

A wooden cross stands in a field of tall grass under a sunset sky. The cross is made of two dark wooden beams. The background shows a horizon line with rolling hills and a sky with soft, warm colors of orange, yellow, and blue.

Easter

HE IS RISEN

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

MARCH 31, 2024

**Today's Easter altar is adorned with lilies,
given to the Glory of God, and to the Risen Christ,**

In loving memory of

- Jodie Beth Champlin Swaringim, George & Blanche Falling, and Ed Champlin by Sharon & John Champlin
- Richard Haugland, Cynthia & Gerald Haugland, Audre & George Lynde, and Champ & Shirley Cantrell by Connie Haugland and Brita & Daman Cantrell
- Floyd & Mildred Cousins and Frank Medearis by Joel Cousins
- Anna Jean & Morton Woods, Jr., by Stuart Woods Family
- Audre & Georg Lynde, Cynthia & Gerry Haugland, Richard Haugland, and Donald Bates by Audre & Samuel Bates
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- Bill Peacher, Cathy Bradley Garrett, and Carol Bradley by Stephen and Patricia Bradley
- Inez Johnson and Rev. Frankie Easter by Cedric Johnson
- Carol Bradley by Joanie Thomas & Alison McGraw Miller
- Our parents & grandparents by Van & Marlene Odom
- Lori Elizabeth Fraier by Alex Wilson
- Paul Archer and Kenneth Sellers by Lora Sellers
- Stratton Family & Brown Family by Mike Stratton
- Mallory Paige Coburn by Katherine Coburn
- Marilyn Synnestvedt by Tim & Kaia Holder
- Cathy Bradley by Joanie Jones Thomas

In honor of:

- My children & grandchildren: Zach, Jennifer, Alex, Brittany, Max, Cal, Penelope, & Chloe by Katherine Coburn
- Grant & Danyel Cousins and Lauren & Grace Cousins by Joel Cousins
- Our children & grandchildren by Van & Marlene Odom
- Locke Owen Wilson by Alex Wilson
- Geneva Falling and Glen Falling by Sharon & John Champlin
- Shelby Bates, Bayleigh & Ann Bates, and Connie Haugland by Audre & Samuel Bates



We Gather

Processional Hymn: #207

Jesus Christ is risen today

Please stand and sing as you are able.

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 and sing as you are able.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Please be seated.

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24



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- All:*
- 1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is | good * |
his mercy endures for | ever. ||
 - 2 Let Israel now | proclaim, * |
"His mercy endures for | ever." ||
 - 14 The Lord is my strength and my | song, * |
and he has become my | salvation. ||
 - 15 There is a sound of exultation and | victory * |
in the tents of the | righteous: ||
 - 16 "The right hand of the Lord has | triumphed! * |
the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord
has | triumphed!" ||
 - 17 I shall not die, but | live, * |
and declare the works of the | Lord. ||
 - 18 The Lord has punished me | sorely, * |
but he did not hand me over to | death. ||
 - 19 Open for me the gates of | righteousness; * |
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the | Lord. ||
 - 20 "This is the gate of the | Lord; * |
he who is righteous may | enter." ||
 - 21 I will give thanks to you, for you answered | me * |
and have become my | salvation. ||
 - 22 The same stone which the builders | rejected * |
has become the chief | cornerstone. ||
 - 23 This is the Lord's | doing, * |
and it is marvelous in our | eyes. ||
 - 24 On this day the Lord has | acted; * |
we will rejoice and be glad in | it. ||

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Reader: A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.



For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: #182

Christ is alive!

Please stand as you are able.

(verse 1-2 before, verse 3 after Gospel)

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

Please remain standing.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

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.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon: The Rev. Chris Cole

Silence for reflection after the sermon.

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

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Please kneel, sit, or stand.

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

People: **St. John's, Oklahoma City; St. James, Antlers; Diocese of East Carolina; Diocese of East Tennessee; The Anglican Church of Kenya.**

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; Katherine & 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; Marlon, our Mayor; and Patrick, our Mayor-elect.**

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: **Barbara, Nancy, Albert, Ruby Jean, Lillian, Sherri, John, Cedric, Kelli, and Preston.**
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, Mike, John, Rose, Karen, Adriana, Fred, Stuart, Nancy, Gary, Brittney, Thomas, Catheryne, Jennifer, Patricia, Paula, Marlene, Case, Alissa, Cathey, Frank, Charlie, Junior, Wesley, Ronna, Rob, those impacted by war and violence, 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, especially...
People: **Carter Munson.**
Reader: 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 Sentence

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

Offertory Anthem:

Alleluia! Christ Has Risen!

Choir

Doxology: #380 v. 3

Please stand and sing as you are able.

