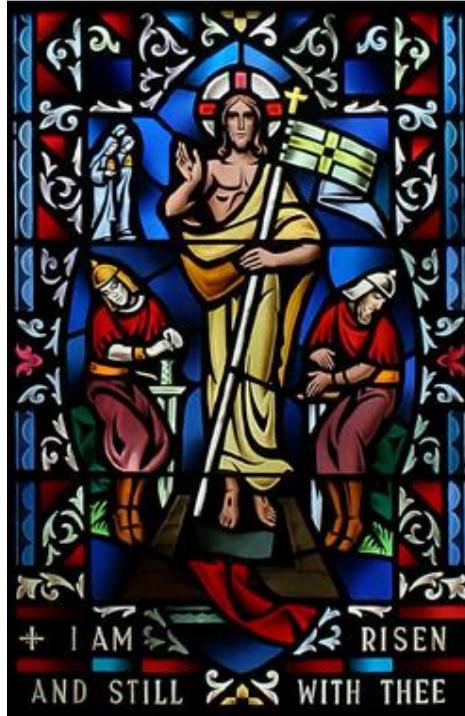


The Great Vigil of Easter



April 3, 2021
Seven o'clock in the evening

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*The Mission of Grace Church is:
To love God, to love others and serve God's world.*

Welcome!

We are glad you are worshipping with us today.
If you are looking for a parish home, we hope you will find one here with us.

If you are a guest visiting today, please consider signing our Guest Register located on the podium at the entrance to St. Nicholas Hall and complete a red Visitors Card. The cards can be given to an Usher or placed in the offering plate.

- ❖ We ask that you sit where pews are marked off with an X.
- ❖ When you approach the altar for communion, please keep social distance; stop at the hand sanitizing station to sanitize before approaching to receive the Bread from the priest.
- ❖ After you receive Communion, turn left to go down the pulpit (left) side aisle, going to the back and up to your seat again.
- ❖ When you exit the building, please leave through the wooden doors at the back of church.
- ❖ All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Grace Church.
 - For those not receiving Communion today, please feel welcome to come forward for a blessing during this time; simply cross your arms across your chest as you come forward.
 - For those physically unable to come to the altar, please share this with an Usher; Communion will be brought to you.
- ❖ Grace Church **rejoices** in celebrating God's love and presence with children in attendance at mass.
- ❖ Christian Formation (Sunday School) for adults and children is offered throughout the year on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. The next adult session begins on April 18 and details may be found in the Parish Notices section of this bulletin. Formation for children is suspended until further notice.

Please do not hesitate to contact the parish office at (920) 452-9659 to find out more about us or make an appointment with clergy. You can also visit our website www.gracesheboygan.com

Video images of this service are recorded and broadcast live under this parish's outreach initiative *Grace Abounds*.

Please silence your cell phone during the service.

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

In the darkness, fire is kindled. The Celebrant says

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

The Celebrant says

Let us pray.

O God, through your Son you have bestowed upon your people the brightness of your light: Sanctify this new fire, and grant that in this Paschal feast we may so burn with heavenly desires, that with pure minds we may attain to the festival of everlasting light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Celebrant traces the cross, the Alpha and the Omega, and the year 2014 into the Paschal Candle using a stylus and saying

Tracing the Cross

Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End.

Tracing the Alpha and Omega (first and last letters of the Greek alphabet)

The Alpha and The Omega

Tracing the Year of our Lord

His are the times and ages. To him be glory and dominion through all ages of eternity.

People Amen.

Then are placed five grains of incense, one each into the four points and center of the traced cross on the Candle, and the following is said

Through his holy and glorious wounds, may Christ the Lord guard and preserve us.

As the Paschal Candle is lighted from the newly kindled fire, the Celebrant says

May the light of Christ gloriously rising dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

Then the Deacon bearing the Candle, leads the procession to the chancel, pausing three times and saying

Deacon The Light of Christ
People Thanks be to God

The candles that have been distributed to the People are lighted from the Paschal Candle at the stations. The Paschal Candle is placed in its stand.

