

GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK
THE SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY + EASTER VII
Holy Eucharist Rite I
May 29, 2022 at eleven o'clock A.M.

PRELUDE Passacaglia in d-moll, BuxWV 161
Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, BuxWV 184

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

HYMN 494 Crown him with many crowns *(All stand)*

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - somed sin - ners slain, now
5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and
3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

1 hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY AND SUMMARY OF THE LAW

GLORIA, HYMNAL S-204 (Sung by all)

Anglican Chant (*Old Scottish Gloria*)

Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will towards men.
We praise thee, we bless thee,
we worship thee,
we glorify thee,
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father,
have mercy upon us.
For thou only art holy;
thou only art the Lord;
thou only, O Christ,
with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy spirit.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSON Acts 16:16-34 (Please be seated)

Joann Hill

With Paul and Silas, we came to Philippi in Macedonia, a Roman colony, and, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." They

spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 97. *Dominus regnavit*

Anglican Chant (*Bairstow*)

The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof;
yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.

Clouds and darkness are round about him:
righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his seat.

There shall go a fire before him, and burn up his enemies on every side.

His lightnings gave shine unto the world: the earth saw it, and was afraid.

The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord;
at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens have declared his righteousness,
and all the peoples have seen his glory.

Confounded be all they that worship carved images,
and that delight in vain gods: worship him, all ye gods.

Sion heard of it, and rejoiced; and the daughters of Judah were glad,
because of thy judgments, O Lord.

For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth:
thou art exalted far above all gods.

O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil:
the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints;
he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.

There is sprung up a light for the righteous,
and joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous;
and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