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.**

Fraction Anthem: #S-154

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.

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.

Communion Hymn: #304 *I come with joy to meet my Lord*

We Go Out To Do Our Work

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: #180

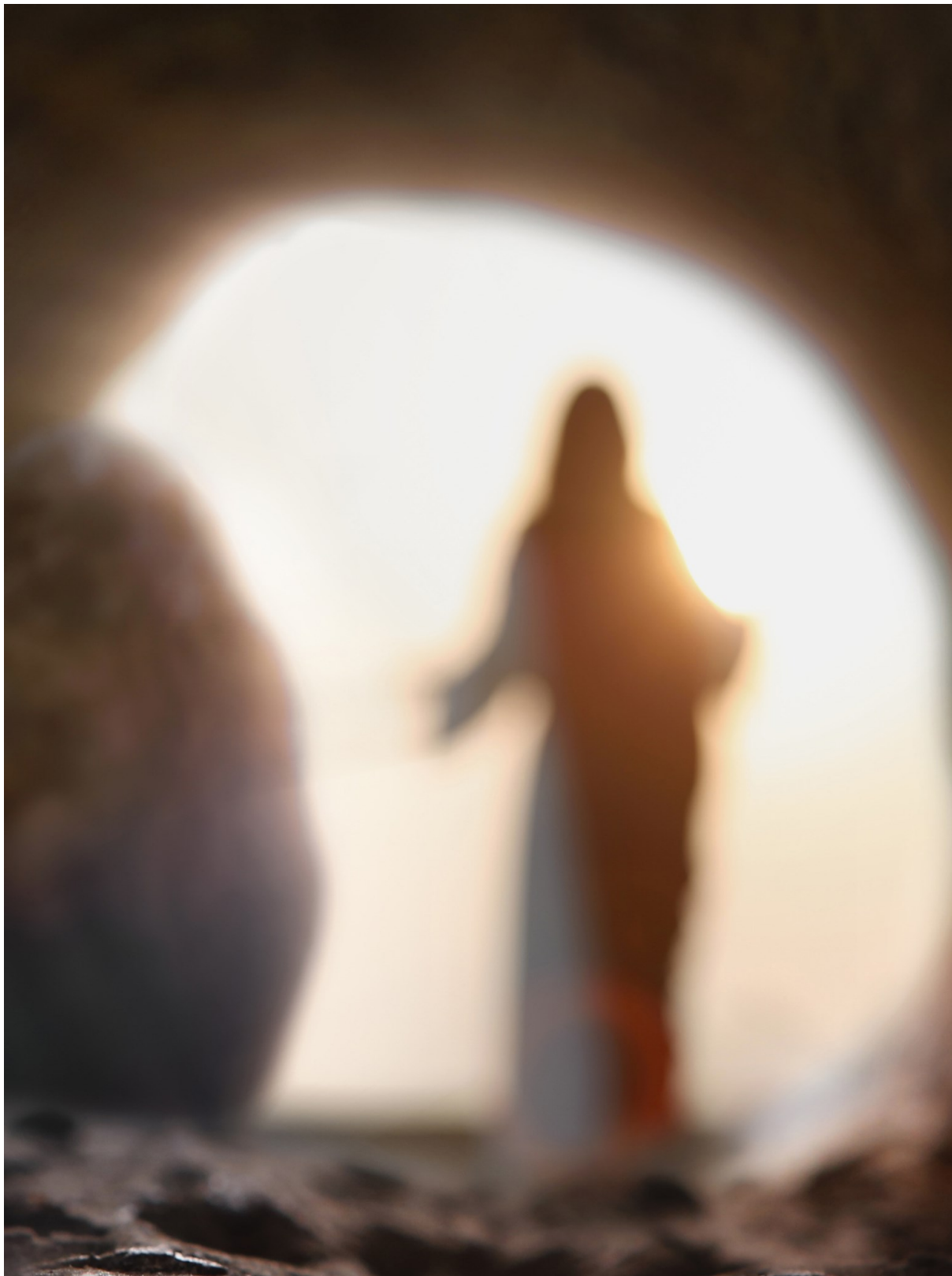
He is risen, He is risen!

Please stand & sing as you are able.

Dismissal

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

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





Join us for the annual
Easter Potluck
During coffee hour on Sunday, March 31st
Ham will be provided.
Bring your favorite Easter sides and desserts!

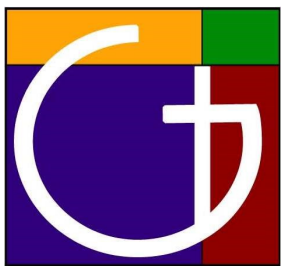


EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday, March 31st

On the Grace Playground
Following the 10:30AM Service

Invite your friends and neighbors!



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