

Second Sunday of Easter

Grace Episcopal Church Galena, Illinois

April 24, 2022 10:30am

Welcome to Grace Church!

It is always a pleasure and privilege to worship together. Please know your presence is valued whether this is your first time at Grace or whether you are a regular, whether we are together in person or online. We have chosen to keep our online and in-person congregations together. For those at home, links to the bulletin may be found in Friday's e-Blast, the link to YouTube, and on our website. Printed copies are available for the in-person congregation. Please be aware we are live-streaming this service to YouTube and our website. It is possible that you will be shown briefly in the recording.

Information:

Due to a decrease in COVID infections in Jo Daviess County, masks are now optional.

Masks and hand sanitizer are available at each entrance for those who need them.

Baskets are located at each entrance for your offerings. If possible, please place them in the baskets prior to the service so they may be dedicated with the other gifts at the offertory.

Communion will be offered—wafer only—at the altar rail.

Should you become ill after attending worship, please notify the church so that others present may be contacted.

As life continues to change, let us rejoice in God who continues to be revealed to us and give thanks for our ability to share in worship in hope for the time when all of us can be together again.

We Gather to Worship

PRELUDE Easter Blossoms Forth C. Curtis

OPENING HYMN 174 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Campbell/Hintze, Bach

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Priest: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Priest: The earth could not hold him.

People: Neither could the powers of death keep him away.

Priest: He rose from the dead and appeared to His followers.

People: To Mary and the disciples.

Priest: And now, this morning, He comes to us. **People:** With help, and healing and forgiveness.

Priest: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

People: His steadfast love lasts forever.

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!



The Word of God

THE COLLECT

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: 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.

People: Amen.

THE LESSONS

Lector: A reading from **Acts 5:27-32**

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."

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 150 (read alternately by verse)

Hallelujah!

Praise God in his holy temple; * praise him in the firmament of his power.

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

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

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

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

Let everything that has breath * praise the Lord. Hallelujah!

THE EPISTLE

Lector: A reading from **Revelation 1:4-8**

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.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

(please stand) **SEQUENCE HYMN 178** Alleluia, Alleluia D. Fishel/B. Pulkingham, C. Mallory & G. Mims (verses 1 & 4) Descant Al le lu ia, al Refrain ia, ia! Give al lu thanks the al le lu ia! Lord. ia, al lu ia! Give Final Ending his Name. Name. Praise Praise his Name. Name. to all earth. Lord of the Je is sus 2 good Spread the news o'er all the earth: We have cru ci fied with Christ. let the liv God, Come, praise ing us Repeat Refrain He the King of is cre a tion. Je sus has died and has ris en. Al - le shall Now we live for ev er. sing to our Sa vior.

THE GOSPEL

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: Thanks be to God.

Presider: The Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

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.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON Rev. Carolyn Keck

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and 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

Presider: Almighty God, we gather together today on the first day of the week as witnesses of the

resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ: Be present with us and breathe the peace of Christ's Holy Spirit upon us as we pray: Let everything that has breath, praise God. Hallelujah!

Intercessor: Gracious One, you have made your Church to be a kingdom of priests to serve our God:

Bless all who minister in your name, that we may extend your gift of forgiveness to all

creation, and through believing, may have life in your name. Let everything that has breath,

People: praise God. Hallelujah!

Lector: Almighty One, you have overcome all powers and authorities to reveal yourself in Christ

as the Alpha and Omega: Visit our secular leaders and all who exercise power throughout the world, that they may embrace your Spirit of peace and extend your reconciliation to

everyone. Let everything that has breath,

People: praise God. Hallelujah!

Intercessor: Compassionate One, you visited the disciples in their fear and comforted your grieving

servant Thomas: Be present with all who are haunted by painful memories and with those who huddle in fear behind locked doors; breathe your healing Spirit of peace upon them.

Let everything that has breath,

People: praise God. Hallelujah!

Lector: Loving One, you are in the midst of us in this community and you invite us to welcome

and include as friends those who have not yet experienced the reality of Christ's risen life:

Help us to offer our acceptance and love to all of our neighbors, that we may be a

community of reconciliation and peace. Let everything that has breath,

People: praise God. Hallelujah!

