

The Second Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist, Rite II



Sunday, April 11, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Grace Episcopal Church
Silver Spring, MD 20910

PRELUDE • *Alleluias on Christ ist erstanden and Victory*, Robert Lau

WELCOME BY THE CLERGY

HYMN • *That Easter day with joy was bright!*

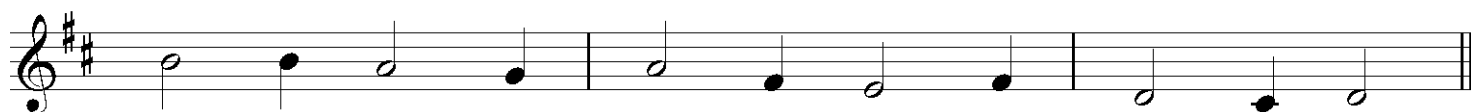
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1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the
2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his
3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do
4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in
5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing
2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn
3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee
4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon
5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther



1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.
3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.
4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.
5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY *Said together.*

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.

THE GLORIA *Sewanee Service*

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One.
you alone are the Lord.
you alone are most high
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON • Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133 *Ecce, quam bonum! Sung by the choir.*

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON • 1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight;
 2. We may not touch His hands and side,
 3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief;
 4. That, when our life of faith is done;

1. no gra - cious words we hear from Him who
 2. nor fol - low where He trod; but in His
 3. and may our faith a - bound, to call on
 4. in realms of clear - er light, we may be -

1. spoke as none e'er spoke; but we be -
 2. prom - ise we re - joice, and cry, "My
 3. you when you are near, and seek where
 4. hold you as you are, with full and

1., 2., 3. | 4.
 1. lieve Him near.
 2. Lord and God!"
 3. you are found.
 4. end - less sight.

THE HOLY GOSPEL • JOHN 20:19-31

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE REV. ELIZA DAVIES, *Seminarian*

THE 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Please remain standing.*

In the Paschal mystery, God established the new covenant of reconciliation. In thanksgiving for our baptismal fellowship, let us offer our prayers, responding to each petition by saying, "Hear us, O risen Christ."

Intercessor In thanksgiving for those whose generosity exceeds our understanding, and through whom the needs of others are satisfied; let us pray to the Lord.

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Intercessor In thanksgiving for those who seek peace throughout the world, and unity amongst the churches, that together we may lift the light that overcomes darkness, and the love that no weapon can destroy; let us pray to the Lord.

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Intercessor For the courage to acknowledge our sinful desires and actions, our pride and self-sufficiency, our worship of false gods; that in admitting our sins our hearts may be filled with mercy to forgive others; let us pray to the Lord.

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Intercessor For the leaders of the nations of the world, that they may touch the wounds of the most vulnerable in their midst and feel moved to attend to the needs of the poor, the malnourished, the abused, and the isolated; let us pray to the Lord.

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Intercessor That parents may be given the insight to make wise decisions for the life of their children, and be strengthened to share their faith from generation to generation; let us pray to the Lord.

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Intercessor For those for whom the Christ Light brings hope in the midst of persecution, imprisonment, despair, instability, or need especially Judy & family; Ruth & family; Belva; Denise; Louise & Michael; Wayne & family; Steve; Don; Roderick; Jim & family; Mária; the McFarlane family; Elfrida; Anne; Marti; Traci; Geri; Fay; Clyde; Helen; Elizabeth; Rachel; Carol; Noe; Bill; Alfred; Linda; Dan; Susan; David; Amy; Ben; Paul; Eva, Sylvia, and Chloe; and who joyfully praise God in the midst of their troubles, that we may learn from their faith; let us pray to the Lord.

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Intercessor For those who have died in the faith of Christ, especially Carolyn Holm Emmerson (mother of Katrina Emmerson Kugel), in whose memory we dedicate the altar flowers on this day; and Christopher Nembhard (nephew of Marlene McKetty Ekuban & Alfred Ekuban), that they may be welcomed into the place of eternal life; let us pray to the Lord.

