

The Two Hundredth Anniversary of Grace Episcopal Church

APRIL 18, 1822 - APRIL 18, 2022

AND

THE CELEBRATION OF A NEW MINISTRY



The Diocese of North Carolina
The Right Reverend Samuel Rodman,
XII Bishop of North Carolina

Edward T. Kelaher
Rector

Grace Episcopal Church
419 South Main Street
Lexington, North Carolina



The Second Sunday of Easter
April 24, 2022
Half Past Ten in the Morning

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
THE TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF GRACE CHURCH
THE CELEBRATION OF A NEW MINISTRY
HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

PRELUDE

Psalm XIX (The Heavens Declare) - B. Marcello

PROCESSIONAL HYMN - 179

Welcome Happy Morning

1. *"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say:
hell today is vanquished, heaven is won today!
Lo! the Dead is living, God for evermore!
Him their true Creator, all his works adore!*

Refrain:

"Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say.

2. *Earth her joy confesses, clothing her for spring,
all fresh gifts returned with her returning King:
bloom in every meadow, leaves on every bough,
speak his sorrow ended, hail his triumph now. (Refrain)*

3. *Months in due succession, days of lengthening light,
hours and passing moments praise thee in their flight.
Brightness of the morning, sky and fields and sea,
Vanquisher of darkness, bring their praise to thee. (Refrain)*

4. *Maker and Redeemer, life and health of all,
thou from heaven beholding human nature's fall,
of the Father's Godhead true and only Son,
mankind to deliver, manhood didst put on. (Refrain)*

5. *Thou, of life the Author, death didst undergo,
tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show;
come then, true and faithful, now fulfill thy word,
'tis thine own third morning! rise, O buried Lord! (Refrain)*

6. *Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain:
all that now is fallen raise to life again;
show thy face in brightness, bid the nations see;
bring again our daylight: day returns with thee! (Refrain)*

OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Celebrant may say

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.*

GLORIA - S278

*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 the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

THE COLLECT FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF A CHURCH

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the 200th anniversary of Grace Church, your house of prayer: We give you thanks for the fellowship of those who have worshiped in this place, and we pray that all who seek you here may find you, and be filled with your joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE INSTITUTION

The Wardens, standing before the Bishop with the new minister, say these or similar words

Bishop Samuel Rodman, we have come together today to welcome The Reverend Edward Thomas Kelaher, who has been chosen to serve as Rector of Grace Episcopal Church. We believe that he is well qualified, and that he has been prayerfully and lawfully selected.

THE LETTER OF INSTITUTION

The Bishop's Letter of Institution of the new Rector is read aloud to the congregation.

The Bishop then says

Edward Thomas Kelaher, do you, in the presence of this congregation, commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility?

New Minister I do.

The Bishop then addresses the congregation

Will you who witness this new beginning support and uphold Ed in this ministry?

People **We will.**

Let us then offer our prayers to God for all his people, for this congregation, and for Ed their Rector.

THE LITANY FOR ORDINATIONS

God the Father,
Have mercy on us.

God the Son,
Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,
Have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.

We pray to you, Lord Christ.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For the holy Church of God, especially praying for Grace Church upon its 200th Anniversary, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the Day of your Coming, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For all members of your Church in their vocation and ministry, and for those who continue 200 years of gospel mission in this place, that they may serve you in a true and godly life, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Samuel our Bishop, Anne our Bishop Suffragan, Ed our Priest, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially remembering all clergy who have ministered to this parish church over two centuries, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For Ed, as Rector, that he may faithfully fulfill the duties of this ministry, build up your Church, and glorify your Name, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

That by the indwelling of the Holy Spirit he may be sustained and encouraged to persevere to the end, we pray to you, O Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

For his wife, Patty, and for their children and grandchildren, that they may be adorned with all Christian virtues, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the mission of the Church, humbly served by this parish for two centuries, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For ourselves, for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all who have died in the communion of your Church, for all faithful believers of Grace Church over these past 200 years, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal, we pray to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To you, O Lord our God.