Intercessor: Healing One, you have absorbed all human suffering and pain into your body through

Jesus and raised him with power to become our wounded healer: Grant the comfort of your grace to those for whom we pray, especially Tony (Packard), Donald (Imbus),

Mary (Foote) and Phyllis (Ferguson).

Others? Let everything that has breath,

People: praise God. Hallelujah!

Lector: You have loved us and freed us, O God: Hear our grateful thanks for all the blessings of

our lives, especially for those who serve in the military and all essential workers and their families; our Outreach partners Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk and La Santa Cruz Parish in the Diocese of SE Mexico; the United Thank Offering, the Galena ARC, the United Churches Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, Shelter Care Ministries, Dubuque Rescue Mission; all who worship in this place and those who have not yet walked

through these doors. Other blessings?

You have overcome death through the victory of Christ: Grant your resurrection life to

Howie (McCarty), and to those whom we remember, especially Hazel (Martin),

Edson (Page) and Carl (Edwards). that they may have life in Christ's name. Others? ____.

Let everything that has breath,

People: praise God. Hallelujah!

Presider: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose peace transcends all understanding and whose mercy and compassion are beyond measure: Protect the people of Ukraine and all the nations of the world. Grant your peace to those who are afraid, your comfort to those who mourn, your protection to those under attack, and your wisdom to those in power, that all war may cease, all weapons be laid down, and all hearts be turned to love you and your peaceable Kingdom, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: we pray for our Rector Search Committee. Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds and hearts of those who shall seek a new rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.

Receive our doubts, O God, and let the Risen One visit us and fill us with your joy, that we may be grateful witnesses of Christ's resurrection, sharing the liberating breath of your Holy Spirit throughout creation, for to you is glory and dominion for ever and ever.

Amen.

WE SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Presider: The Peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

ANNIVERSARY/BIRTHDAY BLESSING Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase;

bless and guide them wherever they may be.

Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

We Offer Our Lives and Gifts to God

Priest: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY

I Know That My Redeemer Liveth Phil Jackman, clarinet

Handel

PRESENTATION HYMN 204 Now the Green Blade Riseth J.M.C. Crum/Medieval French carol (Verses 1-3)



We share the Holy Communion

Enriching Our Worship Prayer 3

Presider: The Lord be with you **People:** And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, who is 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 depths: 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 sing with joy:

Presider and People:



Presider:

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:

Presider and People:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Presider:

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.

Presider and People: Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

Presider: And our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People: Our Father, in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be

done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are yours now and for ever.

Amen.

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. BCP 364

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!



Agnus Dei









THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider:

The gifts of God for the people of God.

This is the Lord's table, not of the church, but of the Lord.

It is made ready for those who love Him and for those who want to love Him more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little;

You who have been here often and you who have not been here long;

You who have tried to follow and you who have failed;

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.

It is His will that those who want Him can meet Him here.

COMMUNION HYMN 306

Come, Risen Lord

Briggs/Smith

The Easter Blessing

Presider: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us God's own through the

resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People: Amen.

Presider: May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life,

make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

People: Amen.

Presider: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you

and remain with you for ever.

People: Amen.

RECESSIONAL 193 The Easter Day With Joy Was Bright

Latin/M. Praetorius

Presider: Alleluia, Alleluia, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Lift High the Cross Nicholson/Carter

The Coffee Hour today will be hosted by the Websters & Carmen Ferguson.

Ministers of the Service

- * Members and Guests, Celebrants
- * Rev. Carolyn Keck, Presider
- * Carmen Ferguson, Lector
- * Elizabeth Ludescher, Intercessor
- * Robin French, Music Director
- * Nancy Cook, Erben Organist
- * Eric Kallback, Vestry Coordinator
- * Pat Golden & Charlotte Stryker, Altar Guild
- * Karen Serwich, Greeter

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers are Requested. Please include the following concerns during worship today and throughout the week:

Cycle of Prayer:

The Most Rev. Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury and for our companion Parishes: Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk and La Santa Cruz parish in the Diocese of SE Mexico.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Paula, our Bishop-Elect; Chilton, our Assisting Bishop; and all members of Grace Church.

