



Grace Episcopal Church

Good Shepherd Sunday

April 21, 2024

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Psalm 23*

Emma Lou Diemer

At the tolling of the tower bell, the congregation is asked to stand.

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

OPENING HYMN: *Christ is Made Sure the Foundation*

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COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

All Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE *RISEN LORD*



1. He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with joy - ful voice:
2. Come, ye sad and fear - ful heart - ed, with glad smile and ra - diant brow!
4. He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened hea - ven's gate:
he hath burst his three days' pris - on; let the whole wide world re - joice:
Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed; Je - sus' woes are o - ver now,
we are free from sin's dark pris - on, ris - en to a ho - lier state;
death is con - quered, we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
and the pas - sion that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
and a bright - er Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to

all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23 (Spoken in unison)

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

THE EPISTLE: 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and

do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN: *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

THE GOSPEL: John 10: 11-18

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

Rev. Mark Siler

THE NICENE CREED (*standing*)

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: An Easter Form

Leader The Prayers of the People for The Great 50 Days of Easter is a form written for this special season. During the prayers, the congregation's response to: "Risen Lord" is: "Hear our Prayer."

Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered his people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, let us lift our voices and pray,

Lector Risen Lord,
People **Hear our Prayer.**

Lector Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings God showers upon us:
For our lives and for those whom we love,
For the beauty of this home God has created for us,
For our families and our friendships,
Let us give thanks to the God of Life.

Lector Risen Lord,
People **Hear our Prayer.**

Lector Let us pray for our clergy and our bishops, we pray for Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for José our bishop; for Milly, our Rector. For the many lay people who serve the church, and serve the world through the church. For those who gather in worship and prayer.

Lector Risen Lord,
People **Hear our Prayer.**

Lector Let us pray for the newly baptized, that the joy of Easter may ever grow within them, and that the Spirit may guide them in lives of active faith.

Lector Risen Lord,
People **Hear our Prayer.**

Lector Let us pray for the nations and peoples of the world, that the powers that oppress and destroy may decline, And that justice, peace, and prosperity be lifted up.

Lector Risen Lord,
People **Hear our Prayer.**

Lector Let us pray for those who are sick, those who suffer, those who struggle: and who have died: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or Spirit, that the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and

renewal, and that through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who redeems and restores.

Lector Risen Lord
People **Hear our Prayer.**

Lector We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially the families of Linda Swaim, Patty Harring, Ernest Lee, Rick Arnett and the Christ School Community; and for the following persons on the anniversaries of their deaths: Doln Bleasdale; Margaret Parker; Paula Woodhouse; Disa Krestensen; Michael Ramsey; Rosema Brewer; Stanley Saulnier; Julia Harris; George Gowen; Joy Markey; Ed Duncan; Helen Field; and, Jack Melson... We pray that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lector Risen Lord
People **Hear our Prayer.**

The celebrant leads a concluding prayer.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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THE PEACE

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

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Brother James Air*

Alan Bullard

DOXOLOGY:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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SANCTUS:

James P. Cassarino

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow' r 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 LORD'S PRAYER (*Traditional*)

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM:

Cassarino

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us,
There - fore let us keep the feast.
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who seek God or a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist. To receive the bread, extend your hands towards the priest. Gluten free wafers are available. To receive the wine, guide the bottom of the chalice with both hands. To receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, simply cross your arms across your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN: *The King of Love*

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

1 I know that my Re - dee - mer lives! What joy this
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to
4 He lives, my kind, wise, hea - venly friend; he lives and
5 He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my

blest as su - rance gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - al - ted,
plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry
loves me to the end; he lives, and while he
Sa - viour, still the same; what joy this blest as -

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing Head!
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
lives, I'll sing; he lives, my Pro - phet, Priest and King!
- sur - ance gives: I know that my Re - dee - mer lives!

POSTLUDE: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

John Barr

We welcome to our pulpit this morning The Reverend Mark Siler, and as our presider,
The Reverend John Rice.

