



# Grace Episcopal Church

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## **Worship Plan for Sunday, May 31, 2020**

Pentecost

Day of Pentecost

The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Sunday May 24, 2020 – 7:30 am & 10 am

# Welcome to Grace Church

We're glad you are here! The center of all that we do at Grace is the worship of God as revealed to us in the person of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. This is our principle call as Christians and is the means by which we are nourished so that we might be the hands and feet of our Risen Lord in our community and the world.

- We invite everyone in worship to **come to our Lord's Table** during worship to receive communion or a blessing. The bread is received with an open hand; the wine by guiding the chalice to your lips or by dipping the wafer into the cup. If you do not wish to receive communion, please cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing instead.
- An opportunity for **healing prayer** is offered during worship at the kneeler located under the heart banner in Grace's Wellness Corner. Prayers can be offered for any part of your life that needs it—physical, mental, spiritual. You can come seeking healing for yourself or for someone else in any part of their life.
- **Angels of Grace Nursery** is located upstairs. We love to have children at the services and welcome their energy with open hearts and arms. While not staffed, the nursery is a place parents can take a child if quiet time is desired. Go through the double doors, up the stairs, and follow the signs. A changing table is available in the nursery and in the women's restroom.
- **Children's Sunday School** is offered during worship. After the Gospel, children process upstairs and celebrate God's love of them and their neighbor. Children rejoin the service during the Peace.

*Join us for further refreshment after worship concludes. If you're looking for a spiritual home, exploring your faith, searching for ways to serve your community, or seeking to make a difference in God's world, you are welcome at Grace Episcopal Church.*

## **Mission Statement of Grace Church**

- We are called by God to be a community of faith committed to knowing Jesus and making Him known to the world.
- We believe we are called to seek Christ in all persons and to love our neighbors as God loves us.
- We believe as the body of Christ we are called to reach out to our local community and the world, to invite all people to know the joy of God, and to welcome all persons into fellowship.
- We believe we are called to nurture each other in the faith and to be a fellowship of grace and renewal.

Looking for a church that loves people? Come as our guest and leave as one of the family! Church services are held at 7:30a.m. at the **Historic Stone Church** in downtown Elkridge off of Main Street and at 10 a.m. at the **Holy Family Chapel** at 6725 Montgomery Road. For more information about Grace Episcopal Church, check the website at [www.graceelkridge.org](http://www.graceelkridge.org) or call the office at 410-796-3270.

# The Word of God

## Entrance Rite

## OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

*People*      **Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**  
*And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.*  
*Amen.*

## **COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)**

*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.*

## **OPENING ANTHEM (BCP p. 356)**

*The following is said, all standing*

*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.*

*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 (BCP p. 357)**

*Celebrant*      The Lord be with you.

*People*      *And also with you.*

*Celebrant*      Let us pray.

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **The Lessons**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 2:1-21**

*The people sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and

residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,  
<sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>‘In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.

*People*                    *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

## PSALM: Psalm 104:25-35, 37

*Remain seated.*

<sup>25</sup>O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
*In wisdom you have made them all;*

*the earth is full of your creatures.*

<sup>26</sup>Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
*creatures both small and great.*

<sup>27</sup>There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
*which you have made for the sport of it.*

<sup>28</sup>All of them look to you \*  
*to give them their food in due season.*

<sup>29</sup>You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
*you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.*

<sup>30</sup>You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
*you take away their breath,*  
*and they die and return to their dust.*

<sup>31</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
*and so you renew the face of the earth.*

<sup>32</sup>May the glory of the LORD endure forever; \*  
*may the LORD rejoice in all his works.*

<sup>33</sup>He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
*he touches the mountains and they smoke.*

<sup>34</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
*I will praise my God while I have my being.*

<sup>35</sup>May these words of mine please him; \*  
*I will rejoice in the LORD.*

<sup>37</sup>Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  
*Hallelujah!*

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

*The people sit.*

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

<sup>3b</sup>No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

<sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

<sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to

another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

<sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*          *Thanks be to God.*

*Silence may follow.*

### **GOSPEL: John 20:19-23**

*All stand.*

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

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

7:37 On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me,

7:38 and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"

7:39 Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

*Deacon*          The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **THE SERMON: The Rev. Travis K Smith**

Prayer: "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" This is a complicated two verses, this is a complicated day for a complicated time. One we must celebrate but like good Episcopalians, we don't want to celebrate the procession of the Holy Spirit too intensely. We don't want to be like our Pentecostal brothers and sisters; we don't want this to get out of hand now do we? Let's just celebrate the birth of the church, the final day of Easter and lets go back to our homes without too much craziness. Let's get a little bit of the crazy out today, I don't want to get any of you to try to speak in tongues or to try and converse with thousands of people in their own language, no the craziness I want to explore today is the insanity that emerges when we do not live into the presence of the Holy Spirit. So today I want to begin to call us to the living water of Jesus, the procession of the Holy Spirit, and finally the birth of the Church, the reality we find ourselves in right now.

