

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

O Lovely Peace
Libby Maxey and Jim Mead, soloists

G.F.Handel
(1685-1759)

Opening Hymn

Voices Found 131 Lord of all hopefulness

1 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

2 Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hand were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

3 Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

4 Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

The Opening Acclamation

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

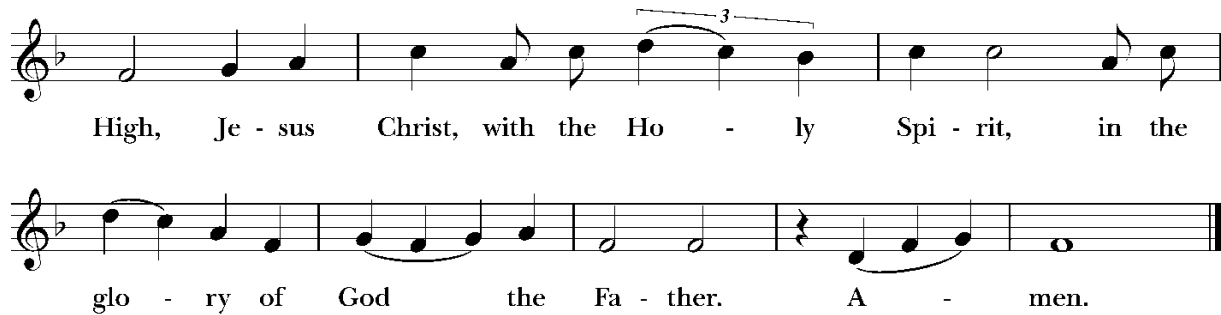
All Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you
no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of
your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify
your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria



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 scat - 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

The musical score is written on ten staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features various musical notations including eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, and rests. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' and a bracket) over the notes for 'Christ, on - ly', 'take a - way', and 'you a - lone' (twice). The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical staves.



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The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The Readings

All may sit.

The First Lesson: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

The servant said to Laban, “I am Abraham’s servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’

“I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also” —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.’

“Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her

nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left."

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?"

The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

*Reader
People*

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

Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes,

leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.

Look, there he stands
behind our wall,

gazing in at the windows,
looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:
"Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;

for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,

and the voice of the turtledove
is heard in our land.

The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away."

The Epistle: Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

<i>Reader</i>	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

All may stand.

The Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

<i>Gospeler</i>	The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
<i>People</i>	Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

All may sit.

The Sermon

A message usually based on the readings and their relevancy to life today.

All may stand.

The Nicene Creed

Creed comes from the Latin ‘Credo’, ‘I believe.’, The Nicene Creed was created in the formative years of the Church, to be a symbol of common faith. It pertains to the Holy Trinity – a core belief which distinguishes Christianity from other faith traditions.

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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

Form I (BCP, p.383)

The community of the Church is called to pray in Christ's name for the needs of the world. Standing for the Prayers is a sign of our calling to be a corporate priestly community (the priesthood of all believers), praying for those needs.

*The petitions in the Prayers of the People end with the phrase, "God of love." You are invited to respond "**Hear our prayer.**"*

The Peace

The Peace is meant as an encounter with Christ in others, and a reconciliation with one another and with ourselves in anticipation of the kingdom of God.

Priest The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

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

All may sit.

Greeting

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn Voices Found 84 Just as I am

1 Just as I am, without one plea,
but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am, though tossed about
with many a conflict, may a doubt;
fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
sight, riches, healing of the mind,
yea, all I need, in thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am: thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken every barrier down;
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am, of thy great love
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,
here for a season, then above:
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B (BCP, p.357)

This is the prayer of blessing over the bread and wine, based on Jewish table prayers. It begins with the priest inviting the people to join giving thanks, since the whole congregation are together “celebrants.”

