

The 2nd Sunday of  
*Easter*

April 16, 2023



*Welcome to our home!  
We would love for you to join our family!*

## **We Gather**

**Processional Hymn: #205    *Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!***

*Please stand & sing.*

### **Opening Acclamation**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

### **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. **Amen.**

### **Gloria in Excelsis: #S-278**

*Please remain standing.*

### **Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:*    **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* 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. **Amen.**

## **We Hear God's Word**

### **First Lesson: Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

*Please be seated.*

*Reader:*    A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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:*    The Word of the Lord.

*People:*    **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 16

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

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

*Reader:* But those who run after other gods  
*People:* **shall have their troubles multiplied.**

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

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

*Reader:* My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
*People:* **indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

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

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

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

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

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

## Second Lesson: 1 Peter 1:3-9

*Reader:* A reading from the first letter of Peter.

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:* The Word of the Lord.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Sequence Hymn: #212

***Awake, arise, lift up your voice***  
***(v. 1-2 before, v. 5 after Gospel)***

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

*Please remain standing.*

*Celebrant:* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord 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.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon:** The Rev. Chris Cole

*Please be seated.*

## **We Pray**

### **Nicene Creed**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

**Form IV—BCP pg. 388**

*Please kneel, sit, or stand.*

*Reader:* Let us pray for the Church and for the world, especially...

*People:* **All Souls', Oklahoma City; St. Augustine's, Oklahoma City; St. Michael's, Norman; Diocese of Florida; Diocese of Georgia; Diocese of Kentucky; The Anglican Church of Korea; The Anglican Church of Melanesia.**

*Reader:* Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world, especially...

*People:* **Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Chris & Tom, our clergy; Alex & Audrey, our wardens; vestry, delegates, all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God.**

*Silence.*

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; especially our leaders...

*People:* **Joe, our President; Kamala, our Vice-president; Josh, our Congressman; James & Markwayne, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Marlon, our Mayor.**

*Reader:* That we may honor one another and serve the common good.

*Silence.*

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

*Silence.*

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, especially...

*People:* **Gary, Pam, Phil, Joel, Alex, Marlene, and Sandra.**

*Reader:* And grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

*Silence.*

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially...

*People:* **Johnson family, Ronnie, Julio, Niko, Mike, Steve, John, Nancy, Betty, Crystal, Melanie, Geneva, Fred, Glenn, Brittany, Rose, Karen, Nyla, Jeanne, those impacted by war—especially in Ukraine, all emergency responders, United States Military, and those whose suffering is known only to God.**

*Reader:* Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence.*

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence.*

*Reader:* Lord, in your mercy

*People:* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader:* Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Peace

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Celebrant:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

*Greet one another in the name of Christ.*

## Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings

*Please be seated.*

*Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here once or twice before, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the plate. We promise not to harass you, but we would like to include you on our weekly email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.*

## Offertory

**Celebrant:** Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

*During this time we make an offering to the church to help maintain its mission in creation. It is also a time in which we fully offer ourselves to be Christ in the world around us.*

## Offertory Hymn: #457

## ***Thou art the way***

*Please remain seated & sing as you are able.*

## Doxology: #380 v. 3

*Please stand & sing as you are able.*

## Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer A*

## Sursum Corda: #S-120

*Please remain standing.*

*Celebrant* *People*  
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Celebrant*  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

**Celebrant:** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

*Celebrant:* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## **Sanctus: #S-130**

*Please sit or kneel after the Sanctus.*

*Celebrant:* † Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."††† After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."††† Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant & People:* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Celebrant:* We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever  
**AMEN.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant:* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant & People:* **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.*

## **Fraction Anthem: #S-154**

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*At Grace Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the usher if you need communion brought to you at your seat. IF you wish to receive the bread only, hold your palms upward, consume the bread, and cross your arms over your chest when the chalice bearer approaches. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come to the altar rail to receive a Blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest when the priest approaches.*



Communion Hymn: MHSO #83

*In the bulb there is a flower*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

*Celebrant & People:*

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.**

### Easter Blessing

*Celebrant:* 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. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

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

Recessional Hymn: #494

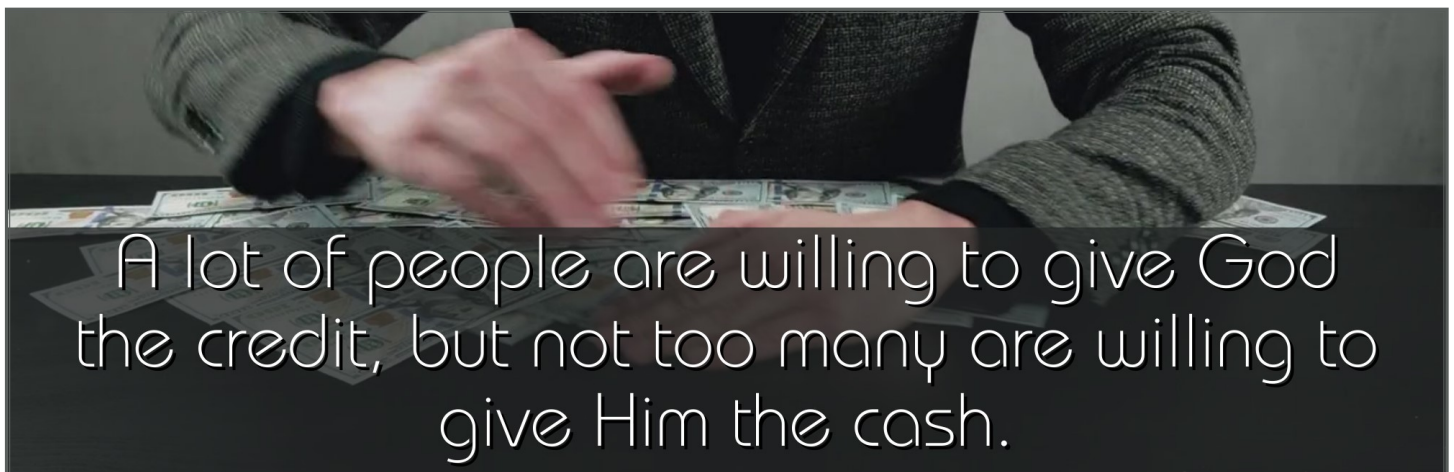
*Crown him with many crowns*

*Please stand & sing.*

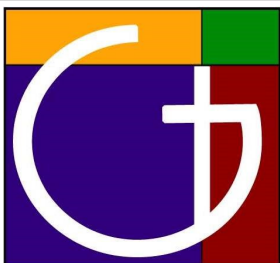
### Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

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



A lot of people are willing to give God the credit, but not too many are willing to give Him the cash.



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