



The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 18, 2025

*8:00 am (said)
10:30 am (sung)*

Grace Episcopal Church
The Plains, Virginia

Welcome to Grace Church in The Plains. We are grateful for your presence in worship today. If you would like to learn more about our life at Grace, or become more closely associated with this community, we encourage you to complete a pew card, which may be placed in the offering plate, given to our rector, or mailed to the church office. For detailed information about the ministry and witness of our parish, including the complete schedule of worship services and weekly events, visit: www.gracetheplains.org. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

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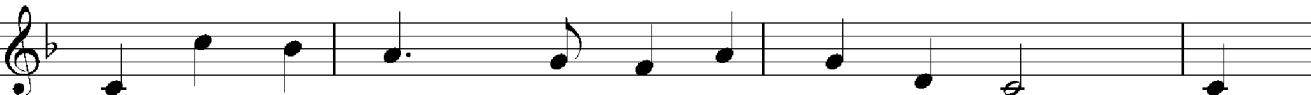
The people stand as able at the ringing of the tower bell

Hymn 296

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more

Engelberg

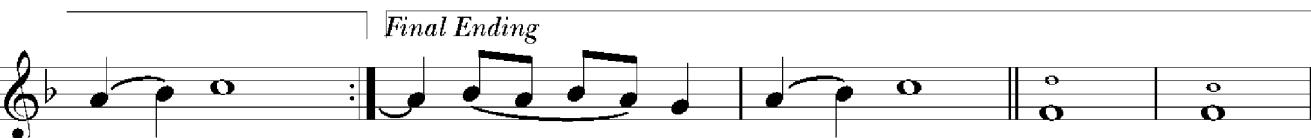
We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 We share by wa-ter in his sav-ing death.
 The Fa-ther's splen-dor clothes the Son with life.
 A new cre-a-tion comes to life and grows.



Em-braced by death he broke its fear-ful hold;
 Re-born we share with him an Eas-ter life.
 The Spi-rit's pow-er shakes the Church of God.
 as Christ's new bo-dy takes on flesh and blood.



and our de-spair he turned to blaz-ing joy.
 as liv-ing mem-bers of a liv-ing Christ. Al-le-
 Bap-tized we live with God the Three in One.
 The u-ni-verse re-stored and whole will sing:



lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men.

Celebrant
People

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

Celebrant

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**

Hymn of Praise S 280

Said by all at 8:00

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Gloria
Sung by all at 10:30

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo- ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; 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 First Lesson Acts 11:1-18

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; *
praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, *
tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, *
old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson Revelation 21:1-6

Reader A reading from the Revelation to John.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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

Sequence Hymn

In Christ there is no East or West

McKee

1. In Christ there is no east or west, In
2. In him shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where Their
3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples in the faith, What -
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In

1. him no south or north; But one great fam - 'ly
2. high com - mu - nion find; His ser - vice is the
3. e'er your race may be! Who serve each oth - er
4. him meet south and north; All Christ - ly souls are

1. bound by love Through - out the whole wide earth.
2. gold - en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
3. in Christ's love Are sure - ly kin to me.
4. one in him, Through - out the whole wide earth.

Text: CM; Galatians 3:28; John Oxenham, 1852–1941. Music: Spiritual; adapted by Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949.

Celebrant
People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Celebrant
People

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Rob Banse

The people stand as able

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.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped 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.

Prayers of the People

*The Intercessor and People pray responsively
Congregational responses are in bold font*

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

The Prayers of the People continue overleaf→

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Alban's, Annandale; St. James's, Richmond; and St. Stephen's, Richmond; let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For The Grace Church Vestry, The Grace Church Flower & Altar Guilds, Peas & Grace Food Pantry, and the families and teachers of Grace Montessori School including Head of School **Jillian** Johncox, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For those away from home in the service of our country, including **Bishop Anne** Ritonia. Are there others? Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for the people of **Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine**, and for those on our parish prayer list, including **Nancy** Albert, **Richard** Asher, **Catherine** Blackwell, **Bruce & Tina** Blake, **Andrew** Cook, **Frank** Cosen, **Kaitlin** Cosen, **Tom** Delashmutt, **Obie & Claudia** Dugan, **Bob** Gallucci, **Teresa** Gordon, **Gene** Higgins, **Ruth** Hooper, **Daniel** Hostetler, **John** Johnson, **Hope** Laingen, **Joe & Leslie** Mitchell, **Annelle** Murphy, **John** Murphy, **Delilah** Ohrstrom, **Joanne** Reiss, **Brian** Robson, **Allan** Rogoff, **Matthew** Tucker, **Christopher** Turner, **Scott** Wehner, and **Bunny** Wisecarver. Are there others?