I spoken before about the problems of lectionaries, the problems of context, and also our lack of understanding of the heritage we share with our Jewish friends and neighbors. We have two verses here from the seventh chapter of John's gospel but what we are missing is the entire context of Jesus' enactment. He is standing up at the end of the festival of tabernacles, or booths, or in Hebrew Sukkot. It is that time usually in September or October when Jews celebrate the ingathering of God's people. "You shall live in booths seven days; all citizens in Israel shall live in booths, in order that future generations may know that I made the Israelite people live in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt" It is the time when a booth is set up in their front yards a place to eat their meals and wait for the future ingathering of God's people.

The last day of Sukkot is the celebration of the gifts of God. Sukkot is celebrated during the harvest festival and the last day is the celebration of that essential part of life in an agrarian society: that of course is water. To remind themselves of YHWH's grace to them in giving the gift of water, they pour out bowls of water on the ground as a seed of faith for YHWH's provision in the coming year. So when Jesus says "come unto me all of you who are thirsty" he is likening YHWH's provision of water with himself. Just like he likened the provision of the serpent in the wilderness as that to look upon to escape the wrath of God with himself, in other words Jesus is saying that the living water that you long for each year, that water which is essential to your survival is like me. I AM essential for your survival, I am your sustenance. I AM the one who has been given, I AM the gift of YHWH.

This gift has been given to all of us. So I encourage you to spend a bit of time thinking about the gift of Jesus, without shame or guilt ask yourselves how have I lived with the gift of Jesus, how have I shared this gift with others? This is the great struggle of the life of the Christian who lives in the ease of life in the West. The reason for it is that we think the gift of Jesus is that we think it is for our individual selves. What we think matters is Jesus and me, rather than the role that we play in the community of God, the role we play as the righteous within the world, the role we play as creatures of God's creation. The reason for this is because our way of life has neglected the dynamic energy of the Holy Spirit and the way in which the procession of the Spirit is leading us into the world, into one another, into the Oneness of YHWH.

Most of us (me included) don't know how to live with the Spirit let alone in step with the Spirit. The Spirit doesn't fit into our lives because we think the lives we live belong to us. Here is what I mean, everything that we have including our very existence is a gift of God, and therefore isn't something we can utilize to make our lives feel

better. The Holy Spirit is literally guiding us into the life of God and right now guiding us into the life with God here in our present lives. The Spirit binds us to those people in our lives that we don't have any control over, those people who God has called you to love and live with, yes I am talking about the church, the world, and even YHWH.

This is the people that we are Grace. We are the people that were born when St. Peter broke through the barriers of language and we all heard the gospel communicated through the Prophet Joel in our own tongue. We responded by calling on the name of the Lord and we found ourselves with five thousand other households following this ragamuffin group of followers of a Messiah who was crucified fifty days earlier. This is the beauty of Pentecost is that it is the first fruits of the ingathering of God's people throughout the world a gathered community that has come together not because of a common life but because of a Common Spirit that makes us Holy just as it is Holy. The barriers of culture and class have dissolved and now we can live into the freedom that the gospel brings, the freedom that death is not the end, peace is possible, and your lives are not your own.

This is what it means to be the church. We are gathered together with people who wouldn't have necessarily chosen. It is difficult to be in the church because God has brought us to this place and has only given us this bread and wine. The other place where we are surrounded by people who we may not have chosen is our work environments. It is at work that we are thrown together with a group of people and forced to work together whether we like it or not, because we believe without it we wouldn't survive, and we would be right to believe it. Not because God wouldn't care for us if we didn't have a job, or didn't have someone around us with whom we share a life and a bank account, but we wouldn't survive because we have created a world where if we don't work we wouldn't have the freedom that money offers, the life that

comes from the food that we buy, the safety that stems from the homes that we have built.