The Deacon now says the Exsultet.

Rejoice, now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels,
and let your trumpets shout Salvation
for the victory of our mighty King.
Rejoice and sing now, all the round earth,
bright with a glorious splendor,
for darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.
Rejoice and be glad now, Mother Church,
and let your holy courts, in radiant light,
resound with the praises of your people.
All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame,
pray with me to God the Almighty
for the grace to sing the worthy praise of this great light;
through Jesus Christ his Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God,
forever and ever. Amen.

Deacon The Lord be with you
People And also with you.
Deacon Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Deacon

It is truly right and good, always and everywhere, with our whole heart and mind and voice, to praise you, the invisible, almighty, and eternal God, and your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who at the feast of the Passover paid for us the debt of Adam's sin, and by his blood delivered your faithful people.

Now therefore, we sacrifice our Passover, in which for us the very Lamb of God is slain, by whose Blood his faithful people are made holy.

This is the night, when you brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt, and led them through the Red Sea on dry land.

This is the night, when all who believe in Christ are delivered from the gloom of sin, and are restored to grace and holiness of life.

This is the night, when Christ broke the bonds of death and hell, and rose victorious from the grave.

How wonderful and beyond our knowing, O God, is your mercy and loving-kindness to us your children.

Behold, what love he has bestowed upon us, who to redeem a servant, delivered up his only Son. O Blessed iniquity, for whose redemption such a price was paid by such a Savior.

How holy is this night, when wickedness is put to flight, and sin is washed away. It restores innocence to the fallen, and joy to those who mourn. It casts out pride and hatred, and brings peace and concord.

How blessed is this night, when earth and heaven are joined and we are reconciled to God.

Therefore, O holy Father, accept the evening sacrifice of this lighted candle, which your holy Church makes before you, and offers to you by the hands of your servants, the work of the bees, your creatures.

May it shine continually to drive away all darkness, as we celebrate the glad solemnity of our redemption.

May Christ, the Morning Star who knows no setting, find it ever burning – he who gives his light to all creation. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The hand candles are extinguished and all sit.

Liturgy of the Word

The Celebrant then introduces the Scripture readings.

Let us hear the record of God's saving deeds in history, how he saved his people in ages past; and let us pray that our God will bring each of us to the fullness of redemption.

The People sit for the lessons and canticles and then stand for the collects.

Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac

Genesis 22:1-18

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided." The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

Psalm 16:7-11 *(in unison)*

- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

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

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

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

God and Father of all believers, for the glory of your Name multiply, by the grace of the Paschal sacrament, the number of your children; that your Church may rejoice to see fulfilled your promise to our father Abraham; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10—31,15:20-21

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the LORD. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, 'Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." But Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the LORD will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to keep still." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers." The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your

hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."

The Song of Moses (*in unison*)

I will sing to the Lord, for he is lofty and uplifted; *
the horse and its rider has he hurled into the sea.
The Lord is my strength and my refuge; *
the Lord has become my Savior.
This is my God and I will praise him, *
the God of my people and I will exalt him.
The Lord is a mighty warrior; *
Yahweh is his Name.
The chariots of Pharaoh and his army has he hurled into the sea; *
the finest of those who bear armor have been
drowned in the Red Sea.
The fathomless deep has overwhelmed them; *
they sank into the depths like a stone.
Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in might; *
your right hand, O Lord, has overthrown the enemy.
Who can be compared with you, O Lord, among the gods? *
who is like you, glorious in holiness,
awesome in renown, and worker of wonders?
You stretched forth your right hand; *
the earth swallowed them up.
With your constant love you led the people you redeemed; *
with your might you brought them in safety to
your holy dwelling.
You will bring them in and plant them *
on the mount of your possession,
The resting-place you have made for yourself, O Lord, *
the sanctuary, O Lord, that your hand has established.