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Intercessor For the special needs and concerns of this community. We pray for the Faridullah family, and all of our refugee ministry volunteers helping the Faridullahs adjust to life in the United States. We pray for our Muslim and Jewish brothers and sisters, that all children of Abraham may live together in peace and strive for the Kingdom of God. We pray for the men and women serving in the armed forces, especially those currently deployed, that they and their families may be sustained by grace. We pray for our Vestry, staff, lay leaders and Day School faculty and staff, that God may guide them in their work and ministry; let us pray to the Lord.

People **Hear us, O risen Christ.**

Intercessor Let us pray together for our Rector Search Committee and their process.

People O God, who has guided and sustained this parish in the past, we thank you for being our companion on our search for a new rector. Give us patience when the journey seems long, courage when the way seems uncertain, and humor when the way seems frustrating. Bless the Search Committee and the Vestry. Give to them and to the candidates they consider wisdom and discernment. And give us your grace, that we may be a community of love to support each other in this search. Amen.

With God's grace as our strength, let us be of one heart and soul as we continue our prayers.

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

Celebrant Rejoicing in the presence of the risen Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to you, O Lord, for you are the source of light and life. Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The Peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY



OFFERTORY ANTHEM • *O sons and daughters, let us sing*
Tune: *O filii et filiae*, Melody from *Airs sur les hymnes sacrez, odes et noels* (1623)

O sons and daughters, let us sing!
The King of Heaven, the glorious King
O'er death and hell rose triumphing,
Alleluia!

When Thomas first the tidings heard,
How they had seen the risen Lord,
He doubted the disciples' word,
Alleluia.

"My pierced side, O Thomas, see;
My hands, my feet, I show to thee,
Not faithless, but believing be,"
Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied,
He saw the feet, the hands, the side,
"Thou art my Lord and God," he cried;
Alleluia!

How blest are they who have not seen,
And yet whose faith has constant been,
For they eternal life shall win,
Alleluia!

PRESENTATION HYMN *Lasst uns Erfreuen* Sung by all.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise God all creatures here below,

Alleluia, Alleluia; praise God above ye heav'nly hosts; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS • *Sewanee Service.*

Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ 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 he 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People:

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we pray,

All 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

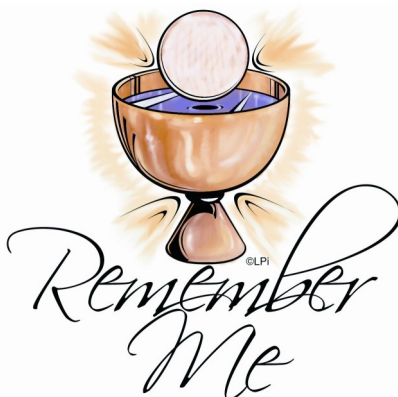
FRACTION ANTHEM • *Sewanee Service*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*At this time, if you collected communion elements from the church, we invite you to partake of them now.
Join us in sharing the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.*



COMMUNION ANTHEM • *Now the Green Blade Riseth*

French Carol: NOËL NOUVELET

Text by John Crum (1872-1958)

Musical setting by Simon Andrews

*Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain,
Wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

*In the grave they laid him, love whom men had slain,
Thinking that never he would wake again.
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green,*

*Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
He that for three days in the grave had lain.
Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

*When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
Thy touch can call us back to life again;
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.*

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *Please stand.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

THE BLESSING *Remain standing.*

The God of love, who raised Jesus Christ from the dead, strengthen you and inspire you to do his will, so that you share the joy of Easter with everyone you meet; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Antiphon (at the beginning)

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

Ped. ↑

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 *3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yawn - ing gates of hell, the bars from
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
 5 sting thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)

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

Ped.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE ● *Toccata on O Filii et Filiae*, Charles Callahan

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

The Rev. Richard G. P. Kukowski

Celebrant

The Rev. Eliza Davies

Preacher

The Rev. Amanda Akes-Cardwell

Gospeller

Heather Adelsberger

Organist and Director of Music Ministries

Kris Amundson

Assistant Director of Music Ministries

Sarah & Mark Albus

Lectors

Waafas Ofosu-Amaah

Intercessor

Joel Simpson

Crucifer

Alex Simpson

Senior Server

Ben Simpson

Junior Server

Stephanie Gray & Aileen Moodie

Altar Guild

Fern Johnson-Clarke & Phyllis McFarlane

Flower Guild

Two Cents from the Organ Bench



Christ is risen! And your Director of Music Ministries is also slowly resurfacing after total immersion in the liturgies of Holy Week and Easter. The paschal festivities of 2021 marked my second totally weird Easter at Grace Church. I've heard that our parish draws fantastic crowds at Eastertide. Like Thomas, I'll believe it when I see it. Hopefully around this time next year.

