



## Grace Episcopal Church

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE:** *When In Our Music God Is Glorified*

Phil Lehenbauer

*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:** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

1. For the beau - ty of the earth for the beau - ty of the sky,  
 2. For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4. For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er sis - ter, par - ent child,  
 5. For each per - fect gift of thine to our race so free - ly giv'n,

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,  
 hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense o sound and sight,  
 friends on earth and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,  
 gra - ces hu - man and di - vine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,

Lord of all to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grate - ful - praise.

## 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.*

## Gloria

Austin/Cassarino

Glor-y to God in the Highest and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, Hea-ven-ly King, Al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we  
 worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. Lord Je-sus  
 Christ, On-ly son of the fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
 take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us; you are seated at the  
 right hand of the Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer, for you a-lone are the  
 ho-ly one, you a-lone are the Lord, 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 WORD OF GOD

## THE FIRST LESSON Acts 10: 44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

## PSALM 98 (Spoken in unison)

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

## THE EPISTLE: 1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL HYMN:** *Oh Jesus, Crowned with all Renown*

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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 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

*Reader* The Gospel of the Lord

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

THE HOMILY

Rev. Milly Morrow

**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: 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, and especially the families of Bobbie Eblen, Kay Strange, Thomas Marr, Patty Haring, Albert Sneed, Ernest Lee, and for the community of Christ School; and for the following persons on the anniversaries of their deaths: Ruby Reed; John Touchstone; Werlein Beckes; Dana Bruce; Mae Siler; Evelyn T. Davis; Gertrude Buchanan; and Joe Eblen.... 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**

**BCP 360**

## **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 ANTHEM:** *If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis

**DOXOLOGY**

Old One Hundredth

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A**

**BCP 361**

## 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)*

BCP 364

## 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: *Gift of Finest Wheat*

SOG 14

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365



## THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *Earth and All Stars*

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## DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: *Fugue on "For the Beauty of the Earth"*

David Lasky



*Please join us after services for refreshments in the Parish Hall. Volunteers from the Safe Shelter will be available to help you sign up for volunteer opportunities.*

**The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Rick and Kim Hayes in thanksgiving for their children Rachael and Greg and their grandchildren Kael and Lydia.**

**The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Carol and Steve Booth in memory of David, Barbara and Angela.**

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## LAY MINISTERS

Acolyte: Susan Robinson Chalicer: Lorie Tola

Lectors: John Woodson, Louise Wernicke Intercessor: Kim Hayes

Ushers: Ben Scales and Mike Vines

Greeters: Bea and Jeff Russell

Vestry Member of the Day: Donald Alford

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ECW SAYS THANK YOU

Thanks to all who came out yesterday and participated in our Spring Luncheon. Pics to follow!

### JONES ELEMENTARY FOOD DRIVE

The Outreach Committee is hosting an end of school food drive for 50 families in need at Jones Elementary School. Look for the brown bags in the pew on Sundays during the

month of May. The deadline for non perishable food donations is Sunday May 26th. Our goal is to pack each bag with canned fruit, canned vegetables, canned meat, pasta and sauce, rice and beans, soup, mac and cheese, peanut butter, and jelly. We are also asking for perishable food donations of fresh fruit and loaves of bread to be dropped off at the church between May 26-May30th.

Questions please email Sarah Beasley at [sdkbeasley@gmail.com](mailto:sdkbeasley@gmail.com).

## **PUBSING**

Please join us for PubSing, a gathering to sing gospel, folk, hymns and Americana music. We will meet on May 12 at the [Cork & Keg](#) in Asheville from 3-5 pm. This is an inside event so no need to bring your lawn chair. We look forward to seeing you! For further information, please contact [Monty Wooten](#).

## **JUNE FORMATION**

### **“We are Called to Bless”**

Rev. John Rice will serve as our presenter for Formation in June ( June 16, 23, 30) on Sundays at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall.

Together we will explore scriptural teaching on God’s promise to release blessings, and our call to be a people of blessing.

All participants will be equipped in using blessing prayers in ministry, family and work relationships and and areas of community needs.

Session 1 (6/16) God’s Promise to Bless (Num. 6:27)

Session 2 (6/23) Our Calling to Bless One Another (1 Peter 3:8-9)

Session 3 (6/30) Using Blessing Prayers to Love One Another (John 13:34)

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:milly@graceavl.com).*

*For further information about ongoing programs at Grace, please visit our website at [graceavl.com](http://graceavl.com).*

## THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND MEETINGS

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Service or Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday 5/5 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: **Eva Dupree; Kathleen Griffin, Susan and Lisa; Don and Ann Lewis; Nancy Lewis; Gracie Russell; Laura and Tsz-yan (GN) Snyder; Jackie Schauer; Kelly Thompson, Adair and Angela; Kathy Wrinn.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Bill Coward; Ed Denison; Carl Dobson; Dorothy Engel; Eunice Ferguson; Linda Hundredmark; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Ginny Price; Nancy Sink; Rita Spragg; Shirley Turner**

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

**Wes Auret** (godson of Elaine Potter); **Anya; Allen** (brother of Cheryl Aull); **Bob Brennan** (relative of Anne Jarema); **Gabriel and Lara Brongel and family** (grandson and daughter of Jackie Schauer); **Cherie Brown** (daughter of Ed and Maria Woeckener); **Jackie Haines** (sister of Carol Booth); **J.R. Hunnicutt** (friend of Dodie King); **Ashley Israel** (daughter of Jennifer Witt); **Jim Kaderabek** (father of Todd Kaderabek); **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); **Bob Sharpe** (friend of Kathleen Griffin); **Kay and David Sutton** (sister-in-law of Ginny Moser); **J.C. Strange** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Barry Swaim** (brother in law of Cathy Adkins); **Thandi Tutu-Gxashe; Karen** (friend of Lucy and Larry Bowen); **Lorie; Charlie Rhodes** (son of Kyle Rhodes); **William Neumann.**

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: **Bobbie Eblen; Kay Strange, Thomas Marr, Patty Harring, Albert Sneed, Ernest Lee, and for the community of Christ School.**

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/](https://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](mailto:pastoralcare@graceavl.com) or contact the church.

## **ELECTRONIC GIVING MADE EASY**

Grace Church receives electronic giving via our website at [graceavl.com](https://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.*