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Dodie & John King.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Anne Plyler in memory of her
late husband, Bob Plyler.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Hannah Pennell and Richard
Jacobs in loving memory of Janice Ribet.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Katherine Johnson in
thanksgiving for her son Arthur's 3rd birthday.

The flowers were given last week by Kristen Dusenbery in memory of
her mother, Rhoda Larsen.

LAY MINISTERS

Acolyte: Sally Withers Chalicerist: Elaine Potter

Lectors: Ted Hill, Bonnie Kistler Intercessor: Cliff Albertson

Ushers: Ben Scales and Nate Potter

Greeters: Tahani Sticpewish, Diane Wilkey

Vestry Member of the Day: Leslie Schoof

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ECW SAVE THE DATE — Saturday, May 4th, at 10:00 AM

Join us for coffee, treats, and a meeting! It's a social gathering and we will be discussing upcoming events. All women of the church are automatically members of ECW and encouraged to attend. We especially welcome newcomers to Grace!

THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM AT GRACE

Reach out to us with any pastoral care needs you, or your family, may have, by emailing the team at Pastoralcare@graceavl.com. You can also email, text or call Rev. Milly at 828.772.1429, Sunday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., unless it's a pastoral emergency.

HAVE YOU ACCESSED OUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY? An online directory is

available to our members. *If you want to know how to become a member of Grace, please contact Rev. Milly Morrow at milly@graceavl.com.*

For further information about ongoing programs at Grace, please visit our website at graceavl.com.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND MEETINGS

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Service or Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday 4/21 9 am	Children's Sunday School	Atrium
Sunday, 10:30 am	Holy Eucharist Service*	Sanctuary/YouTube**
Mondays, 10:30 am	Monday Morning Bible Study	Zoom **
Mondays 1 pm	Chair Aerobics	Parish Hall
Tuesdays 6pm	Taize	Sanctuary
Wednesday, 9:30 am	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Zoom
Wednesdays, 1-3pm	Praying Together with Rev. Milly - <i>by appointment</i>	Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 5:30pm	Centering Prayer	Zoom**
Wednesdays, 6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursdays, 8am	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake

OUR PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: **Nancy Lewis; Kathleen Griffin, Susan and Lisa; Don and Ann Lewis; Kelly Thompson, Adair and Angela; Eva Dupree; Joyce and Walt Noble; Laura and Tsz-yan (GN) Snyder; Jackie Schauer; Kathy Wrinn; Eunice Ferguson.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Bill Coward; Ed Denison; Bobbie Eblen; Eunice Ferguson; Dorothy Engel; Linda Hundredmark; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Rita Spragg; Shirley Turner.**

For For Others: (Names will remain on the list for 6 weeks unless we hear otherwise.)

Allen (brother of Cheryl Aull); **Anya; Wes Auret** (godson of Elaine Potter); **Gabriel and Lara Brongel and family** (grandson and daughter of Jackie Schauer); **Cherie Brown** (daughter of Ed and Maria Woeckener); **Chris; Jackie Haines** (sister of Carol Booth); **Hannah; J.R. Hunnicutt** (friend of Dodie King); **Ashley Israel** (daughter of Jennifer Witt); **Jim Kaderabek** (father of Todd Kaderabek); **Karen** (friend of Lucy and Larry Bowen); **Lorie; Dennis Mason** (friend of Pat Walters); **Megan; David Moltke-Hansen and Patricia Poteat** (friends of Jeanne and Ron Sims); **Barney Noble** (son of Joyce and Walt Noble); **Meredith Peppers** (cousin of Carole McClellan); **Charlie Rhodes** (son of Kyle Rhodes); **Bob Sharpe** (friend of Kathleen Griffin); **Kay and J.C. Strange** (friends of Rusty Herman); **Kay and David Sutton; Barry Swaim** (brother in law of Cathy Adkins). **Thandi Tutu-Gxashe.**

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: **Rick Arnett, Linda Swaim; Patty Harring, Ernest Lee, and the Christ School community.**

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **Martha and Matt Cardenas** (daughter & son-in-law of Hannah Pennell); **Matthew George** (son of Zoe Davis); **Jason Marino** (son of Lynda McCredie); **Jonah Silvers** (son of Mark Silvers and Chance Wyatt); **Sarah Jane Wilkey** (daughter of Diane & Tony Wilkey).