I want to thank you for your support of the music program which enabled us to celebrate these holy mysteries with reverence and resplendence. From Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, our liturgies were enhanced by consummate musicians, from a Great Highland bagpiper to brass players from the *President's Own* U.S. Marine Band. Alongside, our faithful quartet of singers (Hannah, Jazmine, Jim, and Kris) offered their skill in myriad styles.

But in my opinion, the most special music was the singing and ringing of our own volunteer music ministry. The Grace Church Choir and Virtual Chime Choir have been hard at work rehearsing and recording musical offerings throughout the year. By now, we have created dozens of anthems, hymns, and voluntaries.

These ensembles worked hard to submit musical offerings that were featured in our live stream services on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Easter Sunday. I'd like to thank our Assistant Director of Music, Kristian Amundson, for the hours he spent digitally curating these pieces.

And now, I will address the burning question that inquiring minds demand to know: *Will there be an album of these quaran-tunes?* Do not doubt, but believe...and stay tuned.

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

-Heather Adelsberger
Director of Music Ministries

PASTORAL CARE

There are many ways to connect with Grace Church in times of joy and need. To share news or request pastoral support, please call the parish office (301-585-3515), and outside of office hours, the church voicemail will direct you to the clergy. To add a name to the prayer list, please email Parish Administrator Tracy Holmes at tracy@graceepiscopalchurch.org

Throughout the week, the clergy and Grace Church chapter of the Daughters of the King pray for the people listed on our prayer list. The Daughters of the King also pray daily for those who submit prayer requests; however, since the prayer box in the Chapel is not accessible to most during the pandemic, you may send your prayer requests to our private and confidential email address dok@graceepiscopalchurch.org. We welcome your prayers via Zoom, the clergy, or email.

Please join us by holding these people in your hearts and prayers. Names will remain on the Friends of Grace prayer list for four weeks.

GRACE CHURCH MEMBERS

Judy Biagas & family; Ruth Buckley & family; Belva Burney; Denise Brown-Collie; Louise & Michael Clark; Wayne Clarke & family; Kennita Collard; Steve Crockett; Don Giles; Roderick Harrison; Jim Henley & family; Mária Jenkins; the McFarlane family; Elfrida O'Reilly-Campbell; Anne Petersen; Traci Thompson; Geri Twitty; Fay Webber; Clyde Wheeler; Helen Wheeler; Elizabeth Wilson; Rachel Hardwick; Carol Ubosi; Noe Jacobs; Bill Stroker; Alfred Ekuban; Linda Parker; Dan Amundson; Susan Maloney and David Helms; Amy Helms & Ben Johnson; Paul Brown; Eva Cress; Sylvia Singleton, and Chloe Miller.