I am not calling us to give up this life, but rather as the church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century it means that we must be incredibly attentive to that which YHWH is calling us. We are not relying on God for our safety, for food, for our freedom, so we must begin to cultivate the spiritual lives where we can rely on YHWH for direction. Where is God leading us Grace? Let us answer that question as we attend to the life that God has given us, a life together here in Elkridge. Blessings on all of us!  
AMEN.

### **THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 358)**

*All stand.*

*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.*

## **Outline of the Faith: Sin and Redemption**

**Q:** What is sin?

**A:** *Sin is the seeking of our own will instead of the will of God, thus distorting our relationship with God, with other people, and with all creation.*

**Q:** How does sin have power over us?

**A:** *Sin has power over us because we lose our liberty when our relationship with God is distorted.*

**Q:** What is redemption?

**A:** *Redemption is the act of God which sets us free from the power of evil, sin, and death.*

**Q:** How did God prepare us for redemption?

**A:** *God sent the prophets to call us back to himself, to show us our need for redemption, and to announce the coming of the Messiah.*

**Q:** What is meant by the Messiah?

**A:** *The Messiah is one sent by God to free us from the power of sin, so that with the help of God we may live in harmony with God, within ourselves, with out neighbors, and with all creation.*

**Q:** Who do we believe is the Messiah?

**A:** *The Messiah, or Christ, is Jesus of Nazareth, the only Son of God.*

## **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (BCP p. 359)**

*All remain standing.*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
“Lord, have mercy.”

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the  
salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God,  
and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop  
Eugene our Bishop, for Travis our Rector, and Mimi our Deacon, and  
for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For Donald our President, Larry our Governor, Calvin our County  
Executive, Benjamin and Chris our Senators, Guy, Katie, and Clarence  
our State Senators, Dutch, Elijah and John our Representatives,  
Jennifer, Jessica, Shane, Eric, Terri, and Vanessa our State Delegates,  
Opel and Elizabeth our Council Members, for the leaders of the nations,  
and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For this city of Elkridge, for every city and community, and for those  
who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Defend us, deliver us, and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

*Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.  
*To thee, O Lord our God.*

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## **CONFESSiON OF SIN (BCP p. 359)**

*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

*Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

*The Priest stands and says*

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.*

### **THE PEACE (BCP p. 360)**

*All stand.*

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

*People*            *And also with you.*

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## The Holy Communion

### **OFFERTORY SENTENCE (BCP p. 376)**

*The Celebrant says*

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

*1 Chronicles 29:11*

### **PRESENTATION**

*All things come of Thee, oh Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.*

## The Great Thanksgiving

### **SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 369)**

*The People remain standing.*

*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.*

## **PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 370)**

*Facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*By his blood, he reconciled us.*

*By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## **SANCTUS (BCP p. 371)**

*Celebrant and People*

*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.*

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION (BCP p. 371)**

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.*

## **EPICLESIS (BCP p. 372)**

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER (BCP p. 363)

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

*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,  
forever and ever. Amen.*

## The Breaking of the Bread

### FRACTION ANTHEM (BCP p. 364)

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

### INVITATION (BCP p. 364)

*The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)

*The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.  
[Amen.]

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (BCP p. 365)**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

### *Celebrant and People*

*Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **BLESSING (BCP p. 366)**

*The Priest blesses the people, saying*

The Lord bless you and keep you. *Amen*

The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you. *Amen*

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. *Amen.*

The Lord God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the holy and undivided Trinity, guard you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly city where he lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

## **DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)**

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

*People*            *Thanks be to God.*

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# Announcements

## Church Office:

The office is OPEN from 10-2. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Fr Travis @ 410 796 3270; Press #2 and leave him a message this will be transcribed into an email and sent directly to him.

Fr Travis' continues to post Daily Prayers on his Facebook page (Travis K Smith) and share with the Grace Episcopal Church FB Page. Please watch for them twice a day.

We also have a YouTube site. Search “GraceChurchElkridge” to view prayers. PLEASE press the RED subscribe button to be notified when new videos are uploaded.

## Grace Early Learning Center

*Please keep our Childcare staff and families in your prayers as they have remained OPEN for the emergency service employees.*

## Just for You: *Care Note Booklets are available!*

The Care Notes cover a variety of topics to assist people when they are struggling with different aspects of their lives. They provide Hope, Help and Healing with the information about how you might deal with different topics like bullying, illness, hospice, death, marriage, just to name a few. and they cover all ages- Children, Youth, Adults and Seniors. They are near the front door of the FLC on the bookcase. Help yourself- they are for you and they are free compliments of the Pastoral Care Ministry committee.