The People remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

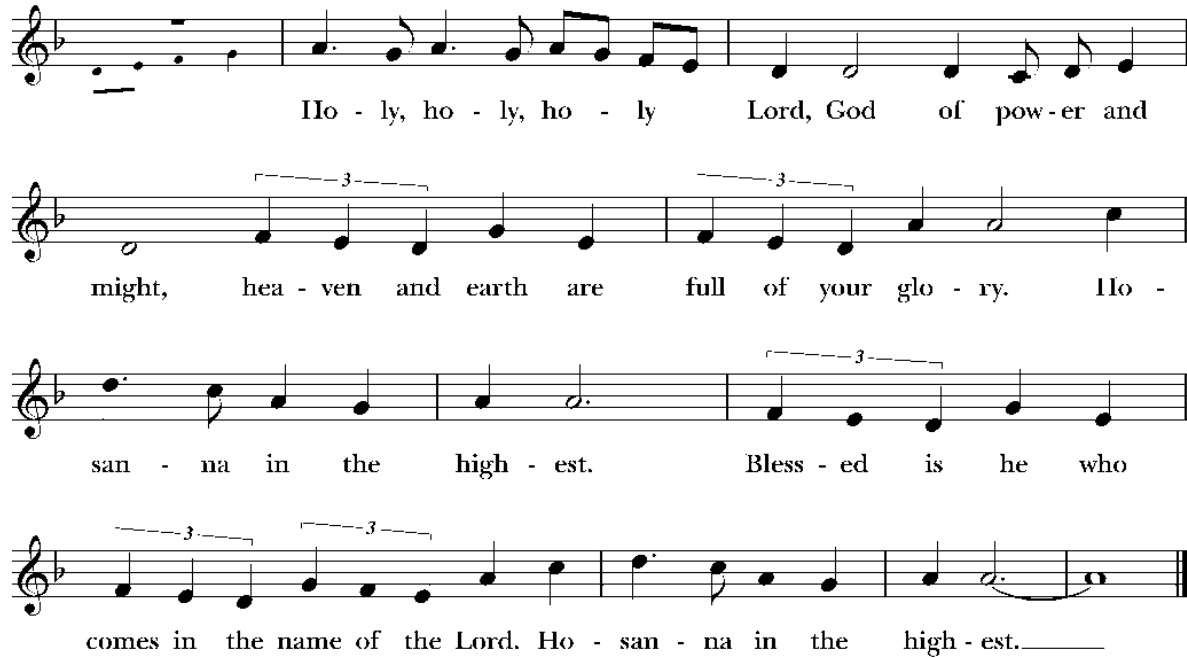
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give God 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...Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, whoever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus



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

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It features a variety of note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. Trills are indicated by a '3' over a bracketed group of notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the corresponding notes.

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Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God...Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
People: **We remember his death,**
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory
Celebrant: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving....all honor and glory is
yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Priest

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

This is a sign that the bread is to be shared by all.

Priest: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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The Communion of the People

All who seek God, and are drawn to Christ, are welcome at his table. If you do not wish to receive Communion, but desire a blessing from the priest, simply cross your arms across your chest to indicate this and the priest will say a prayer of blessing over you. If you require a gluten-free communion wafer, please go to one of the Communion stations at the front of the church. Wine may be consumed from the chalice. Intinction, the dipping of the bread into the wine, is NOT allowed.

Communion Anthem

As Steals the Morn Peace
Libby Maxey and Jim Mead, soloists

G.F.Handel
(1685-1759)

Postcommunion Prayer

This prayer gives thanks for the gift of Communion, that it may bear fruit in daily life.

All **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

The traditional ending of the service. We are reminded that God is with us and empowering us.

Recessional Hymn 718 God of our fathers

1 God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

2 Thy love divine hath led us in the past,
in this free land by thee our lot is cast;
be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.

3 From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;
thy true religion in our hearts increase,
thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.

4 Refresh thy people on their toilsome way,
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

Dismissal

At the point of leaving, the Church sends us forth. In Christ's name we are sent out for mission and service in daily life.

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Allegro from Sonata #4

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

Serving at the Altar Today

9:30 am	Celebrant	The Rev. Eliot Moss
	Preacher	The Rev. Eliot Moss
	Deacon	The Rev. Rebecca Grant
	Lectors	Dick Damon, Martin Wobst
	Eucharistic Ministers	Sarah Boy, Kell Julliard
	Bell	Nancy Lowry
	Ushers	Mark Leonas, Tony Jewell

Please remember in your prayers

For strength and healing: Robert Goodhind, Carolyn Collette, Bob Banks, Cecilia Gonzalez, Greta James Maxfield, Nicholas Oleksak, Patty Vogt, Jenifer Price, Jim Garrett, Danny Shanahan, Jane Kirkman-Smith, Laura Smith-Martin, Michael Erard, Lisa, Emrys Bond, Mia, Trish Callard, Gretchen Gerzina, Laura Klock, Meg Kelsey Wright, Robin, Scottie Faerber, Carl Miller, Lauren & Stephen, Greta, Sara Stelzner, Jon Zobel, Jona Hammer, Nancy Rose, Norah, Mary Sidney Treyz, Peter, Alan Musgrave, Penny Lane, Stephen Dogero, Doug Adler, Chris & Deanne Riddle, Patricia Tillona, Pam Wilkinson, Maida, Amy, Steve, Kenneth Page, Tim Callard, Castor Moss, Marion, Cyndee & Dennis Grader, Reynolds Winslow, Annmargret Wobst Wille, Jane Pemberton