The Lord shall reign *
for ever and for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Let us pray. (*Silence*)

O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, you once delivered by the power of your mighty arm your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The valley of dry bones

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

Psalm 30:1,3,6,13 *(in unison)*

1 I will exalt you, O LORD,
Because you have lifted me up,*
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

3 You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;*
you restored my life, as I was going down to the grave.

6 Weeping may spend the night,*
but joy comes in the morning.

13 Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;*
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

Let us pray. *(Silence)*

Almighty God, by the Passover of your Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life: Grant to those who are sealed by your Holy Spirit the will and the power to proclaim you to all the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The hand candles are relit.

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The Parents and Godparents say

I present Margaret Elizabeth to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the Parents and Godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant then asks

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People We will.

The Celebrant then says

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the
breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in
Christ?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as
yourself?
People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the
dignity of every human being?
People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidate

The Celebrant then says to the people

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

The Clergy and People process to the Baptismal font.

The Celebrant leads the following petitions

Celebrant Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People Lord, here our prayer.
Celebrant Open their hearts to your grace and truth.
People Lord, here our prayer.
Celebrant Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People Lord, here our prayer.
Celebrant Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People Lord, here our prayer.
Celebrant Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People Lord, here our prayer.
Celebrant Send them into the world in witness to your love.
People Lord, here our prayer.
Celebrant Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People Lord, here our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving Over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People 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.

Celebrant continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Baptism

The candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant who then pours water upon the candidate, saying

Margaret Elizabeth, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying

Margaret Elizabeth, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

When this action has been completed the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over them, saying

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Then the Deacon presents a candle lit from the Pascal Candle and says

Margaret Elizabeth, receive the light of Christ and see that you keep it burning brightly so when the Bridegroom comes you may go out to meet him, and see that you keep the grace of your Baptism.

The Celebrant then says

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

After the Baptism, the Clergy and People process back to their places.

The following is said and the first Mass of Easter begins.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen!
People The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

The candles at the Altar are now lighted from the Paschal Candle.

The People then ring their bells, making the Holy Noise, remembering Christ breaking forth from the tomb and announcing the joy of the Resurrection and the arrival of Easter as the following is said.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant then says

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in

Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Epistle

Romans 6:3-11

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand as able.

Pascha nostrum (*in unison*)

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
 therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,
 but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
 death no longer has dominion over him.
The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all;
 but the life he lives, he lives to God.
So also consider yourselves dead to sin,
 and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead,
 the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
For since by a man came death,
 by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die,
so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

Deacon The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

Fr. William Bulson

Peace

All stand as able.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Observing social distancing, the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all. *1 Chronicles 29:11*

Offertory Hymn

1 Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ hath burst his pri - son,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God hath brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness:
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
 with the roy - al feast of feasts, comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold thee as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be - stow - ing

led them with un - mois - tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wear - ied strains Je - sus' re - sur - rec - tion.
 that thy peace which ev - er - more pass - eth hu - man know - ing.

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People 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.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel as able.

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power.
Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love.
You formed us in your own image,
giving the whole world into our care,
so that, in obedience to you, our Creator,
we might rule and serve all your creatures.
When our disobedience took us far from you,
you did not abandon us to the power of death.
In your mercy you came to our help,
so that in seeking you we might find you.
Again and again you called us into covenant with you,
and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much
that in the fullness of time
you sent your only Son to be our Savior.
Incarnate by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
he lived as one of us, yet without sin.
To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation;
to prisoners, freedom;
to the sorrowful, joy.
To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death;
and, rising from the grave, destroyed death,
and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves,
but for him who died and rose for us,
he sent the Holy Spirit,
his own first gift for those who believe,
to complete his work in the world,
and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.
When the hour had come
for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father,
having loved his own who were in the world,
he loved them to the end;
at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead,
proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand,
awaiting his coming in glory;
and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us,
this bread and this cup,
we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy
your Holy Spirit may descend upon us,
and upon these gifts,
sanctifying them
and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people,
the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup
may become one body and one spirit,
a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.
Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
redeemed by the blood of your Christ.
Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.
Remember Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Francis, Bishop of Rome, Bartolomeos,
Ecumenical Patriarch, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Matthew, our Bishop, William,
our Priest, Michele our Priest-Associate, Michael and Paul our Deacons and all who
minister in your Church.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.
Remember all who are sick and suffering.
Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ,
and those whose faith is known to you alone;
bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with
the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets,
apostles, and martyrs, St. Nicholas and
all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past.
We praise you in union with them and give you glory
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours,
Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. *AMEN.*

The Celebrant then continues

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

People and Celebrant

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.