At the end of the litany, the Bishop, stands and says

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

Everliving God, strengthen and sustain Ed, that with patience and understanding he may love and care for your people, holding precious in his heart the holy deposit of faith left by two centuries of Grace Church Rectors before him; and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The people sit.

THE LESSON

Acts 5:27-32

Lector A Reading from the Book of the Acts of the Apostles.

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM *Laudate Dominum*

Psalm 150

¹ Hallelujah!
Praise God in his holy temple;
praise him in the firmament of his power.

² Praise him for his mighty acts;
praise him for his excellent greatness.

³ Praise him with the blast of the ram's-horn;
praise him with lyre and harp.

⁴ Praise him with timbrel and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe.

⁵ Praise him with resounding cymbals;
praise him with loud-clanging cymbals.

⁶ Let everything that has breath
praise the LORD. Hallelujah!

THE EPISTLE

Revelation 1:4-8

Lector A Reading from the Book of Revelation.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*That Easter day with joy was bright,
The sun shone out with fairer light,
When, to their longing eyes restored,
The apostles saw their risen Lord.*

*His risen flesh all radiant glowed;
His wounded feet and hands he showed;
Those scars their solemn witness gave
that Christ was risen from the grave.*

*Oh Jesus, King of gentleness,
Do Thou Thyself our hearts possess
That we may give Thee all our days
The willing tribute of our praise.*

Then, all standing, the Deacon reads the Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John (20:19-31)

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

GRADUAL HYMN - 193, VV. 4-5

*O Lord of all, with us abide
In this our joyful Eastertide;
From every weapon death can wield
Thine own redeemed forever shield.*

That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright

*All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to thee, who dead, again dost live,
To God the Father, equal praise,
and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.*

THE HOMILY

THE RIGHT REVEREND SAMUEL RODMAN
XII BISHOP OF NORTH CAROLINA

THE INDUCTION

After the Sermon, the Bishop invites forward representatives of the congregation and clergy of the diocese who stand before the Bishop with the new Rector. The following presentations are made.

Representatives of the congregation present a Bible, saying

Ed, accept this Bible, and be among us as one who proclaims the Word.

People **Amen.**

The Bishop presents a vessel of water, saying

Ed, take this water, and help me baptize in obedience to our Lord.

People **Amen.**

Others present a stole or other symbol, saying

Ed, receive this stole, and be among us as a pastor and priest.

People **Amen.**

Others present a book of prayers or other symbol, saying

Ed, receive this book, and be among us as a man of prayer.

People **Amen.**

Others present consecrated oil, saying

Ed, use this oil, and be among us as a healer and reconciler.

People **Amen.**

The Wardens present the keys of the church, saying

Ed, receive these keys, and let the doors of this place be open to all people.

People **Amen.**

Representative clergy of the diocese present the Constitution and Canons of this Church, saying

Ed, obey these Canons, and be among us to share in the councils of this diocese.

People **Amen.**

Other Representatives of the congregation present bread and wine, saying

Ed, take this bread and wine and be among us to break the Bread and bless the Cup.

People **Amen.**

The Bishop then says

Ed, let all these be signs of the ministry which is mine and yours in this place.

People **Amen.**

The new Minister, then kneels in the midst of the church, and says

O Lord my God, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; yet you have called your servant to stand in your house, and to serve at your altar. To you and to your service I devote myself, body, soul, and spirit. Fill my memory with the record of your mighty works; enlighten my understanding with the light of your Holy Spirit; and may all the desires of my heart and will center in what you would have me do. Make me an instrument of your salvation for the people entrusted to my care, and grant that I may faithfully administer your holy Sacraments, and by my life and teaching set forth your true and living Word. Be always with me in carrying out the duties of my ministry. In prayer, quicken my devotion; in praises, heighten my love and gratitude; in preaching, give me readiness of thought and expression; and grant that, by the clearness and brightness of your holy Word, all the world may be drawn into your blessed kingdom. All this I ask for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Bishop then presents the new minister to the congregation, saying

Greet your new Rector.