We pray for those who are sick or in need:

Emery (Beyer), *Bob (Burton), Bishop-Elect Paula (Clark), *Kathy (Doig), Matthew (Dowe), *Renee (Dowe), *Al (Elsbree), Greg (Elsbree), Phyllis (Ferguson), Mary (Foote), *Jennie (Fjelde), Rev. Linda (Green), Janet (Groezinger), *Georgia (Hansen), Donald (Imbus), Bob & Tami (Jansen), Justin (Kash), Ginger (Komiskey), *Alden Kuntz, *Maria Kuntz, Verity (Liljedahl), Katie (Ludescher), Terry (Maglich), Liam (Malone), *Diann & *Robert (Marsh), Carol (Martin), *JoAnn (Mikelson), *Mary (Nelson), Sarah (Newton), *Bill (Norton), *Rev. Linda (Packard), Tony (Packard), Carol & Roger (Peterson), Pete (Petrakis), Bernie (Pint), Anne (Poston), Melody (Serwich), Sonia (Smith), Emma (Storey), *Pat (Terry), Ruth (Van Gelder), *Joe (Watts), Ashley (Winess), Paulette (Zais), Robyn, Sandi, Tom, Shelley B., Karen, Sage, Olivia, Nancy F. and Jamie G.

We give thanks for the many blessings we have received:

those who serve in the military and all essential workers and their families; the Anniversary of *Phil and *Terri (Jackman); our Outreach partners: the United Thank Offering, the Galena ARC, the United Churches Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, Shelter Care Ministries, Dubuque Rescue Mission and all who worship in this place and those who have not yet walked through these doors.

We pray for those who have died, especially Howie (McCarty); and for the anniversary of the deaths of: Hazel (Martin), Edson (Page) and Carl (Edwards).

Scripture Readings for May 1, 2022

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20) John 21:1-19 Revelation 5:11-14 Psalm 30

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the week of April 24, 2022

Grace Happenings, our weekly eBlast newsletter is sent out every Friday.

To start receiving it, please use your preferred email to send your request to our Parish Administrator at gracesec@gracegalena.org.

Newcomer's Brunch—Sunday, May 1st

The Newcomers' Brunch will take place after the Morning Prayer Service on Sunday, May 1st. Let's give an enthusiastic welcome to all who have come to Grace since 2020. There is a sign-up sheet in the entrance to the Parish Hall.

Ministry of Care

Grace Church continues to offer pastoral care to its community. Many volunteers are available for rides to doctor appointments (or elsewhere), providing meals, picking up prescriptions, or providing other small services when someone is unwell or unable to do so for themselves.

Call **Bonnielynn Kreiser at 815-777-1468 or 815-291-9005** who coordinates helping hands when needed. Our clergy are also available for spiritual aid.

Altar Flowers & Easter Lilies

Thank you to everyone who ordered Easter Lilies! We will be giving away the Easter Lilies from the Altar and flowering plants after church today.

The 2022 Flower Chart is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Social Hour There is a Coffee Hour sign-up list posted in the Parish House. Reminder for Hosts: coffee supplies, napkins & plates are available in our pantry. Keep it simple as the focus is on fellowship.

Zoom Poetry Meeting A Zoom Poetry group is meeting on Mondays at 2:00pm. If you are interested, write Carol Poston at **poston@sxu.edu** or call her at **815-777-0220** to receive information about the meeting.

<u>Service of Compline</u> is Tuesday, April 26th, at 8:30pm on Zoom.

Mid-Week Morning Worship is Wednesday, April 27th, at 7:30am in the chapel and on Zoom.

Wednesday Morning Study Group meets next at 10:00am, Wednesday, April 27th. The Study Group will focus on the Sunday Eucharistic lectionary for Lent. Each Wednesday the group will discuss the readings scheduled for the following Sunday which prepares participants for the sermon. The Study Group meets in hybrid form: that is, participants have the option of joining in person at the parish hall or Zooming from home. If you wish to have a reading schedule in advance, please notify Larry Poston at (lsposton@jcwifi.com). Anyone needing a Zoom invitation can contact Greg Serwich @gmail.com).

<u>Meditative Prayer</u> meets Friday, April 29th, at 9:00am online. You are welcome to join, and gentle guidance will be provided for those unfamiliar with this practice.





The Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, Bishop-Elect of Chicago The Rt. Rev. Chilton Knudsen, Assisting Bishop The Rev. Linda Packard, Priest Associate The Rev. Diane Luther, Deacon Nancy Kenney, Parish Administrator

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Prayer for the people of Ukraine

written by the Rev. Porter C. Taylor St. David's by the Sea

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