For all those having birthdays this week including Harry Chadwick, Joseph Hazlip, Jeffrey DeSantis, Amory Maxey, Bill Allbritton, Dick Damon, Unati Mangaliso, Rev. Heidi Frantz-Dale, Kate Baker, Andrew Haight, Nancy LaPointe

For Natalia Wobst for the work she is doing through St Jude's Hospital in Eastern Europe

For peace with justice in Ukraine, Palestine and Israel.

For our partners in Haiti: St. Matthieu, Bayonnais—its priest, teachers, students and their families

For our partners at the Episcopal Technical & Vocational Training Center in Ramallah, Palestine

According to the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Stephen's, Pittsfield; Worcester North Region & Dean of Clericus

According to the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of South America

Please note that names are removed from the prayer list after one month unless you specify otherwise.

Parish Announcements July 5, 2026

We are now on our summer service schedule, with one service at 9:30am. The regular service schedule will resume on Sunday, September 13th

Introducing Grace's pro tem Clergy Team

Eight (8) clergy from the parish will be leading Sunday services and handling pastoral care throughout the Summer and into the Fall until an Interim Priest assumes that position. For urgent concerns, to contact the Team, call the Parish Office at 413-256-6754, and referrals will be forwarded from there. The Clergy Team includes:

- The Rev. Heidi Frantz-Dale
- The Rev. John Horn
- The Rev. Raisin Horn
- The Rev. Rebecca Grant
- The Rev. James McDonald

- The Rev. Eliot Moss
- The Rev. Susan Schaeffer
- The Rev. Raymond Webster

That's 5 former Rectors, 1 former Vicar, 1 active Deacon, and the former Dean of a Cathedral! The Team thanks you for your prayers and support.

Haiti Ministry Uniform Fund

Thanks to all who have supported this summer's Haiti Uniform Campaign! We are very pleased to announce that our **generous donor** has extended their offer to match donations up to \$1,000 **through the end of July!** Every dollar, in any amount you can give, will be doubled and will help us reach our goal. Give as much as you are able, the students at St. Matthieu will thank you! To donate: please see us today at coffee hour, or send a check to Grace Church with "Haiti Uniforms" in the memo line. Donations can also be made via the **church website**: click "give", go to "Haiti Ministry" in the drop down, and mention uniforms in the "note" Mesi anpil!

Coffee Hour

The hospitality committee keeps a small supply of treats on hand but this often is not enough. Won't you please be so kind as to donate a baked good for all to enjoy? Coffee cakes, quick breads, muffins, or bagels are always appreciated as well as other baked goods. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness. Please see Sarah Chadwick if you have questions or want to help out further.

You are welcome!

We want you to know that you are welcome here. If you are new to Grace Church please reach out, because we are here to invite, embrace, and welcome you into our community. Whether you are:

- New to the area
- New to our church (and perhaps new to the Episcopal faith)
- A longtime resident in search of connection and community
- Part of the LGBTQ community and are looking for a spiritual home where you are welcomed and affirmed
- A New Student, looking for a place of safety and comfort during your time studying here
- A Mom or Dad of a student and want a place that will support your child while they live and study here

We are here for you. Please fill out a blue Card, and reach out to someone wearing a WELCOME badge and come back AGAIN !

SAVE THE DATE

Joy of Living Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m., 2nd and 4th Mondays

This group combines meditation, practices integrated in the flow of life, and discussion. Next meeting, in the Connector: July 13, 2026.

3 day Icon Workshop, Wednesday July 22-Friday July 24

There will be a 3 day intensive icon workshop from Wednesday, July 22 through Friday, July 24. The workshop will be in Grace Church's parish hall on Spring Street, and the hours are 9 am to 4 pm. As in the 16th century, students will be creating Byzantine style icons using traditional techniques and natural materials rich with symbolic meaning, including pure gold leaf, and ground mineral pigments in an emulsion made from egg yolk. Previous artistic experience is not necessary, since icon writing is as much a contemplative process of an inner spiritual journey into realms of beauty and glorification as it is an artistic discipline. Students of all levels of experience are welcome, and everyone will work on individual images at their own pace. A workshop fee of \$5 per day will cover the cost of provided materials. For more information please contact: Sandy Lillydahl sillydahl@library.umass.edu; 413-549-2740