## Ladies Night (Day) Out – cancelled until further Notice

Ladies of Grace meet the last Sunday of each month for food & fellowship.

***Please support Tino's and Lance, parishioner, and purchase ToGo orders. Tino's is still open for carry and delivery at this time.***

### **Tithing via your Credit Card – web or text**

We have an agreement with Vanco, our online stewardship/giving company, to accept Credit Card (MC, Visa, Amex & Discover) contributions. You can register your credit card via online or via text message option. You can choose to make your contribution one time, weekly or monthly.

- Online option – [graceelkridge.org](http://graceelkridge.org) – go to top right corner click on “Stewardship/Giving” and follow prompts.
- GIVE + Text – text 410-618-1877 and a link will be sent to you for donating. Follow prompts after the link is open.
- We also purchased a “Mobile Card Reader” so we can use credit cards at events.

See flyer in back of the church to log in or just to check it out.

### **Mustard Seed Thrift Shop**

<https://graceelkridge.org/thrift-shop>

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

The Mustard Seed is now on the Net! Our web site is presently in development. Please visit our site. The more visits we get, the more exposure we will be given on the Net. If you have ever shopped with us, please write reviews for us on Google and Yelp. Both traffic and sales are up in the past six months. We continue to work on improving our marketing and upgrading our inventory. Donations can be left off at any time in the brown shed next to the front door of the shop. Please pay us a visit and bring a friend.

# Parish Calendar Week of May 31, 2020

*All events have been cancelled until Bishop Sutton has OK our reopening at the FLC & HSC. Please check out Travis K Smith or GraceChurchElkridge Facebook pages for daily prayers.*

## Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> – Office CLOSED

Office – 9am – 2pm

7:00 pm – Choir Practice @ FLC conf rm 2 – (cancelled for now)

7:30 pm AA meeting @ FLC

## Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>

Office 9am – 2pm

9:00am - Discernment Study (All Welcome) (Cancelled for now)

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Mustard Seed Thrift Store

7:00 pm – Virtual Vestry Meeting

8:00 pm – AA Meeting @ FLC

## Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Office 9 am – 2 pm

6:30 pm Boy Scout Troop 432 Meeting @ FLC (Cancelled for now)

## Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup>

Office 9am – 2pm

7:30am - Eucharist Service @ FLC

10:00 am – 1:00 pm Mustard Seed Thrift Store

7:00 pm – Loving Embraces @ conf room 1 (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday) (cancelled for now)

## Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup>

Office Hours 9am – 2pm

## Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>

10:00 am – 1:00 pm - Mustard Seed Thrift Store

## Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am - Holy Eucharist @ HSC

9:00 am – Adult Sunday School @ FLC conf Rm 1

10:00 am – Holy Eucharist @ FLC

11:00 am – Grace Family Fellowship @ FLC

11:00 am – 12:30 pm Mustard Seed Thrift Store OPEN (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Month ONLY)

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm - *Private Rental* @ FLC – Yale Presbyterian Church

## **Pastoral Care**

**Pastoral Care Team** –next meeting April 6, 2020 @ 6pm - Cancelled - TBD

*If you are interested in joining the Pastoral Care, there are opportunities for someone to serve so if you feel called to serve at Grace please drop a line to the office, Fr. Travis or Rev. Mimi*

### **Loving Embraces** – Prayer Shawl Ministry

Please join us in making prayer shawls for those in need. We are looking for people willing to create knit, crochet, or even quilt prayer shawls to be donated to Grace members, St. Agnes ICU, Ronald McDonald House or anyone in need of comfort.

- If you have supplies, you'd like to donate, please bring them to Grace.
- If you want to learn, please come we will be available if you have questions about your knitting or crocheting.
- We will meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3rd Thursday from 7-8 pm at Grace (except March & April)
- Please drop in and join us whenever you can or questions please contact Annie Burke [afb1776@gmail.com](mailto:afb1776@gmail.com).

**Celebration of Life** – next meeting TBD @ FLC Conference room

### **Caring Card** - Ministry

~Have you ever wanted to let someone know that you are thinking of them? ~

- Now you can by using the new Grace “Caring Card”.
- These cards are available for you to take, write a message, and mail to someone.
- Grace provides the card, and you provide the “caring” and the postage.

There will be cards available at the Historic Stone Church & the Family Life Center.

\*Please make sure you get permission of the person you are lifting up in prayer, before you add them to the prayer list.