- ❖ *The family of the new minister is also presented at this time.*
- ❖ *The Congregation expresses its approval. Applause is appropriate.*
- ❖ *The Bishop greets the new minister.*

The new Minister then says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The new Minister then greets the clergy, family members, and the congregation.

The People greet one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INTRODUCTIONS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

All offerings made above regular pledge offerings this morning will be provided to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund to be used for pious and charitable needs and purposes.

Please be generous and thankful in your giving to the Lord.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Bless This Brick
text, B. Presnell; music, B. Duckworth

Choir: Bless this brick and bless this holy place.

Measure years of triumph, count tears on every face.

Gathered at your table, may we feel your strong embrace.

Bless this brick, our heart, our home, our Grace.

Numbers few and slender means beheld.

With little prospect for success and nature's fury felt.

Though worn by years of longing, our faithful hearts upheld.

Numbers few, on thankful knees we knelt.

Bless this brick and bless this holy place.

Measure years of triumph, count tears on every face.

Gathered at your table, may we feel your strong embrace.

Bless this brick, our heart, our home, our Grace.

Upon this rock we will build a church

and dwell forever in this place, our home on God's green earth.

We are rooted deep in love and love is our foundation.

Upon this rock for every generation.

Congregation and Choir

Bless this brick and bless this ho-ly place. Mea-sure years of tri-umph, count
tears on ev'-ry face. Ga-thered at your ta-ble, may we feel your strong em-brace.
Bless this brick, our heart, our home, our Grace.

Choir Bless this brick our heart, our home, our Grace.

Upon this rock, for every generation.

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

The offering is brought forward as a hymn is sung

THE PREPARATION HYMN - 380 (v. 3)

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - RITE II

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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 him thanks and praise.**

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 - S125

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The congregation may stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.*

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

At this time, the Ministers will provide the Sacrament in one form only as the Bread is given to the congregation together with these or similar words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN - 178

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen lord

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Give Praise to his Name.

1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

*2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.*

*3. We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live for ever.*

*4. Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior*

COMMUNION HYMN - 205

Good Christians All Rejoice and Sing

1. Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Now is the triumph of our King!

To all the world glad news we bring:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. The Lord of life is risen today!

Sing songs of praise along his way;

let all the earth rejoice and say:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. Praise we in songs of victory

that love, that life which cannot die,

and sing with hearts uplifted high:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*4. Your Name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*5. To God the Father, God the Son,
to God the Spirit, always One,
we sing for life in us begun:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the holy food of the Body and Blood of your Son, and for uniting us through him in the fellowship of your Holy Spirit. We thank you for raising up among us two centuries of faithful servants for the ministry of the gospel at Grace Church. In your mercy, O Lord our God, give us, as you gave to them, the hope of salvation and the promise of eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

All stand

Celebrant

In the power of Christ's resurrection at Easter, may God, who has given us two centuries of holy living and victorious dying in the lives of his saints in this place, strengthen your faith and devotion, and enable you to bear witness to the truth against all adversity. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

1. *The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.*

2. *Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation,
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy Name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.*

3. *Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed;
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, "How long?"
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.*

4. *Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blessed,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.*

5. *Yet she on earth hath union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.*

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

THE POSTLUDE

A Festive Fanfare (from the Fourth Concerto) - J. S. Bach

*The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God
by Walter Beeker
in memory of Don and Winsie Blanton*

All are invited to a reception in the Parish Hall immediately following the service.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

Lector: Sally Dodd
Ushers: Doug Hartzog, Sims Riggan
Greeter: Sandy Reynolds
Acolytes: Kate Inabinett, Fisher Welborn, Anderson Carter

WELCOME GUESTS AND NEWCOMERS!

We are delighted to have you worship with us today, and we would welcome the opportunity to get acquainted. Please sign the Guest Book in the narthex.

The restrooms are located in the rear hallway, and diaper changing stations are provided in both rooms.

During Holy Communion, if you are unable to receive communion at the altar rail, please notify an usher so that communion can be brought to you.



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THE VESTRY

2023

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2024

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2025

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