

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

The Holy Eucharist with Baptism

Prelude

Voluntary #6

Maurice Greene
(1695-1755)

Opening Hymn 205 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:

Refrain:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is risen today!
Sing songs of praise along his way;
Let all the earth rejoice and say: [Refrain]
Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high: [Refrain]

Your Name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored: [Refrain]

To God the Father, God the Son,
To God the Spirit, always One,
We sing for life in us begun: [Refrain]

The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**
Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
People **One God and Father of all.**
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; 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: Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

Conserva me, Domine

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the Lord always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

The Epistle: 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and

even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

All may stand.

Sequence Hymn 195 Jesus lives! thy terrors now

1. Jesus lives! thy terrors now
can no longer, death, appall us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia!

2. Jesus lives! for us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Savior giving.
Alleluia!

3. Jesus lives! our hearts know well
nought from us his love shall sever;
life, nor death, nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia!

4. Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given:
may we go where he has gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia!

The Gospel: John 20:19-31

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on

them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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.

Holy Baptism

The Presentation and Examination of the Candidates: Charles Lenares, Corinna Lenares

The Baptismal Covenant *The Book of Common Prayer, p. 292*

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the
Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

Celebrant Let us now pray for these children who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

People **Amen**

The Baptism

The Reception of the Newly Baptized

Celebrant Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People **We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

Hymn 508 Breathe on me, Breath of God

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,

until with thee I will one will,
to do or to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
till I am wholly thine,
till all this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die;
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.

The Asperging of the People

The clergy process back to the chancel, sprinkling the congregation with holy water.

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 212 Awake, arise, lift up your voice

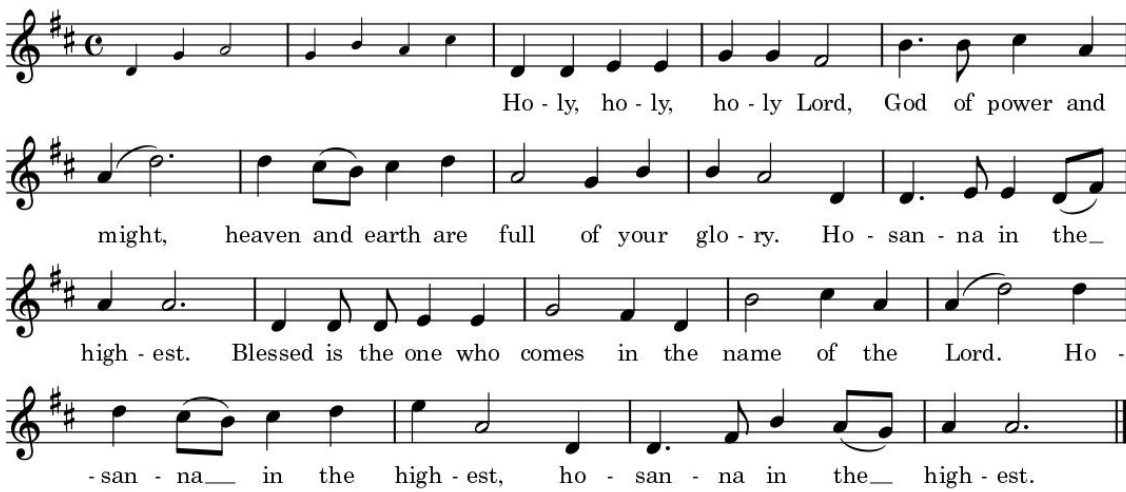
1. Awake, arise, lift up your voice,
let Easter music swell;
rejoice in Christ, again rejoice,
and on his praises dwell.

2. Oh, with what gladness and surprise
the saints their Savior greet;
nor will they trust their ears and eyes
but by his hands and feet,

3. those hands of liberal love indeed
in infinite degree,

Sanctus

Richard Damon, 2005



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

Celebrant We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love...Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All **We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy ... Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

Cambodian Lord's Prayer

Our_ Fa - ther, who_ art in hea - ven, hal - lowed be thy Name,
thy_ king - dom come, thy_ will be done, here on_ earth as it is_ in_ heaven.
Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give our tres - pass - es,
Lord, for - give as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst_ us,
for - give us, Lord, for - give us, Lord. And_ lead us not
in - to temp - ta - tion, lead us_ not, but de - liv - er us from e - vil,
Lord, we_ pray your mer - - cy. For yours is the king - dom,
and_ the_ pow - er, and_ the_ glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er.
A - - - men, a - - - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

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

Richard Damon, 2005

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, have mer - cy on us. O Lamb of God, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us. O Lamb of
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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 Hymn 209 We walk by faith, and not by sight

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight;
no gracious words we hear from him
who spoke as none e'er spoke;
but we believe him near.
2. We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod;
but in his promise we rejoice;
and cry, "My Lord and God!"
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;
and may our faith abound,
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found:
4. that, when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are,
with full and endless sight.