THE EPISTLE Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21

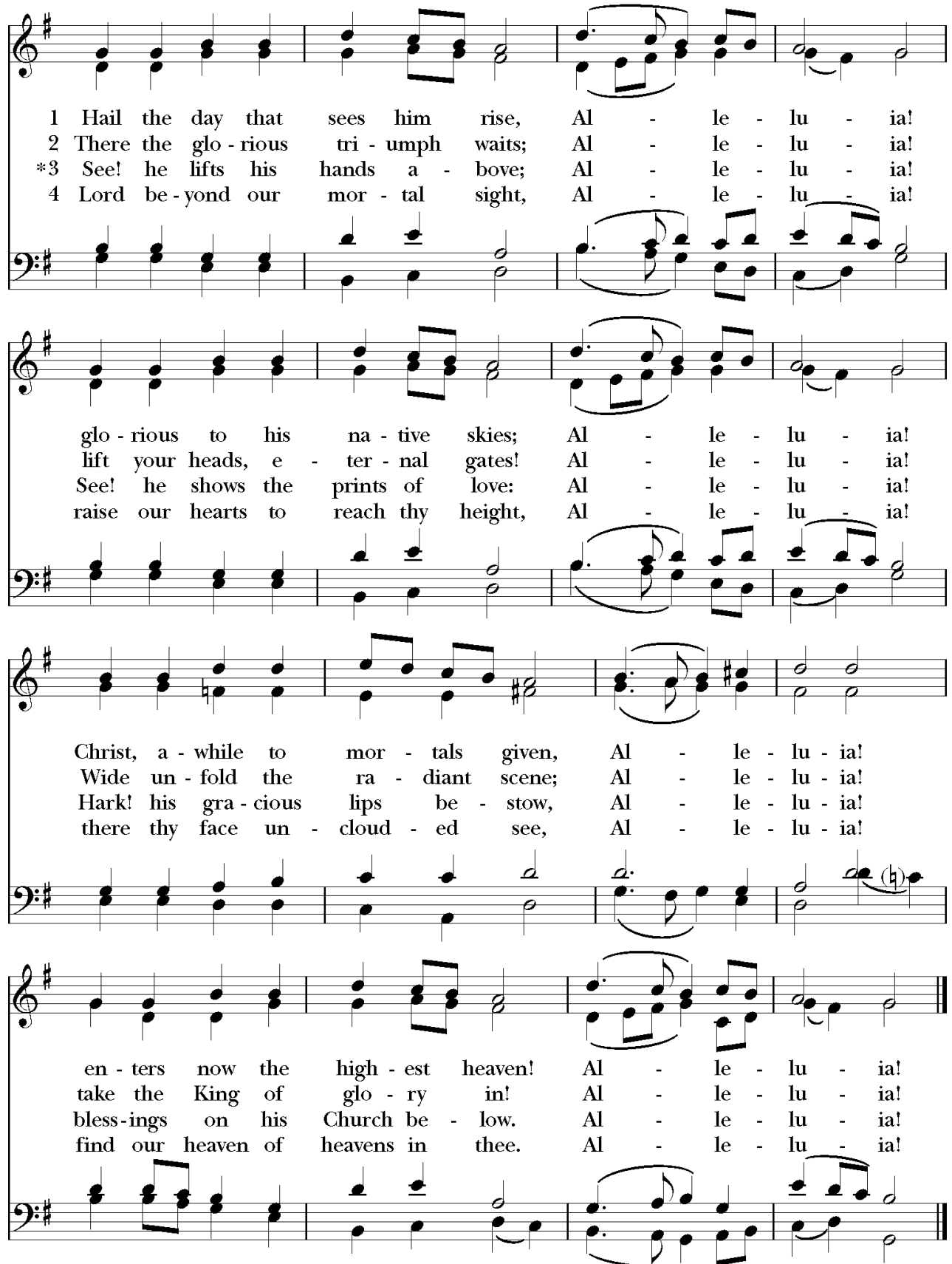
Beverly Banks

At the end of the visions I, John, heard these words: "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord
People **Thanks be to God**

(All stand to sign the hymn)

HYMN 214 Hail the day that sees him rise



1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
*3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!
See! he shows the prints of love: Al - le - lu - ia!
raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!
Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!
Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!
there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!
take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
bless - ings on his Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!
find our heaven of heavens in thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt. Music: *Llanfair*, Robert Williams (1781-1821)

*During the singing of the hymn, children (ages 4-12) are encouraged to meet at the chancel steps,
then follow the Children's Chapel leaders to the chantry.*

THE GOSPEL John 17:20-26

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus prayed for his disciples, and then he said. "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

SERMON *(Please be seated)*

THE REVEREND THOMAS SZCZERBA

THE NICENE CREED *(To be said by all, standing)*

Book of Common Prayer p. 326

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.

Lector In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Lector For all people in their daily life and work;
People ***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

Lector Remembering especially Joseph our President; Kathleen our Governor; and Eric our Mayor, we pray for this community, the nation, and the world;

People ***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

Lector For the just and proper use of your creation;
People ***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

Lector For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People ***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

Lector For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People ***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

Lector For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, Presiding Bishop, Andrew, Allen, and Mary, Bishops in New York, and all bishops and other ministers;
People ***For all who serve God in his Church.***

Lector For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

For justice, peace, and freedom in this and every place, especially in the troubled regions of the world.

For victims of natural disasters around the globe.

For all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, for all victims of war, and all others we name either silently or aloud.

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

Lector We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially, these particular blessings that the people of Grace Church have named:

Lector We will exalt you, O God our King;
People ***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

Lector We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lector Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People ***Who put their trust in you.***
Lector We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

THE CONFESSION (To be said by all)

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 your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

THE PEACE (All stand)
Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And with thy spirit.**

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please be seated)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

AT THE OFFERTORY, ANTHEM

John Ireland (1879-1962)

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Who his own self bare our sins in his own Body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.

Ye are washed, ye are sanctified, ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.

Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Canticle 8; St. John 15; I Peter 2;

I Corinthians 6: Romans 12

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DOXOLOGY

(All stand)

OLD 100TH

PRAISE God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Remain standing)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Through thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his glorious resurrection manifestly appeared to his disciples; and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All may kneel after the Sanctus.

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood. And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this

Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *AMEN.*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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,
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.



O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -

way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -

on us. O Lamb of God, that

ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have

mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of

God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the

world, grant us thy peace.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation

The gifts of God for the People of God. Take and eat them in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE ADMINISTRATION

The Communion is administered (bread only) at the chancel steps. Please approach single file from the center aisle and keep six-feet behind the person in front of you. Return to your pew using the side aisle to your right or left.

HYMN 215 See the Conqueror mounts in triumph

1 See the Con - queror mounts in tri - umph; see the King in
 2 He who on the cross did suf - fer, he who from the
 3 Thou hast raised our hu - man na - ture on the clouds to

roy - al state, rid - ing on the clouds, his
 grave a - rose, he has van - quished sin and
 God's right hand: there we sit in heaven - ly

char - iot, to his heaven - ly pal - ace gate!
 Sa - tan; he by death has spoiled his foes.
 plac - es, there with thee in glo - ry stand.

Hark! the choirs of an - gel voic - es joy - ful
 While he lifts his hands in bless - ing, he is
 Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels; Man with

al - le - lu - ias sing, and the por - tals
 part - ed from his friends; while their ea - ger
 God is on the throne; might - y Lord, in

high are lift - ed to re - ceive their heaven - ly King.
 eyes be - hold him, he up - on the clouds a - scends.
 thine as - cen - sion, we by faith be - hold our own.