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Almighty and ever-living God, hear our prayers for our parish family during this period of transition and help us as we move forward in our life together as a congregation. May we be guided by your love and strengthened in our mission to serve you through worship, service, and fellowship. Grant us all things necessary for our common life within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

The people are seated

Welcome & Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All comes from God, so from what God has given, we offer gifts to sustain God's work in the world.

If you wish to make your offering electronically, please scan the QR code.



The Offertory

Offertory Anthem

Christus Vincit (*Sung in Latin*)

Joseph Noyon, arr. Gerre Hancock

Christus vincit; Christus regnat; Christus Imperat.
Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto
Christus vincit; Christus regnat; Christus Imperat.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,
et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.
Christus vincit; Christus regnat; Christus Imperat.

Christ has overcome; Christ reigns; Christ commands.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
Christ has overcome; Christ reigns; Christ commands.
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.
Christ has overcome; Christ reigns; Christ commands

Sung by the Grace Church Choir

Presentation Hymn 380, st. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Old 100th



1 From all that dwell below the skies let
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through every land, by every tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117, St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
Music: Old 100th, melody from *Psaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

The people remain standing as able

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

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

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

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:

Holy, Holy, Holy S 125

Said by all at 8:00

Celebrant & 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.

Sanctus

Sung by all at 10:30

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

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 & 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.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant & 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

Fraction Anthem

Said at 8:00

Celebrant
Alleluia.
Christ our Passover has been
sacrificed for us;

People
Therefore let us keep the feast,
Alleluia.

Pascha nostrum

Sung at 10:30

David Hurd

This setting is not used in Lent.

Celebrant

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Behold what you are. Become what you receive.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those worshiping at home
Said by all

adapted from St. Alphonsus de Ligouri

Celebrant & People

Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We love you above all things and long for you in our souls. Since members of your body cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into their hearts. As though you have already come, we embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you; never permit us to be separated from you. Amen.

You are invited to sing the hymns during Communion

Communion Hymn 487

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life

The Call



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a
a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
length; such a strength as makes his guest.
part; such a heart as joys in love.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633). Music: *The Call*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958).

Communion Hymn 463

He is the Way

Hall

1. He is the Way. Follow him through the Land of Un-like - ness; you will see rare beasts and have u - nique ad - ven - tures.

2. He is the Truth. Seek him in the King - dom of Anx - i - e - ty: you will come to a great ci - ty that has ex - pec - - ted your re - turn for years.

3. He is the Life. Love him in the World of the Flesh: and at your mar - - riage all its oc - ca - - sions shall dance for joy.

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The people kneel as able

The Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant & 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 Blessing

Paraphrase of Henri-Frédéric Amiel

Celebrant Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who are traveling the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn 457

Thou art the Way, to thee alone

St. James

Words: George Washington Doane (1799-1859), alt. Music: St. James, Raphael Courteville (d. 1735).

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Closing Voluntary

Sortie

Théodore Dubois

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Serving Today

Celebrant & Preacher

The Rev. Rob Banse

Organist & Choirmaster

Dr. Jason Farris

Reader & Intercessor 8:00 am

Robert deT. Lawrence, IV

Usher 8:00 am

Scott Wehner

Reader & Intercessor 10:30 am

Nigel Roberts

Usher 10:30 am

Teresa Duke & Rick Miller

Audio Visual Minister

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The Rev. Rob Banse's Contact Information

You may now email Rev. Banse at rob@gracetheplains.org or call the church's main line ([540-253-5177](tel:540-253-5177)) and dial extension 102.

Coffee Hour

After the 10:30 a.m. service, Coffee Hour is held in the Parish Hall. If you'd like to volunteer for this ministry of hospitality, please contact Ginny-Len Hazel-Potter at ginnylenhazel@gmail.com.

SoundBites

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Tempest

Wine Pairings at 4:00 p.m. | Concert at 5:00 p.m.

Purchase Tickets: www.GraceThePlains.org

Dark Horse Theatre

presents

Calamity Improv Performance

Saturday, May 31, 2025

Doors Open at 7:00 p.m. | Show Begins at 7:30 p.m.

Purchase Tickets: www.DarkHorseVa.com

Peas and Grace

The Peas & Grace Food Pantry is open to serve the public on

Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

Please share this information with those in the community who may need food assistance.

Please contact April Gaines to volunteer or to ask questions about volunteering.

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