



# Grace Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

*O Filii et Filiae (O Sons and Daughters)* - tune: XV<sup>th</sup> Cen. melody, arr. W. Held

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #178 (*In the Blue Hymnal*) *Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord*

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
Give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Give Praise to his Name.*

*Jesus is Lord of all the earth.  
He is the King of creation.*

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

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

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

## 355 OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen!  
*People* The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 (*in the front of the hymnal, sung by all*)

*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 OF THE DAY

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 2:14a, 22-32*

*Lector* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know – this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

- The Word of the Lord.      **All: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 (*responsively by whole verse*)

<sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."

<sup>2</sup> **All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup> **Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup> O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

<sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.

<sup>8</sup> **I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

<sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

<sup>11</sup> **You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

#### THE EPISTLE

*1 Peter 1:3-9*

*Lector* A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

- The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #193 (vv. 1-3) *(In the Blue Hymnal)*

*That Easter day with joy was bright*

*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 with radiance glowed;  
his wounded hands and feet he showed;  
those scars their solemn witness gave  
that Christ was risen from the grave.*

*O Jesus, King of gentleness,  
do thou thyself our hearts possess  
that we may give thee all our days  
the willing tribute of our praise.*

*Celebrant* 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.

- The Gospel of the Lord **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #193 (vv. 4-5)

*That Easter day with joy was bright*

*O Lord of all, with us abide  
in this our joyful Eastertide;  
from every weapon death can wield  
thine own redeemed for ever shield.*

*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 SERMON

The Reverend Ed Kelaher, Rector

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.

## 392 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (FORM VI)

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

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; we pray for Joe our President, Roy our Governor,  
 Jason our Mayor, and John our Councilman;

*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, Samuel and Jennifer our Bishops; and Ed our Priest; and all other  
 bishops and ministers;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.      *Silence*

We pray for all who are traveling, especially Jack Clodfelter, Cameron Klass, Julia Klass, and Josey Parker,

and those with special needs:

**Chandler** Allred, **Brenda** Tyndall, **Fred** Adkins, **Mark** Adkins, **Amanda** Amon, **Ella** Asebes, **David** Bankston, **Rhonda** Bralkowski, **Alice** Brandon & family, **Baylee** Brown, **Gayle** Burke, **Art** Burkhart, **Emily** Duquette Byers, **Lynne** Cleckley, **Linda** Clodfelter, **Morgan** Curia, **Tracy** Davis, **Barbara** Dixon, **Susan** Dixon, **Anita** Ewbank, **Renee** Ewbank, **Cathy** Farley, **Charlotte** Froehlich, **Marc** Frye, **Jenny** Gallen and family, **Shana** Garland, **Jane** Grimes, **George** Hanna, **Rob** Hare, **Kristen** Harris, **Nancy** Hinkle, **Chris** Hodges, **Jon** Huff, **Jahiya** Huntley, **Greg** Hutchins, **Lindsay** Layfield, **Cara** Lee, **Warren** MacKinstry, **Carol** May, **Kate** McKenzie, **Brian** McKerlie, **Nicholas** Melomo, **Roan** Mitchell, **Dan & Fran** Moore, **O'Lema** Morgan, **Chocolate** Myers, **Howard** Palmer, **Bill** Phillipps, **Gabby** Plott, **Pat** Plummer, **Anne** Rives, **Libby** Robert, **Carl** Robertson, **Jacklyn** Rojas, **Lucas** Sanabria, **Tommy** Shaw, **Suzy** Sheets, **Talmadge** Silversides, **Amy** Burkhart Smith, **Dan Griff** Smith, **Martha Ellen** Smith, **Louise** Snyder, **Peggy** Snyder, **Reid** Taylor, **Jackie** Touchton, **Laura** Turlington, **Perry** Grimes Van Dyke, **Kathy** Watson, **Flynn** Williams, **Mary and Jay** Williams, **Vickie** Wolfe, **Charlotte** Young, and **John** (withheld).

“Are there others?”