For Those in the Episcopal Church: **Michael** (our presiding Bishop); **José** (our Bishop); **the clergy, vestry, staff, ministries, and people of this parish; Church of the Advocate.**

For our President Joe Biden, his Cabinet, Congress & our country; for victims of violence across the world; for local agencies & those who work for relief of the poor; for better stewardship of the environment; for resolution of crises throughout our world.

Please go to graceavl.com/spiritual-growth/prayer-ministries/ for more opportunities to request prayer. Get permission from anyone you would like to add to this list and contact our Pastoral Care Ministry at pastoralcare@graceavl.com or contact the church.

ELECTRONIC GIVING MADE EASY

Grace Church receives electronic giving via our website at graceavl.com. There is a “Give to Grace” button on the top blue banner of our home page. Additional ways to give to our “*virtual collection plate*” and various fundraising efforts are through the Simple Church app and the Venmo app @GraceEpiscopal-Church.

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The Right Reverend José McLoughlin, *Bishop*

The Reverend Milly Morrow, *Rector*

James Cassarino, *Director of Music*

Cathy Adkins, *Organist*

Jill Stevenson, *Office Manager*

Katie Douglas, *Finance Manager*

Angel Stoudt, *Sexton*

Archie Clarkson, *Tech Director*

Katherine Johnson, *Wedding Coordinator*

Grace Church is a place where we hope you experience the empowering presence of the living God and where we collaborate with God in building the Kingdom of Heaven, here on earth. We are grateful you are among us today.

*In grateful appreciation for those who donated flowers to beautify our Sanctuary
at Easter*

*Cheryl & Joseph Aull--In celebration for Carolyn, Billy, Betty and Arthur
Jeff and Bea Russell--In memory of their parents James & Irene Russell and Peter &
Majorie Smolka
Artus & Ginny Moser--In memory of their daughter, Janette and in Thanksgiving for
their children Artus III, Mark, Trevor and Vanessa
George & Pat Davis--In memory of their daughter Kelli
Tricia & Mickey Trinite--In memory of Pat and Andy Anderson
Kristin--In Thanksgiving for Baby Millie
Knox & Michael Garmany--In memory of Gail Karen Garmany
Lesley Heiser--In memory of Rosanna Lee
Jeanne Sims--In memory of our son Wells and in Thanksgiving for our family
John & Dodie King--In memory of Dodie's mother Virginia Sparacino
Chris Shaw--In memory of Martin Shaw, Jr. and Mary Leigh Shaw
Pat & George Davis--In memory of Mike and Kelli. In Thanksgiving for family and
friends
Richard Jacobs & Hannah Pennell--In memory of Janice Ribet
Louise Cate Wernicke--In Thanksgiving for James Dunbar Wernicke
Rusty Herman--In memory of Ann Herman
Andrew & Olivia Holbein--In memory of Alex and John Saunders. In Thanksgiving
for our beloved children Oliver and Isla
Karen Baldwin--In memory of Edwin Baldwin. In Thanksgiving for Besty Baldwin
Kelly Thompson--In memory of Sydnor Thompson, III
Jane Smith & Ashly Mang--Hot Cross Buns
Eric, Joe & Sarah Wood--In memory of Kip Marv, David Barrywood and Claire
Mangum
Kyle Rhodes--In Thanksgiving for all the prayers that helped heal Charlie
William & Nate Potter--In memory of Grandpa Phil, Grandma Grace and Uncle
Pete
Mickey & Tricia Trinite--In memory of Yvette and Marcus Trinite*

