

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter



May 2, 2021  
10:15 a.m. Mass

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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.

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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.
- ❖ We ask that you refrain from singing the hymns.
- ❖ 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.

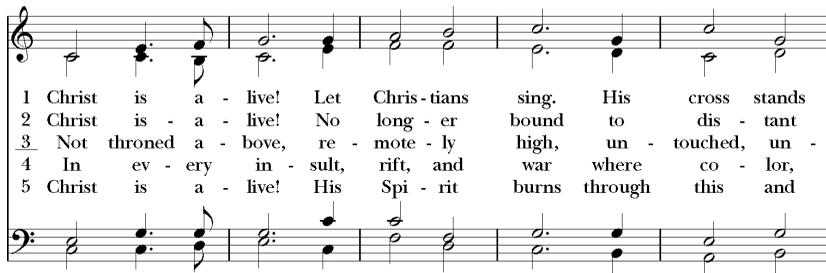
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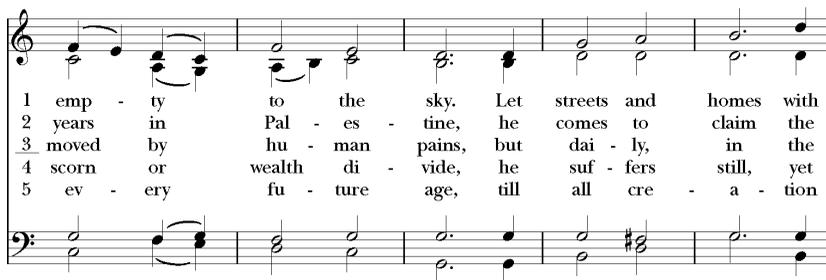
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# Liturgy of the Word

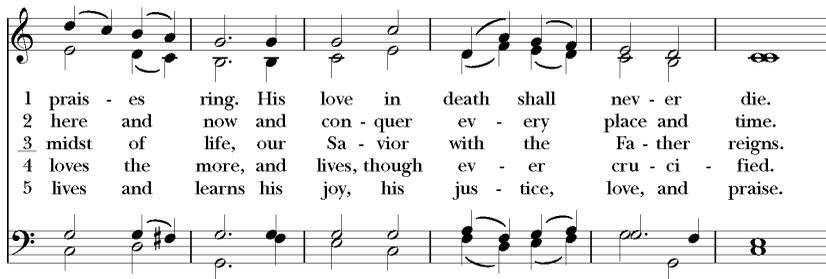
*At the sound of the bells, all stand as able for the singing of hymn 182.*



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and



1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion



1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

*The Celebrant says*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People*

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

*The following is said, all standing as able.*

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.

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **First Reading**

Acts 8:26-40

*All sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Reader*            The Word of the LORD.  
*People*            Thanks be to God.

*Remain seated.*

## **Psalm 22:24-30**

*Deus, Deus meus*

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*  
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,  
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*  
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

## **Second Reading**

1 John 4:7-21

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*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**

John 15:1-8

*Deacon*           The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And also with you.  
*Deacon*           The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
*People*            Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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

## **Sermon**

Fr. William Bulson

## **Nicene Creed**

*All stand as 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**

*The Deacon says*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Francis, Bishop of Rome, Bartolomeos, Ecumenical Patriarch, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Matthew, our Bishop and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For Joseph, our President, Ryan, our Mayor, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For this city of Sheboygan, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For those who travel on land, on water, or in the air or through outer space, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For Michael Boland, who celebrates his birthday and for all who celebrate birthdays and anniversaries this week, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, and for the widows and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially Ed Clabots, Eric Meulemans, Greg Burgett, Barb MacEwen, Alex Hammes, Jon Whitford, Margaret Knocke, Wayne Knocke, and Nancy Imig. *Shut ins:* Mary Evans, Marjorie Buttz. *Family & Friends of Grace:* Barbara S., Natalie, Katie, Emma, Maxwell, Stacy, Bob, Becky, James, Lydia, Nancy H., James A., Ellen and Kelly, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the absolution and remission of our sins and offenses, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

Defend us, deliver us and in thy compassion protect us, O Lord, by thy grace.

