



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



HOLY EUCHARIST

April 21, 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 "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" arr. H.S. Livingston (1945-2014)

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

OPENING HYMN 493 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heaven.

THE WORD OF GOD

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

PASCHA NOSTRUM

Sine Nomine



1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now Christ is raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:



There - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast; for -
death has no more do - min - ion o - ver him; Through
though Ad - am's sin had doomed all flesh to die, in



sak - ing sin, we share the bread of truth. Al -
him we die to sin and live to God. Al -
Christ's new life shall all be made a - live. Al -



le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

God be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:5-12

Marian Bruins

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

Thanks be to God.

The psalm will be read responsively alternating by whole verse.

PSALM 23

"Dominus regit me"

1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

**2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.**

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

**4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

**6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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Thanks be to God.

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

GOSPEL HYMN 334

“Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing”

1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -

vo - tion voic - ing; glo - ry be to God on high!
one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
lert and liv - ing in your Spi - rit, strong and free.

Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this Eu - cha -
by your Blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your Bo - dy,
Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in

rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
ev - ery na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - lowers be.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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

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Jay Burke

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 the members of Social Action Committee, who lead our parish in pursuing justice and in honoring the dignity of every human being and the integrity of creation.

For all who serve God in the Church.

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

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.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

PRESIDER'S COLLECT

Open our hearts to your power moving around us and between us and within 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

“Easter Anthem”

William Billings (1746-1800)

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 III, Enriching Our Worship

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.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Please join in singing the Sanctus.

SANCTUS SI 28

Matthias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us. We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for 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.**

Please join in singing the Fraction Hymn.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD S 165

Lamb of God

Matthias

Je - sus, Lamb of God: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: Have mer - cy
on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world: Give us your peace.

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 343

“Shepherd of Souls”

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy
pil - grim flock with man - na in the
word of grace, in strength of which we
then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Enriching Our Worship

Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior.
Amen.

Please be seated for announcements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

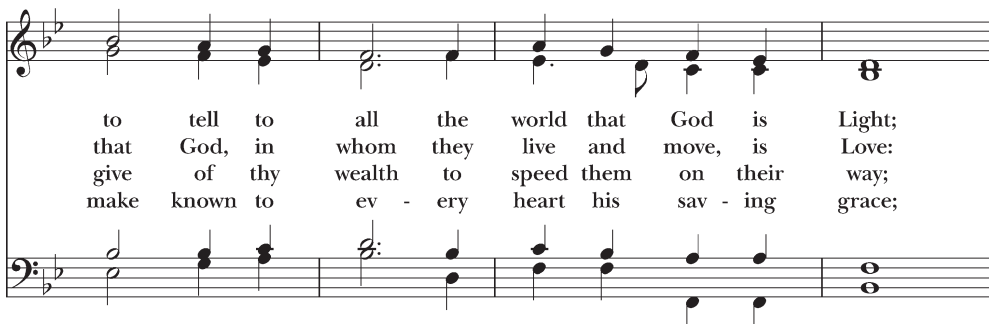
BLESSING

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with new life;
 and the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit be with you now and remain
 with you always. **Amen.**

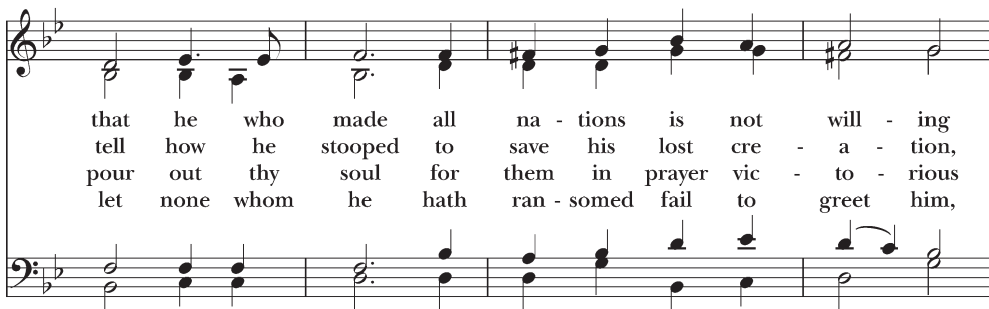
“O Zion, Haste”



O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
 Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;
 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere thou meet him,



to tell to all the world that God is Light;
 that God, in whom they live and move, is Love:
 give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
 make known to ev - ery heart his sav - ing grace;



that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,
 pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious
 let none whom he hath ran - somed fail to greet him,



one soul should fail to know his love and might.
 and died on earth that all might live a - bove.
 till God shall bring his king - dom's joy - ful day.
 through thy ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain

Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,
 ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Postlude in Ab

Charles Joseph Frost (1848-1918)

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Celebrant and Preacher: The Rev. Tammy Hobbs Miracky

Organist: William C. Parks

Acolytes: Natalia Richardson, Victoria Richardson, Brynleigh Tisdale, Maddie Tisdale

Lector: Marian Bruins, George Cooper

Intercessor: Jay Burke

Altar Guild: Martha Bauer, Nancy O'Brien

Bell Ringer: Jennifer Mendelsohn

Counters/Closers: Don Ferree, Jenn Lent

Greeters/Ushers: Larry Bauer, Bill Bruins

TODAY AT GRACE

- **11:30am Coffee Hour**
- **11:30am Confirmation Class**
- **11:45am Welcome Committee Meeting**
- **5:00pm Grace Book Group | Zoom**

UPCOMING EVENTS AT GRACE

- **Vestry Meeting:** April 24th at 6:30pm
- **Godly Play | Church School:** April 28th at 9:30am
- **Fifth Sunday of Easter | Priest-in-Charge Celebration:** April 28th at 10:30am
- **Festive Coffee Hour:** April 28th at 11:30am
- **Worship Advisory Meeting:** May 1st at 5:30pm on Zoom
- **Confirmation:** May 4th at 10:30am at *All Saints Parish, Belmont*
- **Godly Play | Church School:** May 5th at 9:30am
- **Sixth Sunday of Easter:** May 5th at 10:30am
- **Memorial Service for Donald Kennedy:** May 11th at 1:00pm
- **Seventh Sunday of Easter:** May 12th at 10:30am

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. **April 28th:** “Priest-in-Charge Discernment Process” with The Rev. Canon Greg Perez

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR

Those celebrating birthdays: Connie Conn, Linnea Shannon, Will Shannon, Oliver Malagodi

Grace Cycle of Thanksgiving: Social Action Committee

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: *Churches of the Concord River Deanery:* Church of the Good Shepherd, Acton; St. Andrew's Church, Ayer; Trinity Church, Concord; St. Andrew's Church, Framingham; Margaret Coffin Prayer Book Society

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

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.