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 *Voices Found 50* At break of day three women came

1. At break of day three women came
to find where Christ was laid.
With myrrh prepared to anoint his corpse,
they wept and mourned the dead.
But now the stone is rolled away,
they worship in full day,
then run to take the good new back
and share their holy joy

2. O Mary, see your son again,
in resurrection joy.
Shine, shine Jerusalem,
for Christ is risen in majesty.
Lift up your eyes, look round and see,
rejoicing, strong and free,
your children come to find their home
for all eternity.

3. Come celebrate the death of death!
Come share eternal life!
Come leap and praise the living God
who opens paradise!
For dawn is come all shining bright,
to show salvation's might
to break the tomb, burst through the gloom,
and flood the world with light.

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. Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Allegro from Organ Concerto #4

G.F.Handel
(1695-1759)

Serving at the Altar Today

8:00 am	Celebrant	The Rev. Thomas N J Synan
	Preacher	The Rev. Heidi Frantz-Dale
	Deacon	The Rev. Rebecca Grant
	Lectors	Patrick Kelly, Kevyn Smith
	Eucharistic Ministers	Janet Teng, Carlton Ho
	Ushers	Edy Howe, Brenda Aldrich
10:30 am	Celebrant	The Rev. Thomas N J Synan
	Preacher	The Rev. Heidi Frantz-Dale
	Deacon	The Rev. Rebecca Grant
	Lectors	Kanae Nagasaki, Trent Maxey
	Eucharistic Ministers	Karen DeSantis, Hannah Abbott
	Bell	Nancy Lowry
	Ushers	Bruce Stebbins, Tony Jewell

Please remember in your prayers

For strength and healing: Sandy, Janet Moore, Jenifer Price, John Julian Walter, Jim Garrett, Danny Shanahan, Jane Kirkman-Smith, Laura Smith-Martin, Nancy Boyd, Chris O'Carroll, Michael Erard, Lisa, Emrys Bond, Mia, Trish Callard, Joan Dunn, Cherie Feeley, Gretchen Gerzina, Laura Klock, Meg Kelsey Wright, Robin, Scottie Faerber, Carl Miller, Lauren & Stephen, Greta, Sara Stelzner, Jon Zobel, Jona Hammer, Nancy Rose, Norah, Ramona & Warren Hebert, Paul Pesenti, Loy Harris, Mary Sidney Treyz, Wally Rodriguez, Roberta & Dennis Kirby, Peter, Alan Musgrave, Penny Lane, Stephen Dogero, Doug Adler, Chris & Deanne Riddle, Patricia Tillona, Pam Wilkinson, Carmen Lee, Maida, Amy, Steve, Kenneth Page, Tim Callard, Castor Moss, Marion, Cyndee & Dennis Grader, Reynolds Winslow, Annmargret Wobst Wille, Joey Baker, Jane Pemberton, Michael Baker

For the repose of the soul of Matt Price

For all those having birthdays this week including Violet Lynn, Tyler Marino, Isabel Williams, Gregory Wobst, Beth Brown, Forest Riddington, Jack Spence, Pete Stoneham

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. Luke's, Lanesboro; Latino/Hispanic Ministries; Ecumenical & Interreligious Dialogue

According to the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

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

Parish Announcements April 12, 2026

Altar Flowers are donated in Memory of Patricia Andrews.

Adult Confirmation Class

Sundays & Wednesdays continues April 12th following the 10:30 service in-person.

Bishop Doug Fisher will visit Grace Church on Sunday, April 19th. In preparation for this occasion, there will be a 4 week course offered for anyone who is interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church. Confirmation is for anyone who desires to make a mature affirmation of one's beliefs in the presence of a bishop. Reception is for anyone who has been confirmed in another tradition but who now desires to be received into the Episcopal Church.

Explore the mystery of God and discuss Episcopal Beliefs and Practices. This course is open to all. Share your beliefs, thoughts, concerns, and even doubts. There are no questions that cannot be asked. This course will be led by Tom and Rebecca. For further information, please call the church office at 413-256-6754 or email tsynan@gracechurchamherst.org.