*Lord, have mercy.*

In the communion of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, St. Nicholas and all of the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*To thee, O Lord our God.*

*Celebrant*

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **Peace**

*All stand as able.*

<i>Celebrant</i>	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.

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

## **Announcements**

## **Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant says*

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

# Offertory Hymn

*Descant*

5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,  
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;  
 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,  
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou  
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord

Je - sus Christ is Lord;

1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,  
 2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;  
 3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,  
 4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,  
 5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;

and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine.  
 2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.  
 3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.  
 4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.  
 5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

## 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.

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**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*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, gra - cious Spi - rit, heav - en - ly Dove, with light and  
 2 The light of truth to us dis - play, and make us  
 3 Lead us to Christ, the liv - ing Way, nor let us  
 4 Lead us to heaven, that we may share full - ness of

com - fort from a - bove; be thou our guard - ian,  
 know and choose thy way; plant ho - ly fear in  
 from his pre - cepts stray; lead us to ho - li -  
 joy for ev - er there; lead us to God, our

thou our guide; o'er ev - ery thought and step pre - side.  
 ev - ery heart, that we from thee may ne'er de - part.  
 ness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.  
 fin - al rest, to be with him for ev - er blest.

*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.

## **Sending Out**

*Deacon*

Let those who will bring Holy Communion to our brothers and sisters come forward.

*Celebrant*

As you go to the sick and the homebound, take with you the sacrament we have celebrated, the Word of God which we have heard, the affection of this parish, and our prayers; in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

## **Blessing**

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of the LORD God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## **Dismissal**

*Deacon*

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

*People*

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to  
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy  
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

## **A Note on Today's Readings**

*The Fifth Sunday of Easter—Year B*

On the final Sundays of Easter, our attention is directed to the results in our lives of Jesus' dying and rising: the results of Baptism and Eucharist. The Gospel reading today describes our life in Christ. That life is characterized by our love for Jesus as the ground of our faithfulness. We are as intimately bound up in the life of the risen Jesus as the branches of a plant, drawing our new life directly from him.

Like a vine growing new branches, the early Church began to spread beyond Jerusalem almost immediately, bound together in Christ's love and led by the Spirit. In today's reading from Acts, Philip, one of the seven ordained with Stephen, preaches the Gospel to an official of the Queen of Ethiopia. This preaching was prompted by the official's reading of the "Suffering Servant" passage from Isaiah (52:13-53:12). The Ethiopian is converted and baptized on the spot.

Today's reading from First John carries on his theme of our share in God's self-giving love (*agape*). We are to reflect in our own living and ministry that same love which was manifested to us in Jesus' dying and rising. This is the life he shares with us.

We, the People of God, gather in Eucharist to remember and share the story of God's love for us. Our actions in Eucharist are a liturgical expression of self-giving love toward God and others. As we receive Holy Communion, God implants in us Jesus' own life and equips us to extend the divine love to all people in concrete actions of ministry and proclamation.

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## **Daily Offices, Masses and Happenings at Grace this week**

### **The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**May 2, 2021**

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

9:00 a.m. Adult Christian Formation class-St. Nicholas Hall and via Zoom

10:15 a.m. Mass, registration required

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer & Shrine Prayers

### **Monday, May 3, 2021**

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

5:00 p.m. Corporate Rosary and Shrine Prayers

5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

6:00 p.m. Scouts Meeting-St. Nicholas Hall

**Tuesday, May 4, 2021**

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

**Wednesday, May 5, 2021**

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

**Thursday, May 6, 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-St. Nicholas Hall

**Friday, May 7, 2021**

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

**Saturday, May 8, 2021**

Office Closed

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**

**May 9, 2021**

9:00 a.m. Adult Christian Formation class-St. Nicholas Hall and via Zoom  
10:15 a.m. Mass, registration required

**Parish Notices**

**Sign up for Sunday Masses at 10:15 a.m. through SignUpGenius**

[www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c45a8ab22a5fa7-1015](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c45a8ab22a5fa7-1015)

**Sunday Morning Christian Formation, 9:00-9:45 am, in St Nicholas Hall and via Zoom**

Reading together NT Wright's *Surprised By Hope*.