The Celebrant says

Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to His supper.

The People respond

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you. But, only say the word and I shall be healed.

*All baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion.
Communion will be received in one kind – the Body of Christ the Bread of Heaven.*

1 Come, ris - en Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay,
 2 We meet, as in that up - per room they met; thou
 3 One bo - dy we, one Bo - dy who par - take, one
 4 One with each o - ther, Lord, for one in thee, who

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let us be thy guests; the feast is thine;
 at the ta - ble, bless - ing, yet dost stand:
 Church u - nit - ed in com - mun - ion blest;
 art one Sa - vior and one liv - ing Head;

thy - self at thine own board make man - i - fest in
 "This is my Bo - dy"; so thou giv - est yet: faith
 one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break, with
 then o - pen thou our eyes, that we may see; be

thine own Sac - ra - ment of Bread and Wine.
 still re - ceives the cup as from thy hand.
 all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.
 known to us in break - ing of the Bread.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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.

Blessing

The Celebrant sings the following Easter blessing.

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.*

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Antiphon (at the beginning)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done, the vic - to -
 2 The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 3 The three sad days are quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He closed the yaw - ing gates of hell, the bars from
 5 Lord! by the stripes which wound - ed thee, from death's dread

1 ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
 2 le - gions hath dis - persed: let shout of ho - ly
 3 glo - rious from the dead: all glo - ry to our
 4 heaven's high por - tals fell; let hymns of praise his
 5 sing thy serv - ants free, that we may live and

1 has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 tri - umphs tell! Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 sing to thee. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

Antiphon (at the end)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Easter Flowers and Music Memorials and Thanksgivings

Given by:

Deb and Bill Gagin

Bob and Debbie Imig

Pat Ford Smith

Dr. John and Jennifer Keller

In Memory of:

Personal Saints

Robert and Tillie Imig
Garnet and Verna Aspnes
Crawford Smith

Marian Keller
John and Lillian Keller
Peter and Alyce Loerts

In Thanksgiving for:

Deb and Bill Gagin

Dr. John and Jennifer Keller

Leslie Kohler

Relief and blue skies, post Covid

Family

All God's gifts

Daily Offices, Masses and Happenings at Grace this week

The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter **April 4, 2021**

10:15 a.m. Mass, registration required

Monday, April 5, 2021

Fr. William will be off; no Morning or Evening Prayer
5:00 p.m. Shrine prayers and Corporate Rosary
6:00 p.m. Scouts Meeting-St. Nicholas Hall

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

Fr. William will be off, but will pray The Daily Office
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer & Shrine Prayers

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer & Shrine Prayers

Thursday, April 8, 2021

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. AA meeting-St. Nicholas Hall
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer & Shrine Prayers
5:30 p.m. Fencing class resumes-St. Nicholas Hall

Friday, April 9, 2021

Fr. William's weekly day off; no Morning or Evening Prayer

Saturday, April 10, 2021

Office Closed

The Second Sunday of Easter, April 11, 2021

10:15 a.m. Mass, registration required

Parish Notices

The Holy Noise

It is an ancient custom that parishioners bring bells from home to make the *Holy Noise* during the singing of the *Gloria in excelsis* at the Easter Vigil and to symbolize the waking of the dead in Christ because of His resurrection, as well as the proclamation to the entire world that Christ is risen from the dead.

Fr. William will be off

Monday and Tuesday, April 5 and 6. There will be no Daily Office on Monday only.

Sunday Morning Christian Formation on the *Sundays of Easter*, 9:00-9:45 am, on Zoom. Apr 18-May 30, Reading together NT Wright's *Surprised By Hope*.