Hear us, Lord; *For your mercy is great.*

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

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

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. *Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; *Who put their trust in you.*

*The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence*

*Celebrant and People*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of our Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*Please stand if you are able*

360 THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *(choir only)*

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS #205 (v.5) *(The offering is brought forth while the hymn is being sung)*

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

361 THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Eucharistic Prayer A)*

*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 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 *(Sung by All)*

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*The people may stand or kneel*

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.**

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.**

### 364 THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant*    Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

### FRACTION ANTHEM

*Celebrant*

*People*

Lamb of God, that take away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, that take away the sins of the world, **have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, that take away the sins of the world, **grant us peace.**

### INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*Facing the people, the Celebrant may say 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.



*All baptized Christians are invited to come forward for Holy Communion at the Lord's Table.*

*You may receive both the bread and wine, or only the bread or only the wine.*

*Receiving Communion in one or both forms is sufficient sacramentally.*

*If you prefer neither bread nor wine, you also are invited to come forward and to simply cross your arms over your chest as a sign for the minister to provide you with a holy blessing of the Lord.*

## COMMUNION VOLUNTARY

*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (Salzburg) - M. Bedford*

## 366 POST-COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*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

*The Celebrant blesses the people*

Mighty God, in whom we know the power of redemption, you stand among us in the shadows of our time. As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life, uphold us with knowledge of the final morning when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son, we will share in his resurrection, redeemed and restored to the fullness of life and forever freed to be your people. **Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION HYMN #199

*Christ is alive! Let Christians sing*

*Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
of triumphant gladness!  
God hath brought his Israel  
into joy from sadness:  
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters,  
led them with unmoistened foot  
through the Red Sea waters.*

*'Tis the spring of souls today:  
Christ hath burst his prison,  
and from three days' sleep in death  
as a sun hath risen;  
all the winter of our sins,  
long and dark, is flying  
from his light, to whom we give  
laud and praise undying.*

*Now the queen of seasons, bright  
with the day of splendor,  
with the royal feast of feasts,  
comes its joy to render;  
comes to glad Jerusalem,  
who with true affection  
welcomes in unwearied strains  
Jesus' resurrection.*

*Neither might the gates of death,  
nor the tomb's dark portal,  
nor the watchers, nor the seal  
hold thee as a mortal:  
but today amidst thine own  
thou didst stand, bestowing  
that thy peace which evermore  
passeth human knowing.*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
*People* **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

*Postlude on "Llanfair" and "Judas Maccabeus" - C. Callahan*

*The flowers behind the altar today are given to the glory of God  
in honor of our parents,  
Russ & Kathy Johnson and Roger & Karen Allred,  
by the Kristi & Wes Allred.*

## WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

<b>Lector:</b>	Lynn Meeks
<b>Intercessor:</b>	Kristi Allred
<b>Lay Eucharistic Minister:</b>	Miles Cleckley, Kathie Goodman
<b>Ushers:</b>	Sims Riggan, Tommy Black
<b>Greeter:</b>	Sandy Reynolds
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Hadley Briggs, Merritt Carter

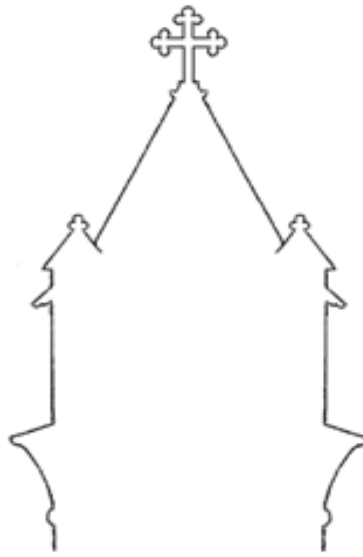
## WELCOME GUESTS AND NEWCOMERS!

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.

Infants and young children are always welcome to worship with their families in the sanctuary.

**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

2024

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2025

Wes Allred Sr. Warden  
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2026

Karl Bolstad  
Bright Carter  
Sally Dodd Clerk  
Henry Duquette Asst. Jr. Warden

Vestry Person of the Month for April is Susan Terrell.