FRIENDS OF GRACE

The Dana Grabiner family (friends of Matt Hardwick); Laureline Browder & Charles Browder (cousins of Kecia Brown); Pat & Bob Akes (parents of Amanda Akes-Cardwell); Nikki (mother of Kennita Collard); Ben Hayes (nephew of Sue Crawford); John & Margaret Inman & their families (relatives of Ruth Buckley); Rachael Mogga (sister of Ruth Buckley); Meghan Hughes (daughter of Ruth Buckley); David Petersen (son of Anne Petersen); Catherine Barber (mother of Elaine Barber); Quaashie & Glori Wigglesworth and Stephanie & Ricki Leonard (Student, parent and grandparent, Grace Day School); Grady Stevens (family friend of June Moore); Zenaida Jocson (mother of Zaida Jocson); Millicent, Frank and Madison Green (mother, father and sister of Millicent Grant); Sarojini Martin (mother of Carol Ubosi's neighbor); Bill Kafes (father of Victoria Kurtz); Fred Rogers (uncle of Greg Kurtz); Gil (friend of Megan Bly & Scott Wunsch); Audrey Peterson (mother of Cheryl Peterson); Laurie Gadsden (sister-in-law of Pam Dahill); Lisa Woods (family member of Joyce Gwadz); Sandra Friedman; Lauren Carter and family and Maggie Williams (daughter and niece of Lorton & Phyllis McFarlane); Stephen and Debby Luxenberg and Mike McCaffrey and family (friends of Rachel and Matt Hardwick); Polly Hundertmark (mother of Tracy Jacobs); Milo Taylor (fiancé of Millicent Grant); Andrew Boyd (brother of Beth Boyd); Lisa Primeaux (mother of Aimee Primeaux); Robert Helms; Sherry Helms; Sabrina Helms; Rob Helms (family of Susan Maloney & David Helms); and Norman Mitterling (cousin of Linda and Gib Baily); the Rev. Sheila M. McJilton (friend of Tracy Holmes); Eileen Parker (mother of Meaghan Parker Forney); Anthony, Meagan and Baby Tate (friends of Jamie & Susan Ferrugia); Ann Gray (mother of Stephanie Gray); and Christopher Nembhard (nephew of Marlene McKetty Ekuban and Alfred Ekuban).

Blessings to all those celebrating birthdays this week: *Alex Graystone, Owen Kaiser, Justin Manning, Kris Amundson, Ellie Steele, Zephyr Tonelli and Elfrida O'Rielly-Campbell.*



Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God and dedicated in loving memory of Carolyn Holm Emmerson, mother of Katrina Emmerson Kugel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is the 2nd Sunday of Easter

The Easter season lasts from Easter Sunday through the Sunday of Pentecost – a period known as the Great Fifty Days. During this time we celebrate the resurrection of Christ and his appearances among the disciples.

As we celebrate our forgiveness and blessings in the resurrected Christ, the “alleluia’s” return to our liturgy, and we omit the general confession. We also encourage everyone to stand, as able, for prayer and the Great Thanksgiving at the Eucharist. This tradition of standing rather than kneeling during the Easter season reflects our ability in Christ to stand before God and dates back to the First Council at Nicaea, summoned by Emperor Constantine in the year 325.

Wade in the Water Virtual Luncheon Discussion: What Episcopalians Can Learn From Black Liberation Theology?

Sunday, April 11 @ Noon

Join the Wade in the Water ministry today at Noon as they explore how the language of Black Liberation Theology can help create a more inclusive and anti-racism church community. This is the third in a series of discussions that Wade in the Water began during the Lenten season. Please bring your lunch and beverage and enjoy. Logon to your Zoom account and enter the following Meeting ID: 883 7148 4755 and Password: Coffee to participate. For more information, contact [Jen Ray](#).

Indoor Communion Service

Join us for in-person worship of the Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Grace Church sanctuary! To best prepare for this service, please see our [Orientation Packet](#), including a list of FAQs, the Covenant for Regathering (to which all participants must adhere), and a floor plan of our building including available seating, restrooms, and entry/exit points. Due to ventilation needs, the church is likely to be cool, so you may want to bring a jacket. Because of social distancing requirements, space is limited so you MUST register in advance to attend the service. To RSVP for our next celebration of the Holy Eucharist, Rite II on Sunday, April 11 or for the service on April 18, please click on the corresponding date below.

[RSVP for APRIL 11 @ 5:30 PM](#)

[RSVP for APRIL 18 @ 5:30 PM](#)

Daughters of the King Healing Prayer Service

Sunday, April 18 @ 10:00 a.m.

All are invited to join the Daughters of the King (DOK) next Sunday, April 18 for Healing Prayers. To join, click [HERE](#). The Meeting ID is 830 7318 4598; Password: 822515. Dial by your location: +1.301.715.8592 US (Germantown). The DOK holds this monthly prayer service on the third Sunday of each month.

