here below.

Praise Holy Spirit, evermore. Praise triune God, whom we adore.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer D, (Expansive Language Version)

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing:

Please join in singing the sanctus.

SANCTUS SI 25

Proulx



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name. Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Please join in singing the fraction hymn.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

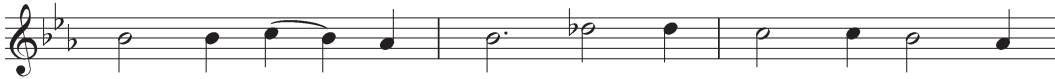
All are welcome to receive communion at Grace Church. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of the bread or wine, cross your arms over your chest. To receive the bread, hold out your hands. You may receive the wine from the chalice (large cup) by helping the server guide it to your lips, or by intincting (dipping) the wafer in the small cup. Children are welcome to receive communion at the discretion of their parents, or to receive a blessing from the priest. Please have your children hold out their hands if they wish to receive the bread. If you would like communion brought to you, please advise the greeter or usher.

COMMUNION HYMN 487

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life”



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
 2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
 3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
 light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
 joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
 length; such a strength as makes _____ his guest.
 part; such a heart as joys _____ in love.

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated for announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN 379

“God is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him”



1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in
 3 God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all



earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun-
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.
 self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.
 Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Introduction, Fughetta, and Hymn on “St. Thomas” James Pethel (b. 1936)

*The altar flowers are given today with love by Carol Kirtz in memory of her parents,
William and Doris McCune.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Tammy Hobbs Miracky

Organist: William C. Parks

Acolytes: Julian Boas, David Farwell, Emily Farwell

Lector: Carol McNally, José Estabil

Intercessor: Lisa Tieszen

Altar Guild: Jenny Rosse, Sarah Stepita

Bell Ringer: José Estabil

Counters/Closers: Leslie Lockhart, Lisa Tieszen

Greeters/Ushers: Larry Bauer, José Estabil

GRACE PARISH LEADERSHIP

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Clerk: Don Ferree

Treasurer: Susan Keefe

Vestry Members: Taylor Boas, Sallie Dunning, Jennifer Lent, Leslie Lockhart,

Jenny Rosser, Meg Silver, Mary Swezy, Lisa Tieszen

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TODAY AT GRACE

- **11:30am Coffee Hour**
- **11:45am Social Action Committee Meeting**

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GRACE

- **Memorial Service for Donald Kennedy:** May 11th at 1:00pm
- **Seventh Sunday of Easter:** May 12th at 10:30am
- **Pentecost Sunday | Choir Appreciation:** May 19th at 10:30am
- **Vestry Meeting:** May 22nd at 6:30pm
- **Grace Men's Breakfast:** May 25th at 8:00am
- **Trinity Sunday:** May 26th at 10:30am
- **Godly Play | Church School:** June 2nd at 9:30am
- **Second Sunday After Pentecost:** June 2nd at 10:30am
- **Confirmation:** June 2nd at 11:30am

ONGOING EVENTS AT GRACE

- **Centering Prayer Group:** Wednesdays at 6:45pm on Zoom. For information, please contact Mary Malagodi (marymalagodi@aol.com).
- **Grace Choir:** Rehearsal on Thursdays at 7:00-8:30pm and Sundays at 8:30-9:15am.
- **Grace Discussion Group:** Sundays at 9:30-10:15am in the Small Hall.

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR

Those celebrating birthdays: Guilianna Olsen, Christopher Vanderwarker, Harold (Hal) Lockart, Alden Heywood, Claire Dunning, Jim Volcker, Charlie Dill, Brad Davenport

Grace Cycle of Thanksgiving: Treasurer

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Churches of the Concord River Deanery:* St. Anne's in-the-Fields Church, Lincoln; St. Paul's Church in Natick; Trinity Chapel, Shirley; St. Mark's Church, Southborough; Congregations: Acolytes

Those in need of healing: Dylan Angell, Billy DeFlavio, Richie Flaming, Jean Kennedy, Carol Leach, Leslie Lockhart, Dianne Mahany, Jo McGrade, Steve McGrade, Carol McNally, Carol Robinson, Alice Sapienza, Marilyn Ruston-Stearns, Carolyn Sprich, Lisa Tieszen

Those who have died: Carl Lemke-Sacks

*You may add (or remove) a loved one to the prayer list by using the link found in Grace Today.
Note: If you would like to renew a prayer request, please email Sé. Names will be removed after three months.*