



6th Sunday of

Easter

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

May 5, 2024

We Gather

Processional Hymn: #191

Alleluia, alleluia!

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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 10:44-48

Please be seated.

Reader: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

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: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 98



All:

- 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 ^l victory; * |
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the | nations. ||
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of ^l Israel, * |
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our | God. ||
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you ^l lands; * |
lift up your voice, rejoice, and | sing. ||
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the ^l harp, * |
with the harp and the voice of | song. ||
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the ^l horn * |
shout with joy before the King, the | Lord. ||
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in ^l it, * |
the lands and those who dwell | therein. ||
- 9 Let the rivers clap their ^l 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 ^l world * |
and the peoples with | equity. ||

Second Lesson: 1 John 5:1-6

Reader: A reading from the first letter of John.

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: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: #529

In Christ there is no East or West
(verse 1-2 before, verse 3 after Gospel)

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

Please remain standing.

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

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

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.”

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. Luke’s, Chickasha; St. Timothy’s, Paul’s Valley; Diocese of Tennessee; Diocese of Upper South Carolina; The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma).**

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; and Patrick, 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: **Debra, Kristine, Ron, Stuart, London, and Gabriel.**

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, Thomas, Catheryne, Jennifer, Patricia, Paula, Marlene, Alissa, Cathey, Frank, Charlie, Junior, Wesley, Ronna, Rob, Jeanne, Geneva, Glen, 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...*) 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 Hymn: #700

O love that casts out fear

Please remain seated.

Doxology: #380 v. 3

Please stand and sing as you are able.

We Share the Meal

Eucharistic Prayer C

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: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus: #S-125

Celebrant: † And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Celebrant: On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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." ††† Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving:

Celebrant & People: **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

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 Anthem: *Lamb of God*

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.**

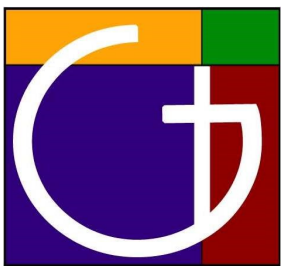
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: #593 *Lord make us servants of your peace* *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!**



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