Words: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885), alt. Music: *In Babilone*, melody from *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenliedjes en Contradanseu*, 1710; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944) Copyright © The Church Pension Fund. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

AT THE COMMUNION, ANTHEM

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
 For my soul, it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord; my soul and body crieth
 out, yea for the living God.
 Blest are they that dwell within Thy house; they praise Thy name ever more.

Psalms 84: 1, 2, 4

The Celebrant and People say together:

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(Please kneel)*

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in, through Jesus Christ our Lord to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

HYMN 544 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793)

DISMISSAL *The people respond:* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE Praeludium in D-Dur, BuxWV 139

Dietrich Buxtehude

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Serving Today

The Adult Choir;

Joann Hill, Beverly Banks, Travis Brock Kennedy, *Readers*

Kayleigh Stewart, *Acolyte*

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TODAY

Coffee and Fellowship will take place in Tuttle Hall after the 9 am and 11 am services. Join us for brownies, cookies, and other treats as well as something cool to drink.

The Sunday Forum is on break for the summer.

12:30 pm – Newcomer Class: A Conversation about Prayer - Visitors and new members are warmly invited to join the Rev. Thomas Szczerba in a conversation about the different ways we pray and connect with God. Held in the reception room at 12:30 pm. Lunch will be provided, so RSVP to the Rev. Thomas Szczerba at tszczerba@gracechurchnyc.org.

May is Peanut Butter Month - In May everyone is invited to contribute a jar (or jars) of peanut butter to the Grace Church food collection. All food donations are appreciated - but this month we focus on peanut butter as a very important staple item for The Red Door Place food pantry. Let's see how many jars we can collect. Collection baskets are near the doors of the main church and the Chantry.

COMING SOON

June 2 – 20s and 30s – Final Meeting before the Summer: All parishioners in their 20s and 30s are invited to join Father Thomas at Josie Woods Pub at 11 Waverly Pl from 6-7:30 pm. We will recap our year and discuss future plans for the group. Email the Rev. Thomas Szczerba well before the event to RSVP.

Jun 5 – Bishop Visitation – Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of New York, the Rt. Rev. Mary Glasspool, will visit us on the Day of Pentecost, Sunday, June 5 at 11am this is the time for youth and adults to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church. Youth classes have begun. Any adults who are interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, or simply learning more about what this means, should contact the Rev. Julia Offinger at joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org to discuss next steps as soon as possible.

Jun 12 – The Annual Parish Picnic and Choir Recognition Sunday - Grace Church parishioners and friends are welcome and encouraged to come to Huntington Close following the 11am service! Join us in celebration of the choir ministries of Grace Church and to help bring our program year to a joyous and festive close. Suggested donation at the door is \$10 per person

Jun 19 - Farewell to Thomas! The Rev. Thomas Szczerba has announced that he accepted a call to serve as an Associate Rector at St. David's Episcopal Church in Radnor, Pennsylvania. Thomas' final Sunday with us will be June 19th where he will preach at both the 9 am and 11 am services. Check your conventional mail and Friday's Weekly Epistle for more details about farewell celebrations for Thomas.

PARISH LIFE

Wear your nametags! As we are making our way out of the pandemic, we are seeing a lot of new faces at our gatherings. It is becoming important that we bring back the practice of wearing our nametags so we know how to address each other. Nametags can be found on the boards in Tuttle Hall. Newcomers are encouraged to

visit our new welcome table during coffee hour to create their own nametags. If you are a pledging member and do not see your nametag on the boards in Tuttle Hall, please send the Rev. Thomas Szczerba an email at tszczerba@gracechurchnyc.org so, he can make you one.

Return of Communion Wine – Bishop Dietsche has approved the administration of sacramental wine at Holy Eucharist. Thus, the chalice will be available for all baptized Christians who desire to receive “in both kinds.” Studies have shown, and two-thousand years of practice has demonstrated that sipping from a common cup that is purified between each recipient is safe. Intincting, or dipping the wafer is less so, and will not be allowed for now. Note also that receiving the bread only is sufficient for full Communion. You need not return to the common cup until you are personally ready.

Mask Optional – Everyone inside the building must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19, so please have your card or pass handy at the door. Once inside we are mask optional. For those who are unvaccinated or feeling unwell, please join us via the livestream.

The Guild of Bakers - If you enjoy baking (or buying) cookies, brownies, muffins, or other freezable bite-sized treats, please consider joining a revitalized ministry called the Guild of Bakers. You can participate on your own timetable, whenever the Spirit moves you. The next time you are baking (or buying) goodies that would be popular at coffee hour, all you have to do is make an extra batch. Just wrap it well and drop it off at the parish office any time during business hours, or on Sundays after church. We have plenty of freezer space to store your culinary creations for a future coffee hour. Please sign up for the “Guild of Bakers” by sending an email to Mickey Hawley, Parish Office Coordinator, at mhawley@gracechurchnyc.org.