We proclaim the Resurrection of Jesus and say our own hope for eternal life is the resurrection of the dead. And St Paul even says, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished." (I Cor 15:17-18).

What does all this mean and what is the Resurrection in our faith? We will read one of the most respected and most accessible biblical scholars in the Anglican Communion, Bp NT Wright, to dig in to the heart of the apostles' proclamation and our faith. For our first meeting, please read chapters 1 and 2 and be ready to discuss. We will see if we can explore this book together in a more seminar style. You may order the book, *Surprised By Hope* on your own, or you may order it through our rector, Fr William Bulson (wbulson@gracesheboygan; 920.452.9659).

Deadline for ordering through Fr William is Friday, Apr 9.

The Zoom link for this Easter formation group is:

<https://zoom.us/j/93247049800?pwd=bzVGbXRRC052WHJVkEwaE9lYVpXZz09>

Monarch 74 Cursillo Ultreya

The next Ultreya will be Friday, April 15, via Zoom. Visit

<http://www.monarchcursillo.org/> to learn more about Cursillo or to register, or email Lay Director John Barnes at laydirector@monarchcursillo.org

An Ultreya is a "reunion of the reunions" to provide support and build community by allowing the sharing of communal experiences. Intended for those who attended a Cursillo weekend, it is open to anyone to participate. Future Ultreyas are scheduled for May 15, June 13, August 12, September 18 and November 14.

Compassion Fund Assistance Still Available

Grace Church instituted the Compassion Fund in 2020 to financially assist church members affected by the economic effects of Covid. Funds remain to assist parishioners. Please contact Deacon Paul Aparicio for information and assistance. (PAparicio@gracesheboygan.com)

Weekday Communion Continues on Mondays

For the past few months, we have been offering weekday Communion in small groups, using the brief Communion Under Special Circumstances from the Book of Common Prayer. Starting Mar 1, we will offer fifteen minute slots to receive the Body of Christ on Mondays only. The final Monday Communion will be offered on April 26.

Opening Up our Church and Adjustments to Restrictions

Pandemic restrictions are being loosened all over the country and we have begun to relax some restrictions at Grace. For example, we now have 10:15 Sunday liturgy in person with maximum of 50 attendees.

But here are some of the limitations and relaxations of restrictions that we will live with for a couple of months or so to see how things develop, ensure ongoing safety, and allow ourselves to roll back relaxations if we need to.

- We will continue to observe masking, sanitizing, and distancing:
- We will have one liturgy on Sunday only (10:15.)
- Daily Morning Prayer at 7:30 am and Evening Prayer at 5:30 pm, Sunday-Thursday will be open to anyone who wants to attend, and we'll see how these weekday services go.
- Weekday Masses will be only particular holidays, such as the Annunciation (Mar 25); weekday Masses will start later.
- Christian formation groups will continue to be remote/online.
- Sunday School will not convene just yet, pending more direction from our diocese about how to proceed.
- No strictly social gatherings will be held until further clearance is given.

Corporate Rosary and Shrine prayers now in-person and via Zoom

Join us Monday nights at 5:00 pm., as the service is prayed and broadcast from the Lady Chapel, starting with the Angelus.

Zoom link:

<https://zoom.us/j/92919975120?pwd=M1RYL2UzVWZ1ekE2bGFZd25ENm9NQOT09#success>

Service Booklet link:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yj1WpgzmC1TEFzjbgZmIVWQgPe54grfl>

Bishop's Visitation 2021

On April 25, we welcome The Rt. Rev. Bishop A. Matthew Gunter for his annual visitation to Grace Church. He will preach and celebrate at the 10:15 Mass.

God willing, in-person Summer Camp

The Diocese of Fond du Lac Summer Camp is for kids age 4 through graduating 12th graders. Camp is an opportunity for campers and staff to learn more about God, about community, about themselves and have fun!

Staff Volunteers are also needed for Kinder, Junior, Middle and Senior Camps.

Online Registration is now open. ****Scholarships are available, contact the Parish Office.*** More information may be found here: <https://www.diofdl.org/camp>

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