Because of the richness of the book we are reading and the popularity of this course, *we will be reading this book through July 25.*

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.

The Zoom link for this Easter formation group is:

<https://zoom.us/j/93247049800?pwd=bzVGbXRRc052WHJVVkEwaE9lYVpXZz09>

### **Overflow Seating Available in St Nicholas Hall on Sunday Mornings**

Thanks be to God, our attendance is going up and we are hitting our maximum of 50 per service some Sundays. When we exceed 50, we'll ask those people to take part and have seats in St Nicholas Hall. They'll be invited to receive communion in the church proper at communion time. We'll find places for as many as we can! One thing we ask: if you are a regular and an usher asks you to offer your seat to a guest or newcomer, please consider being seated in St Nicholas Hall and allowing the newcomer to be with the larger group during Mass. Thank you for your generosity.

### **Companion Diocese Sunday**

In our diocese, Sunday, May 16, Ascension Sunday, is Companion Diocese Sunday. Our companion diocese is the Diocese of Masvingo, Zimbabwe.

In 2016, the Dioceses of Fond du Lac and Masvingo, Zimbabwe, envisioned a companion relationship connecting Episcopalians/ Anglicans, across cultural and geographic boundaries, on a common pilgrimage of faith, hope, and love, in order to expand their understanding of one another and nurture long-lasting friendships at all levels of the Church.

This year, we will observe this relationship of love in our celebration of the Mass using the form our brothers and sisters in Masvingo use. When we share language in the Mass, we share our hearts!

### **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 refrain from singing until further notice.
- 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.

### **Our doors are now open for daily prayer and reflection**

The Ontario Avenue wooden doors are joyfully open to those who seek to enter for prayer and reflection. Fr. William opens the doors for Morning Prayer, Sunday through Thursday, and closes them after Evening Prayer. On Fridays, staff will open/close the doors during their working hours.

### **Dr. Ben Dobey Retires on May 31! Mr. Caleb Klinzing Will Serve as Interim Choirmaster!**

With the grief that attends partings, and with joy and great thanksgiving for all we have received, we will bid Dr. Ben Dobey farewell as organist and choirmaster at Grace. Be sure to thank him heartily for all the years he has led us to sing God's praises through his direction, planning, prayer, and performing. He has asked that there be no reception or party in his honor. But thank him heartily in whatever way you can!

And we will welcome Mr. Caleb Klinzing as interim choirmaster on a part-time basis, starting June 1! We are so very blessed to have someone so readily available after Dr. Ben retires. Caleb will be with us about one year and will lead us faithfully and expertly in our offering of praise and thanksgiving to God. Caleb is currently an undergraduate student of sacred music and organ. He will pursue graduate studies after completing his undergraduate work. Please welcome him warmly when he begins to serve with us.

During Caleb's time with us we will have a great opportunity to reflect on the place of music in our life at Grace and imagine how in future we can continue to offer music for our praises and God's glory, given our resources, our tradition, and the desires the Spirit plants in our hearts.

### **Let's Meet and Listen to What God Calls for in our Children and Youth Ministry**

Please join us on Wednesday June 9 at 6:30pm for a socially distanced discussion in our St. Nicholas Hall. We would like to gather with those families that have children ages 3 - Seniors in high school to hear about all our hopes for our youth and children's ministry programs. If you are a Grace member who does not have children in those ranges but would like to be involved in the discussion or in volunteering with the children, you are also more than welcome to join! We are at a unique point in Grace's history where we can transform our approach into something we are excited about and the children of Grace can flourish in. We hope you can join us!

### **Corporate Rosary and Shrine prayers**

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

Service Booklet link:

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

### **God willing, in-person Summer Camp**

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tQeML7AmvoQ>

Online Registration is now open. ***\*Scholarships are available, contact the Parish Office.***

### **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](mailto:PAparicio@gracesheboygan.com))

### **Something Extra for Grace**

Envelopes are available in the pews if you are moved to give an extra gift, beyond your pledge or regular plate donation, toward the life of the church. Gifts are tax deductible if you write your name on the envelope.

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