Refugee Ministry

We invite you to take a look at the Grace Refugee Ministry website [page](#). See [Reverend Rich's remarks](#). And then [read more about the family](#), reports from our first two years of work, and view a short video at the bottom of the webpage provided courtesy of Lutheran Social Services. Your contributions will go to the Faridullah Family.

Prayer Shawls Needed

Through the ministry of the **Daughters of the King**, we have been able to donate nearly 30 prayer shawls to the Holy Cross Health organization. Thank you to all of those who have donated these beautiful works of art! We are continuing to collect, so if you have the talent and the time, we would love to add your shawls to our collection for patients hospitalized at Holy Cross. Shawls can be dropped off at the church office, located at

9127 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Monday thru Friday between the hours of 9am—3:30pm. We'll have them blessed by clergy and send them on to Chaplain Jules Christian at Holy Cross.

Altar Flower Dedications

If you would like to dedicate the flowers that are placed on the altar each Sunday in memory of a loved one or a special occasion, the cost is \$50.00. Your dedication will be printed in the bulletin. Please send your request to either Fern Johnson at fernmjohnson@hotmail.com, or to Tracy Holmes in the office at tracy@graceepiscopalchurch.org.

Forward Day by Day

If you would like a copy of Forward “Day by Day,” please send an email to [Tracy](mailto:Tracy@graceepiscopalchurch.org) at tracy@graceepiscopalchurch.org, and a copy will be mailed to you. Devotions are available now for May, June & July. (Note: if you have previously requested a copy of Forward Day by Day, this new issue has been mailed to you.)

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There are many ways to stay connected to Grace Church and keep on top of everything that is happening:

GRACE CHURCH WEBSITE

Our church website www.graceepiscopalchurch.org is a great place to find information about Grace Church. It features everything from ministry updates and recent sermons to the latest news and events.

THE SUNDAY BULLETIN

Our Sunday bulletin contains lots of information about ministries and programs. When you join us for worship, you can read through the announcements, located at the rear of the bulletin.

WEEKLY EMAILS

During the pandemic, Grace Church sends out several emails to keep parishioners abreast of ongoing activities in the parish:

The first, *From the Clergy*, is sent every Tuesday, and contains a message from one of the clergy addressing issues of their faith or concerns of the church and society. It is clergy's way of staying in touch with you, the members of Grace Church. We hope you will feel free to email them with your thoughts.

The second, *Grace Church News and Notes*, is sent out every Thursday. It highlights upcoming events and pertinent announcements.

The third, *Online Worship for Sunday*, goes out every Saturday morning reminding recipients of the Sunday worship schedule.

The fourth, *Grace Sunday School*, and fifth, *Grace Youth News*, are emailed every Friday evening by the Rev. Kevin Antonio to prepare our Grace Church children and youth for upcoming gatherings, projects and events.

If you are not receiving these weekly emails, but would like to, please contact Interim Parish Administrator Tracy Holmes, by calling the church office at 301-585-3515 or by email at tracy@graceepiscopalchurch.org. (Tracy is in the office Tuesday through Fridays from 9:30am to 3:30pm.)

FACEBOOK

Grace Church is on Facebook. If you have a Facebook account, "like" us. It is a great way to connect with Grace Church via social media.

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

- 09:30 AM ADULT FORUM (Z)
- 10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II (*LIVESTREAMED*)
- 12:00 P.M. VIRTUAL LUNCHEON & DISCUSSION WITH WADE IN THE WATER (Z)
- 05:30 P.M. HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II—(S)

MONDAY, APRIL 12

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

- 10:00 A.M. STAFF MEETING (*GRACE HOUSE*)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

- 06:00 P.M. MUSIC MINISTRY REHEARSAL (Z)
- 06:00 P.M. CHORISTERS MUSIC REHEARSAL (Z)
- 07:00 P.M. BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING (Z)
- 07:00 P.M. HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL (Z)

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

- 07:00 P.M. HANDBELL CHOIR IN-PERSON REHEARSAL— (S)
- 07:30 P.M. CHOIR REHEARSAL—(Z)

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

Grace Episcopal Church

● Vision for the Future●

We believe that Grace Church is called to be that “city on a hill” where people of all races and cultures can come to build their relationships with God and others.

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