



Grace Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

10:30 a.m.

The Rite of Holy Baptism

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Chorale Prelude on "That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright"* Dale Wood

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

The people standing, the Celebrant says

 Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *Awake, Arise, Lift Up Your Voice* 212

The Celebrant then continues

 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

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THE WORD OF GOD

THE First Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 4 (Spoken in unison)

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"

Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the LORD.

Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *

Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

GOSPEL HYMN: *We Know that Christ is Raised*

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Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

THE GOSPEL: Luke 24: 36b-48

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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

THE HOMILY

Rev. Milly Morrow



This morning we welcome

Brynn Barbara Tyzzer

into the church through the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

HOLY BAPTISM

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Celebrant The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in His grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey Him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father the 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.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

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

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in power of His resurrection and look for Him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

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 God 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.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

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. Amen.

The Baptism

N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

N., you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
Amen.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage and will to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen.

Celebrant

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and 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.

Celebrant introduces families

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 ANTHEM: *Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring*

JS Bach

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!

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SANCTUS:

Cassarino



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 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: *Baptized in Water*

C Am Dm G F G C

1 Baptized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Baptized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Baptized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the

3 Em Am Em F G C Am F C/G

blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the
tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's

6 Am G C G/B Am G⁷ C

prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

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POSTLUDE: *Chorale Prelude on "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"*

Dale Wood



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

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Jennifer Witt in memory of her brother
Kenneth Matthews.

LAY MINISTERS

Acolyte: Susan Robinson Chalicerist: James Cannon

Lectors: Mia Lehrer, Kristen Dusenbery Intercessor: Cole Woodcox

Ushers: Katherine and Todd Kaderabek

Greeters: Jennifer Witt, Lorie Tola

Vestry Member of the Day: Monty Wooten

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWER DONOR NEEDED

Would you like to memorialize or honor a loved one? The Flower Guild has an opening on April 21, 2024. Please contact Jennifer Witt (jmwitt5384@gmail.com) for more information.

PUBSING

Come join us for our PubSing, an informal gathering to sing hymns, old-time gospel, folk music, and Americana inspirationals. We'll meet this afternoon at Cork & Keg, 86 Patton Avenue from 4-6 p.m. For directions go to [Cork & Keg](#). For further information, contact Monty Wooten at montywooten@bellsouth.net.

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.*

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND MEETINGS

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Service or Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday 4/14 9 am	Community Breakfast	Parish Hall
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
Monday 4/15 5:30 pm	Vestry	Library
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, 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 Woekener); **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); **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); **J.C. and Kay 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 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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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.