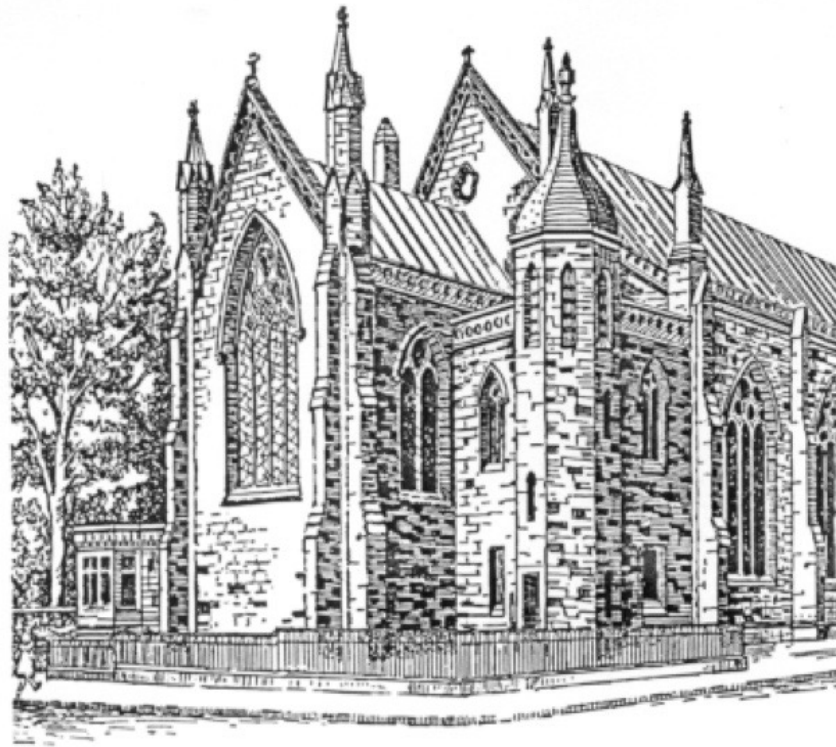


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The Third Sunday of Easter
April 18th, 2021
The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two
8 am & 11 am

Welcome to Grace Church! If you are a newcomer or visitor, we want you to know that we are blessed by your presence. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to a member of the clergy. Everything you need to follow the service can be found in this bulletin. Congregational responses are printed in **bold**. Hymn numbers refer to **The Hymnal 1982**.

PRELUDE *Symphonie Romane: Cantilène* Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

HYMN 180 *He Is Risen, He Is Risen!*

THE WORD OF GOD

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

A HYMN OF PRAISE (11 am) Hymn 174

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON *Acts 3:12-19*

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 4 *Sung to ST. JAMES (Hymn 457)*

*O God, defender of my cause,
When I call, answer me;
You set me free when most hard pressed;
Have mercy, hear my plea.*

*“How long will you dishonor me,
You creatures of the dust;
And worship gods that cannot speak
And in false idols trust?”*

*God does great wonder for his own;
When I call, he will hear;
Speak to your heart, then, secretly;
Do not sin; stand in fear.*

*Offer the sacrifice required,
And trust in God’s great might;
While many seek for better times,
Lord, let us see light.*

*You put more gladness in my heart
Than when our crops increase;
You, Lord, alone make me secure:
I fall asleep in peace.*

THE SECOND LESSON *1 John 3:1-7*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one

who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 178 *Jesus Is Lord of All the Earth*

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 24:36b-48*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things."

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Alan Christopher Lee

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,**

and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Let us offer prayers for our own needs, and for God's people in every place, saying:
"Alleluia! Hear our prayer."

For the Church, and especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Lawrence, our Bishop: that we may be signs of Christ's forgiveness to a broken and sinful world; Risen Lord, **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

For the people of Grace Church: that the Spirit of God will inspire us to share the Gospel and our experience of God's action in our own lives, so that others may see what love the Father has bestowed on all people; Risen Lord, **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

For our nation's leaders and people: that we may come together in good will to work for justice and the welfare of all. We pray also that peace may prevail, especially in cities and communities that are threatened by storms of rage and hostility; Risen Lord, **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

For reverence for the sanctity of all lives, and an end to gun violence; Risen Lord, **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

For all whose lives or livelihoods are threatened by volcanos, tornadoes, floods, storms or global warming: that God will watch over them and keep them safe; Risen Lord, **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

For all healthcare workers and caregivers who are fatigued and demoralized by yet another wave of the coronavirus: that God may fortify them, and replenish their weary souls; Risen Lord, **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

For those who lack food, clean water, or adequate housing; for those who are struggling with addictions; for those who continue to suffer from COVID 19; and those for whom prayers have been requested, especially Cynthia; Florence; Bill; Jack & Carol; Kathy; Jane S; Lally; Shaily; Jesse; Sean and Fiona and family; Jenny; Janice; Mike; Marcelle; Joe D. and family: that God will bring them help, hope and healing; Risen Lord, **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

At this time, you may offer to God any petitions, or any thanksgivings for His many blessings ... Risen Lord, **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, especially Dorothy Wheeler, mother of Kate Rock; and Linnea Peterson, aunt of Paul Olson; and Daunte Wright, and all victims of violence, that they may rest in God's loving care. We pray also for God's presence with all who mourn; Risen Lord, **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

For all who are present, and for all who worship with us from their homes today: that God will open the eyes of our faith, so that we know the true source of our health and our salvation—which does not come from our own power or piety, but rather by the grace of God, through Jesus Christ; Risen Lord, **Alleluia! Hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AT THE OFFERTORY, A SOLO (11 am) Val Vollmer, *soloist*

We are grateful for your offering to Grace Church. For your safety, we will not be passing the collection plate during worship services. An offering plate is located in the center aisle at the back of the Church. To pledge by text, send a message to 73256 with the message "GraceBrooklyn." You may also give online by going to <https://onrealm.org/gracebrooklyn/-/give/now>.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

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 we are 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 AND BENEDICTUS S 125 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

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 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
People **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.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

COMMUNION HYMN 204 **(11 am)** *Now the Green Blade Riseth*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.
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.**

THE EASTER BLESSING

Celebrant
The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN 199 *Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *He Is Risen, He Is Risen!* Paul O. Manz (1919-2009)



*Growing in Faith * Creating an Inclusive Community*
*Serving with Compassion * Working for Social Justice*

Welcome to Grace Church! If you are new to Grace, we are thrilled that you have joined us, and would love to get to know you better. Please take a moment introduce yourself to an usher or a member of the clergy.

The second Core Value of Grace Church Brooklyn Heights is “Creating an Inclusive Community.” To that end, join us to plan the **Third Annual Multicultural Day** celebration, scheduled for October 17, 2021.

The first planning meeting will be on Sunday, April 25, 10:00 am, via Zoom. For more information, please contact Denise Young Farrell, dlyfarrell@gmail.com or Allison Robinson, A.Robinson2@verizon.net.

The Spring issue of ***Family Matters***, our family ministry newsletter, is now available. Pick up a copy from the tables at the back of the church.

Red Hook Farms has re-opened for volunteers. Individuals can sign up for shifts on the farm’s website at <https://rhicenter.org/support-us/volunteer>. Interested in volunteering with a group from Grace? Contact Fr. Chris at clee@gracebrooklyn.org.

Grace Church will host **“Releasing the Tiger: the Political Spirituality of Desmond Tutu,”** a conversation with the Rev. Dr. Michael Battle, author of *Desmond Tutu: A Spiritual Biography of South Africa's Confessor*. **Sunday, April 25th at 1pm.** Registration details will be forthcoming.

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