Grace Cares - Would you like a visit at home or at the hospital? Do you need assistance in getting to church or an appointment? Are you struggling and in need of a friendly phone call? Would you like the Sunday lessons read to you or the service bulletin brought to you? Would you like to receive communion in your home? Grace has a pastoral care team that provides these services and more. Contact the Rev. Julia Macy Offinger at joffinger@gracechurchnyc.org

Restrooms are available on the 1st floor of the parish house, through the north aisle door near the baptismal font.

Safe Church - Grace Church is committed to providing its members, staff, and visitors a place that is free of abuse and harassment. If you have observed, or personally experienced sexual or other forms of harassment, or other concerning behavior while attending activities, classes, or events held at Grace Church, or on our shared campus with Grace Church School, we encourage you to notify us. Please visit <https://gracechurchnyc.org/safechurch/> where you will find a direct means of providing feedback.

EVERY SUNDAY

9 am Worship Service - The Church is open for in-person worship.

Sunday School - 10:15 – 10:45 am in our Sunday School rooms just off of Tuttle Hall.

The Sunday Forum is on break for the summer. Our weekly discussion forum for adults that examines theological, political, and social topics of Christian concern meets most Sundays in the Reception Room from 10 – 10:45 am.

11 am Worship Service - The Church is open for in-person worship. Service continues to be video streamed every week.

Children’s Chapel - During the 11 am service. Children ages 4-12 are invited to start church with their parents in the pews and then join Father Thomas or Mother Julia in the chantry for a time of learning and prayer.

Nursery Care – The nursery is open from 9 am – 12pm in the room next to the Sunday School classroom, across Tuttle Hall. Adult supervision is required.

Coffee Hour - Coffee and fellowship will be available today in Tuttle Hall following the 9am and 11am services.

Activity Corner for Children - In the north aisle of the church you will find coloring supplies, and books for children to use during the service. Please return all materials before you leave, and help us keep the area clean for future families.

4 pm Hymns from Grace (in person and live on Facebook) 4pm – 45 minutes of favorite hymns, organ pieces and anthems played on the Bicentennial Organ.

6 pm Eucharist – Celebration of the Eucharist in our beautiful chantry chapel with hymns, instrumentalists and sermon by the Grace Church clergy or college chaplain. An important component of the Sunday 6 pm service is Canterbury Downtown – the college fellowship which meets for dinner and discussion immediately following. All college students welcome.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Monday - Centering Prayer (over Zoom) – 12:15-12:45 pm – Christian silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of God's presence. Led by Currie Estreich, MA, Spiritual Direction, the General Theological Seminary. For Zoom access, please see The Weekly Epistle or email the Rev. Thomas Szczerba.

Enter, Rest, Pray (CHURCH IS OPEN) Monday - Saturday from noon – 5 pm.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday – Bach at Noon (in person and live on Facebook) 12:20 pm - 30 minutes of music by J.S. Bach, played on the Bicentennial Organ.

Wednesday - Women's Bible Study (over Zoom) – 10:30 am-noon – Long-running program of guided Bible study and discussion for women resumes on Wednesday, September 15. For Zoom access info, please see The Weekly Epistle or email the Rev. Julia Macy Offinger well before the event.

Wednesday Evening Eucharist at 6 pm in the Chantry

Saturday – Weekend Organ Meditation (on Facebook Live) 4pm - 45-minutes of diverse music played on the Bicentennial Organ.

OUTREACH

Help Ukrainian Families As this crisis continues to evolve, Episcopal Relief & Development is working to provide humanitarian assistance to the more than 2 million people who have had to leave Ukraine. Specifically, their partner ACT Alliance is helping families on the Hungarian border, and their Anglican partners are mobilizing both an immediate and long-term response in Poland, Romania and Hungary. Your emergency gift will provide cash, blankets, hygiene supplies and other needs as this crisis unfolds. Visit <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/ukraineresponse> to make a donation today.

Food Donations for The Red Door Place Our food ministry partner, now called The Red Door Place at The Church of the Village, is one of the few pantry/soup kitchens remaining open to serve those in need during the Covid-19 crisis. Donations are desperately needed. Non-perishable food item(s) may be dropped off in the collection baskets in the narthex when you visit Grace Church during open hours.

Notice

Photography and video recordings taken at services display the vibrancy and joy of Grace Church in print and online materials. As a participant in Grace Church events, you have a right to opt out of inclusion in photographs/media. To do so, contact the Rev. Thomas Szczerba at tszczerba@gracechurchnyc.org.

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