Sunday April 19th, a special service with Bishop Doug Fisher at 9:30 a.m.

Bishop Doug is visiting Grace next Sunday, and it's always a delight to have him with us. There will be confirmation and reaffirmation. We hope you can join us for this special occasion. As our Diocesan Bishop, this is Bishop Doug's last Episcopal visitation before his retirement. Please note that this will be the only service that Sunday.

Climate Action At Grace will meet Sunday 4/12 @ 12:15 in the Fireplace Room following the 10:30 service.

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: April 13, 2026

The Grace Garden Ministry is accepting items for the Garden Sale on May 9th.

During April, you may donate small tools and garden decor in the Undercroft. There are tables in the back marked for the Garden Sale. Please have items cleaned and ready to be priced. Plant donations will be accepted May 7th and 8th; there will be more information about plant donations in the weeks to come. Thank you for supporting the Grace Garden Ministry, Sara Liberty-Laylin: Chair. Questions?: contact Sara at p.laylin@comcast.net.

Knitters Unite

Red knit hats with a tassel was a form of protest in Norway during World War II. Today, red (Melt the ICE) hats protest de-humanizing treatment of any and all who call the U.S. home. If you don't knit, but want to join the protest, hats and/or pins and badges will be in the Connector during coffee hour. Donations are welcome, proceeds going to the Pioneer Valley Workers Center or Center for New Americans. Contact Mary Ellen Shaughan meshaugan@yahoo.com

Are you interested in being baptized, or know someone who is?

Along with Holy Communion, Holy Baptism is one of the two great sacraments given by Christ to the Church. We acknowledge one Baptism, which means Baptism in the name of the Trinity is performed once in a person's life and is recognized regardless of where or how it took place. If you have not been baptized or you are not sure whether you were baptized, and would like to know more, please contact the church office or speak with the Rector. We would be happy to talk with you about this holy sacrament.

Gifts to Grace

When making a Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) gift to Grace Church, please ensure your fund provider includes your name and the intended purpose of the donation (e.g., Pledge, Haiti, Outreach) with the distribution. This helps us ensure your gift is properly acknowledged and applied. Thanks, Jaana

The Grace Church Stewardship campaign for 2026

To date 144 pledges have come in totaling \$539,582 – most encouraging, we have 5 new pledges. We are off to a good start. To those who have pledged God bless, to those who have yet to pledge please pray and pledge so our Vestry can budget for 2026. If you need a pledge card, they are available as you enter the church or you can contact the office (413) 256-6754.

Publicity for your Event?

Please let the Communications Committee know if you need help with your event. Please fill out this form: <https://www.gracechurchamherst.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Request-for-Event-Publicity-Form-2023.pdf>, also located on the "Outreach" page of the church website. The committee requests at least 6 weeks notice. Please forward questions to Patrick Kelly or Sarah Chadwick.

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

Guest preacher, the Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp, on April 26th

Join us on the fourth Sunday of Easter for a sermon from the Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp. Sharp, a professor of homiletics at Yale Divinity School, is interested in how preaching can shape Christian community via insights from biblical studies, feminist perspectives on power, and ecotheology. Her most recent book, a commentary on the prophet Micah, was published in 2025. She will be with us at both the 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services.

Singing Creation, Speaking Truth: Women's Voices, Earth's Gospel

Join us at 4 pm on Saturday, May 9, 2026, for a contemplative and inspiring gathering that weaves together sacred readings, reflection, and song. Drawing on the wisdom of voices such as Hildegard of Bingen, Rachel Carson, Teresa of Ávila, Dorothy Day, and others, this event invites us to rediscover the holy presence of God in creation, to listen honestly to the earth's cries, and to renew our courage and hope. Through moments of wonder, lament, prayer, and blessing, we will explore how attention, compassion, and faithful action can become our shared response to God's greening power at work in the world. Come be nourished, challenged, and encouraged as we reflect on what it means to love God by loving the earth entrusted to our care.

Visit Maryland with the Haiti Ministry

Would you like to visit the DC area this spring? A few members of the Grace in Haiti committee are going to Indian Head, MD for 3 days with our partners at St James' Episcopal Church. We'll go down Friday, May 15

and return Sunday or Monday, May 17 or 18, for a weekend of fellowship as we work together to support St. Matthew's School in Bayonnais, Haiti. Our partners there will house and feed us, and a good time is always had by all. If you'd like to know more and/or get involved, please contact Laura Klock at 413 374-9397 or laklock@music.umass.edu