

# The Second Sunday of Easter



April 11, 2021  
10:15 a.m. Mass

Grace Episcopal Church  
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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.
- ❖ 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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under this parish's outreach initiative *Grace Abounds*.

**Please silence your cell phone during the service.**

# Liturgy of the Word

*At the sound of the bells, all stand as able.*

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1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright, the  
2 His ris - en flesh with ra - diance glowed; his  
3 O Je - sus, King of gen - tle - ness, do  
4 O Lord of all, with us a - bide in  
5 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



1 sun shone out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing  
2 wound - ed hands and feet he showed; those scars their sol - emn  
3 thou thy - self our hearts pos - sess that we may give thee  
4 this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; from ev - ery wea - pon  
5 thee, who, dead, a - gain dost live; to God the Fa - ther



1 eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.  
2 wit - ness gave that Christ was ris - en from the grave.  
3 all our days the will - ing tri - bute of our praise.  
4 death can wield thine own re - deemed for ev - er shield.  
5 e - qual praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise.

*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 and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **First Reading**

Acts 4:32-35

*All sit.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the LORD Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

*Remain seated.*

### **Psalm 133**

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
    when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
    that runs down upon the beard,

- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore.

## Second Reading

1 John 1:1—2:2

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*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 20:19-31

*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.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

## **Sermon**

Fr. William Bulson

## **Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors**

*Celebrant*        Friends in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good.

[N.] has been called to the ministry of Eucharistic Visiting.

*People*            Praise be to God, who has called you to this service.

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

Look with favor upon those whom you have called, O God, and grant that they may be so filled with your Holy Spirit, that they may minister in their chosen task with joy and steadfast devotion; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

*Celebrant*        In the Name of God, we recognize you as Eucharistic Visitors.

## **Blessing of Communion Kits**

*Celebrant*        Our help is in the Name of the Lord.  
*People*            Who made heaven and earth.

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            And also with you.

*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

Almighty God, whose blessed Son instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Grant that all who receive the holy Mysteries from these vessels, which we now consecrate for use in your Church, may be sustained by his presence and enjoy for ever his heavenly benediction; who lives and reigns in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

*The vessels are sprinkled with holy water.*

## **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, Michael, our Mayor, Ryan our Mayor-elect and 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 Jasmine Palmer, Mary Ann Neuses and Benjamin Maki who celebrate birthdays, Nick and Jenni Whitford, LeRoy and Connie Schneider and Cory and Beth Bouck who celebrate anniversaries 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, Mary Kohler, Margaret Knocke, Wayne Knocke, Nancy Imig, and Carver Beeck. *Shut ins:* Mary Evans, Valerie Kains, Marjorie Buttz.

*Family & Friends of Grace:* Barbara S., Natalie, Katie, Emma, Maxwell, Stacy, Becky,

James, Lydia, Nancy H. and Winnie, 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

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*Antiphon (at the beginning)*



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



1 O sons and daught - ers, let us sing!  
2 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;  
3 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard,  
4 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see;  
5 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied,  
6 How blest are they who have not seen,



1 The King of heaven, the glo - rious King,  
2 a - midst them came their Lord most dear,  
3 how they had seen the ris - en Lord,  
4 my hands, my feet, I show to thee;  
5 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
6 and yet whose faith has con - stant been,



1 o'er death and hell rose tri - umph - ing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 and said, "My peace be on all here." Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 he doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word. Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 not faith - less, but be - liev - ing be." Al - le - lu - ia!  
5 "Thou art my Lord and God," he cried. Al - le - lu - ia!  
6 for they e - ter - nal life shall win. Al - le - lu - ia! [Ant.]

*Antiphon (at the end)*



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

*This hymn is for the Second Sunday of Easter and St. Thomas' Day.*

## **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,

## **Sanctus**

*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. Joseph, 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.*

## Communion Hymn

1 We walk by faith, and not by sight; no  
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 that, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as  
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound, to call on you when  
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke; but we be - lieve him near.  
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near, and seek where you are found:  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

*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 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with  
 2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and  
 \*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -  
 4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened

joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;  
 ra - dant brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;  
 um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming  
 hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,

let the whole wide earth re - joyce: death is con - quered,  
 Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion  
 yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the  
 ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er

we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.  
 that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.  
 pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.  
 Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

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

### *The Second Sunday of Easter—Year B*

On this Sunday of Easter we always have as the central reading the account of Jesus' appearance to the Apostles on Easter Day and on the following Sunday. In that second appearance, Thomas, who had not been with them the first time, comes to believe in the Lord's resurrection and acclaims Jesus as Lord and God.

The first reading on every Sunday in Eastertide is from the Acts of the Apostles. This book about the life of the early Church as it lived in the joy of the Lord's resurrection tells us of the character of the early Christians' corporate life.

This year the second reading comes from the First Epistle of John. This brief epistle is thought to have been written in the last decade of the first century in the author's old age. In it he reminds his people of the primary characteristic of our Lord, his self-giving love. Our life in the risen Christ is to live out that love for one another. John reminds us that our salvation came by means of Jesus' death and our baptism into his death.

Each Sunday of the Great Fifty Days is a time to explore the life we share in Jesus Christ dying and rising, a life which begins for each of us at our baptism and which is renewed in us each time we celebrate the Eucharist. From *The Rite Light: Reflections on the Sunday Readings and Seasons of the Church Year*. Copyright © 2007 by Michael W. Merriman. Church Publishing Incorporated, New York.

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

### **The Second Sunday Easter**

**April 11, 2021**

10:15 a.m. Mass, registration required

### **Monday, April 12, 2021**

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

5:00 p.m. Corporate Rosary

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

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

### **Tuesday, April 13, 2021**

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

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

### **Wednesday, April 14, 2021**

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

4:00 p.m. Staff Meeting-St. Nicholas Hall

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

**Thursday, April 15, 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. Grace Walsingham Foundation Meeting-St. Mark's Room, Lower Level

5:30 p.m. Fencing class-St. Nicholas Hall

**Friday, April 16, 2021**

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

**Saturday, April 17, 2021**

Office Closed

4:00 p.m. Cub Scouts-St. Nicholas Hall

**The Third Sunday of Easter, April 18, 2021**

9:00 a.m. Adult Christian Formation class via Zoom resumes

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 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.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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#saccess>

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 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!

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

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

### **Camp Staff Volunteers Needed**

The Diocese of Fond du Lac is looking for volunteers to serve as staff for its camp sessions. Since 1926, our campers have been served by volunteers who exhibit a commitment to the Christian faith and encourage others to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Interested in serving? Learn more and apply at

[www.diofdl.org/campstaff](http://www.diofdl.org/campstaff).

### **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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