### **Prayer / Visitation** (Look for the Yellow Card)

Do you know someone in need of Prayers or Visit?

Fill out a yellow Prayer & Visitation cards located in the back of the FLC and the HSC, (4.5 x 5.5 yellow card). Please pass it only to the church via the offering plate, and the Pastoral Team will visit and or pray. Please make sure if requesting a visit or prayers the person is aware you are giving their name. Thank you for your support on this addition to communication to the office. This yellow card is not in place of the weekly “Prayers of the People” to be read during services. We want to share with you, your concerns, joys & thanksgivings on the “Prayers of the People” sheet in the back of the HSC & Holy Family Chapel @ FLC.

### **Pastoral Care Team Reaches Out to Service Members**

Grace's Pastoral Care Team has started a ministry of sending prayer books and commemorative medals to people serving in the military. If you have a loved one who might appreciate receiving this gift from Grace, please contact the church office.

### **Just a Spoonful of Love – Casserole Ministry**

Grace's Pastoral Care team invites parishioners to join them in working to resume our Casserole Ministry to serve members during times of need, e.g., illness, hospitalization, arrival of new child, etc. To participate in this ministry, all you have to do is pick up a casserole pan (recipe included) from the back of the church, buy the ingredients, prepare the casserole, wrap it in plastic and aluminum foil, date it and attached the second copy of recipe card provided (so recipients can view ingredients for possible allergies), and return the casserole to the freezer in the FLC kitchen. Members of the Pastoral Care team will handle deliveries. Receipts may be presented to the church office for notation on individual's giving statement as donation in kind. If this experiment is successful, new recipes will be available monthly or seasonal. For information, see Rev. Mimi after services or contact her at 443-277-0068. Casseroles can be accepted during office hours M- F or bring them with you on Sunday to church.

### **Sonshine Card Ministry**

Thank you for your support, we have received many cards to help with our mission. Please continue to drop extra cards to the office when you have them. This is very special mission to many people in our parish.

# Grace Parish Prayers of Intercession

May 30 – June 6

**The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** Good Shepherd, Towson; Holy Comforter, Lutherville; Holy Nativity

**The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Melanesia

**In Our Community:** We Pray That We May Be Devoted to Your Worship and directed and sustained in our ministries; that the Holy Spirit will guide and uphold this Parish in all its missions and in our individual spiritual journeys. We pray for the resident of Colonial Landing Apartments, give thanks and prayer for our visitors for whom have yet to walk in our doors. We bid prayers for all member of the Regular and Reserve Forces of the United States, especially *Brian Hesson (friend Rev. Mimi Mathews), Charles Hill (Marion Hayes grandson in law), Rachel Werts (Karen Stewarts daughter), Jason Werts (Karen Stewarts son in law), David Kinnamont (Karen Stewart son), John Lord (Betty McMullen grandson -in law), Matt Merritt (Amy Szekely son), David Shrewbury (Puppa's son in law), Marc Benson (Stickles nephew), Christen Kratz Woolford (Dennis Kratz daughter) and Tom Woolford (Dennis Kratz son in law)*. We also pray for all the men and women who risk their lives daily serving in law enforcement, fire and public safety. Prayers for the Military who have died and their families. We continue to keep all our military and public service casualties in your prayers for their continued recovery.

**Repose of the Soul:**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving:**

**Prayers of Special Intentions:** Brenda, Randy & Judy Bragdon, Marilyn Bresnahan - Dunn, Ann Burt, Sharon Buttari, Alberta Calvin, Jesse Crouch, Edward Dabeck, Dauback Family, Dianne Lynn Davis, Vinnie Burke, Tony Jackson, Norah & Scott Kinderman, Katie Lingg, Jerry & Mary Maschino, Mauer Family, Meredith, Jeanne Parker, Riley Sandberg, Sheila, Mana Seera Edie Springuel, Gail Trinite, Steve Nice Warner, Linda White,

Ray Wilkerson

**For the hospitalized, sick and home bound:** Rev. Lloyd Aiken, Peggy Blackburn, Robin Blackburn, Pat Chelton, Doris Clay, May Davis, Barb Durham, Eleanor Gyr, Stephanie O'Planick, Harry Sappington, Pam Stevens, Rebecca Ubert, Jean Williams, Doug Williams, Cory Woodall

**Birthdays:** Cathy Hudson, Debby Metzler, Addison Cook, John Keister  
**Anniversaries:**

\* Names will remain on the prayer list for 8 weeks unless requested longer