



Grace Episcopal Church

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Fanfare*

Jacques-Nicholas Lemmens

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

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

People **The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.** *(Ring Bells)*

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OPENING HYMN: *Christ is Alive*

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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.**

AN EASTER PRAYER *(Said in unison)*

Make us an Easter people, O Christ, whose name is "Alleluia." May we, like Mary, rise in joy when you call our name. May we, like Thomas, see and believe. May we, like Peter, become bold and brave. May we, like Cleopas, meet you in every road. May we like them, be utterly changed, in the victory of the love by which you left your tomb, and saved us forever from death. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE *He Is Risen*



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

BCP 222

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy this day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from

the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM ISAIAH 65:17-25

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord--
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24



his mercy en-**dures** for ever.

"His mercy en-dures for ever."

and declare the works / of the Lord.

we will rejoice and be / **glad in it.**

THE EPISTLE: ACTS 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to Cornelius and the other Gentiles: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They

put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN *Christ the Lord is Risen*



1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day,	Al - le - lu - ia!
2. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King;	Al - le - lu - ia!
3. Love's re - deem - ing work is done,	Al - le - lu - ia!
4. Soar we now where Christ has led,	Al - le - lu - ia!



All on earth with an - gels say,	Al - le - lu - ia!
Where, O death, is now your sting?	Al - le - lu - ia!
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won.	Al - le - lu - ia!
Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed head;	Al - le - lu - ia!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,	Al - le - lu - ia!
Once he died our souls to save,	Al - le - lu - ia!
Death in vain for - bids him rise;	Al - le - lu - ia!
Made like him, like him we rise,	Al - le - lu - ia!



Sing, O heav'ns, and earth re - ply,	Al - le - lu - ia!
Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?	Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.	Al - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.	Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788
Tune: LLANFAIR, 7; 77 with alleluias; Robert Williams, 1781-1821

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

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

BCP 301

Today we welcome the following individuals into God's Holy Communion
through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Gary William Woods

Nicholas Lorenza Woods

Virginia Foster Moser

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

BCP 304

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

BCP 305

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

BCP 306

THE BAPTISM

BCP 307

THE ASPERGES OF THE PEOPLE

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.

FLOWERING OF THE CROSS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Christ the Lord is Risen Again*

arr. Michael Joseph

DOXOLOGY

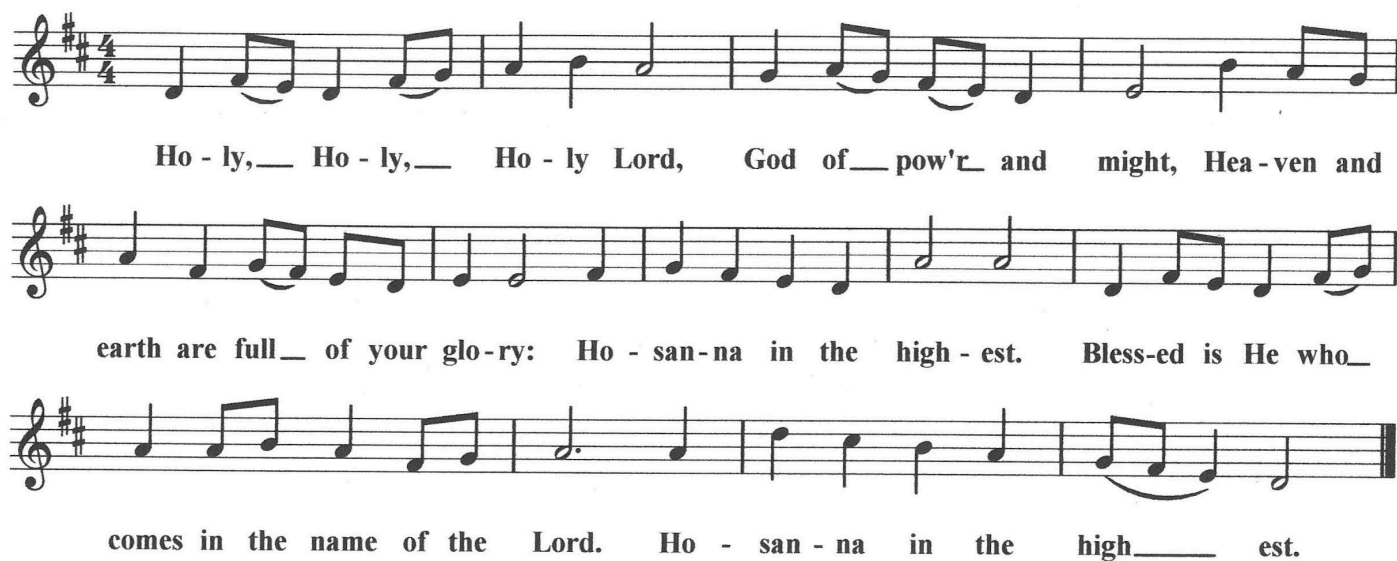
Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above you heavenly host, Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A (*standing*)

BCP 361

SANCTUS

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 (*gluten free wafers available upon request*)

COMMUNION HYMNS

Alleluia! Give Thanks to the Risen Lord

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The Strife is O'er

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

THE EASTER BLESSING

The priest blesses the people, saying

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

POSTLUDE *Festival March*

G.F. Handel



The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Cathy Adkins
in memory of her sister, Linda Adkins Swaim,
and by Albert Seale
in memory of his parents, Edward & Alice Seale.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Anne Plyler in
loving memory of her husband, Bob Plyler;
by Hannah Buckner & Richard Jacobs in loving memory of Janice Ribet;
by Kristen Dusenbury in loving memory of her mother, Rhoda Larsen;
and by Jeff & Cindi Garland in loving memory of our parents.



LAY MINISTERS

Acolyte: Steve Birkhofer Lectors: Elise Cassarino, Steve Birkhofer

Intercessor: Vicki Vest Chalicerist: Lorie Tola

Ushers: Elaine & Nate Potter

Greeters: Kim Hayes, Jeff Russell

Coffee Hour: Beth Hill, Chris Shaw, Bea Russell

Vestry Member of the Day: Kim Hayes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Egg Hunt After Worship

The Children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held following the service. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship after the service. Children will gather in the Parish Hall, then go out to the Urban Garden area to hunt eggs.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

We offer the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for our children *Sundays between 9:00 and 10:15 a.m.*, and at an additional *Monday afternoon class offered from 3:30-4:30 p.m.* Children may attend either one or both at any time. Contact Shannon Townsend for a tour, or further information at gstownsend@att.net or 828-713-5081.

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 FrJohn@graceavl.com. You can also email, text or call Fr. John Rice at 828-371-7281.

ECW Derby Day Potluck Luncheon

All ladies of the church are encouraged to attend our annual Derby Day Luncheon on **Saturday, May 3**, from **noon until 2:00 p.m.** Bring a dish to share as we gather in the parish hall. Our primary focus will be food, fun and fellowship although we may discuss logistics of our upcoming rummage sale to be held on Saturday, November 8th. Looking forward to seeing everyone in your Derby Day hats but please join us even if you are hatless!

ECW Partial Scholarships for Camp Henry

Is your child interested in attending Camp Henry this summer? ECW would like to help by offering partial scholarships of \$235 for children of Grace attending a camp session. Scholarships are offered on a first come, first served basis until funds allocated are depleted. For details about Camp Henry, please visit www.lakelogan.org and scroll down to "Camp Henry" where session descriptions, registration, dates, and rates are provided. Please contact Cheryl Aull at ckaull@charter.net for more details about the scholarship!

The ECW Rummage Sale is Coming this Fall

ECW will be holding a rummage sale on **Saturday, November 8, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon**. We are grateful for your donations which make our sale possible. Since we no longer have access to the storage house, we can only accept donations in the parish hall during the week prior to the sale. Times for donating items will be provided closer to the sale. **Are you doing some spring cleaning?** Don't forget to hold items you think could be sold at our sale! A list of items we can use can be found in the newsletter, and will be published here in the coming weeks.

Tai Chi for Health

The 8-week summer series of Tai Chi for Health meets on Wednesdays from June 25 to August 13 in the Parish Hall. Beginner classes are from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Intermediate classes are from 2:15 to 3:00 p.m., and Advanced classes are from 3:15 to 4:00 p.m. **This summer, Grace parishioners who wear their Grace-issued Name Tags when attending their first class receive a 50% discount on their first series of classes.** For more information, or to register for classes online, please check the website for WNC Tai Chi for Health: wnctaichiarthritis.com.

Paid Help Wanted

Are you or is someone you know interested in the following paid openings? Call the office, 828-254-2086, for details.

- **Sunday Tech Director:** The Tech Director directs weekly service livestreams, including: operation of remote camera, maintaining knowledge of all hardware and software associated with livestreams, regular updating of introduction slides with church announcements, completion of regular "hygiene" on all devices used to stream or record. This person also communicates with and advises Rector and Office Manager on Tech needs and collaborates with parishioners to make videos and slideshows for various church activities and services.

Request for Office Volunteers

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:30-4:00 p.m. Please continue to support this ministry of Grace hospitality by signing up and encouraging your friends to do the same. Contact Kim Hayes at kimhys53@gmail.com for more details.

Coffee Hour Help Needed

Sunday morning coffee hour is an important ministry to the life of our Grace Church. Yes, it is about coffee and tea and tasty snacks, but more importantly, it is a time of fellowship and welcoming our visitors. It is also a first step towards Grace Church becoming a church home for our newcomers. Please consider sharing your gifts with us as a Coffee Hour Host. For more information, contact Beth Hill at ehill3600@gmail.com or 828-550-4352.

Grace Members: Have You Checked Out Our Directory?

An online directory is available to all our members. If you want to learn how to become a member of Grace, please contact Rev. John Rice at FrJohn@graceavl.com.

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Monday Morning Bible Study: *Mondays at 10:30 a.m.*

We study the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday service. Please join us virtually by clicking on the button at graceavl.com.

Taizé: *Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.*

Weekly Taizé services are held in the sanctuary. Healing prayer is offered throughout the service for oneself or on behalf of someone else. For more information on Taizé at Grace visit: graceavl.com/taize-grace.

Women Walking the Way: *Thursdays at 8:20 a.m.*

Meet at the Bird Sanctuary parking lot by Beaver Lake. For more information, contact Ann Lewis at annaflewis7@gmail.com or call her at 815-441-2252.

GRACE'S PRAYER LIST

For the newly Baptized: **Gary William Woods, Nicholas Lorenza Woods, Virginia Foster Moser.**

For Parishioners: **Tim Collins; Suana Gentry; Ashley Israel; Anne Jarema; Geoff Kirsch; Bob Kistler; Bill Mooney; Wayne & Laura Parton; Guy Sayles; Al Seale; Becky & Bill Smith; Laura, Tsz-yan (G-Yen) and Roger Snyder; Tom Wolff.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Ed Denison; Nancy Sink; Rita Spragg.**

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

Geraldine Allen (aunt of Carole McClellan); **Allen** (brother of Cheryl Aull); **Bob Brennan** (relative of Anne Jarema); **Christa Bridgman** (friend of Ginny Moser); **Gabriel & Lara Brongel & family** (grandson and daughter of Jackie Schauer); **Marcie Coleman** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Winnie Gaffney** (cousin of Lorie Tola); **Cherry Howe** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Tom Hunnicutt** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Bunky Manship** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Chuck McDonald** (brother of Susan Robinson); **Barbara McRee** (mother of Fr. Tim McRee); **Daniel McRee** (son of Fr. Timothy McRee) and **David** (partner of Daniel McRee); **Megan** (friend of George & Pat Davis); **Peggy, Mac, & Chris** (friends of Lucy & Larry Bowen); **Barney Noble** (son of Joyce & Walt Noble); **Kathleen Peacock** (friend of Pat & George Davis); **Meredith Peppers** (cousin of Carole McClellan); **Kip & Val Pritchard** (friends of Cliff); **Peter John Rouse, Sr.** (grandfather of Mike Vines); **Anne Spruance; Wiley Thornton** (cousin of Carol McClellan); **Tomlinson Family; Wayne Wheeler & Family** (friends of Bea & Jeff Russell).

For the recently deceased: **Sally Wheeler, Cherie Brown, Anna Fowler.**

For those on the anniversary of their deaths: **Kathleen Carson, Clark Miller, Janice Ribet, Don Bleasdale, Margaret Parker, Paula Woodhouse, Disa Krestensen, Michael Ramlet, Rosema Brewer, Stanley Saulnier, Julia Harris, George Gowen, Joy Markey, Ed Duncan.**

For those celebrating birthdays: **Matthew Carlin, Caroline Hamrick Snead, Laura Dover, Amanda Edwards, Suzie Dittenber, Phil Carlin, Nicole Racine.**

For those celebrating anniversaries: **Molly & Robert Oxford, Anna Grace & Barrett McFatter, Louise & Tom Wernicke, Judy & Mike Bohan.**

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy Brown** (grandson of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **Matt & Martha Cardenas** (daughter and son in law of Hannah Buckner); **Matthew George** (son of Zoe Davis); **Jason Marino** (son of Lynda McCredie); **Brady Paschall** (granddaughter of Gael Paschall); **Sarah Jane Wilkey** (daughter of Diane & Tony Wilkey).

For Those in the Episcopal Church: **Sean** (our presiding Bishop); **José** (our Bishop); **the clergy, vestry, staff, ministries, and people of this parish;** in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, **Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui**, and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, **Church of the Advocate and St. Mark's, Gastonia.**

For our Nation and the Wider World: For the President and his Cabinet; for Congress; and for our country; for victims of violence around the world; for local agencies and those who work for relief of the poor; for stewardship of the environment; for resolution of crises throughout our world.

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