

The Sixth Sunday of Easter



May 9, 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.

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.

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.

Liturgy of the Word

At the sound of the bells, all stand as able while hymn 405 is played.

Descant

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

Refrain

All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.

all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain

he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

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 10:44-48

All sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Remain seated.

Psalm 98

Cantate Domino

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

A Reading from the First Letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water

only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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 15:9-17

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, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are

my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

Sermon

Deacon Paul Aparicio

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, Tony, our Governor, 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 Art Imig, Eowyn Whitford, Angel Klinzing, Davis Maki and Brenda Burgett, who celebrate birthdays and for Bob Wood and Mary Tasche 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, 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, Kelly and Jesus, 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 the repose of the souls of Bill May, Tong Lu Vang and Thomas M. 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

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth: We humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the harvests of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor to gather them, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

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.

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

400



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



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 O Je - sus, crowned with all re - nown, since thou the earth hast
 2 Lord, in their change, let frost and heat, and winds and dews be
 3 that we may feed the poor a - right, and, gath - ering round thy

trod, thou reign - est and by thee come down hence -
 given; all fos - tering power, all in - fluence sweet, breathe
 throne, here, in the ho - ly an - gels' sight, re -

forth the gifts of God. Thine is the health and
 from the bount - eous heaven. At - tem - per fair with
 pay thee of thine own: That we may praise thee

thine the wealth that in our halls a - bound, and
 gen - tle air the sun - shine and the rain, that
 all our days, and with the Fa - ther's Name, and

thine the beau - ty and the joy with which the years are crowned.
 kind - ly earth with time - ly birth may yield her fruits a - gain:
 with the Ho - ly Spi - rit's gifts, the Sa - vior's love pro - claim.

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.

Closing Hymn

1 Ye ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim,
 2 God rul - eth on high, al - might - y to save;
 3 Sal - va - tion to God, who sits on the throne!
 4 Then let us a - dore, and give him his right:

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful Name;
 and still he is nigh: his pres - ence we have.
 Let all cry a - loud, and hon - or the Son.
 All glo - ry and power, all wis - dom and might,

the Name all - vic - to - rious of Je - sus ex - tol:
 The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
 The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim,
 and hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove,

his king - dom is glo - rious; he rules o - ver all.
 as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus our King.
 fall down on their fa - ces, and wor - ship the Lamb.
 and thanks nev - er - ceas - ing and in - fi - nite love.

A Note on Today's Readings

The Sixth Sunday of Easter—Year B

In the last weeks of Eastertide, our liturgical readings explore the results of the dying and rising of Jesus. Both the Gospel reading and the reading from 1 John speak of the self-giving love of God, revealed in Jesus' Passover from death to life, as the primary characteristic of our lives in Christ.

In this Sunday's reading from Acts, Peter and some other Jewish Christians were astounded to see Gentiles in the household of Cornelius receive the Holy Spirit just as they had on the Day of Pentecost. Peter's last reservations about welcoming Gentiles into the Church are erased and he and the other joyfully lead them to the waters of Baptism.

Joined together by God's spirit in baptism, bound up in the dying and rising of Jesus, related by creation to all the earth, we the people of God bring all our lives and one another into the saving love of God in Eucharist.

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Daily Offices, Masses and Happenings at Grace this week

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

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

10:15 a.m. Mass, registration required

Monday, May 10, 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, May 11, 2021

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

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

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

7:00 a.m. Love INC Board meeting—St. Nicholas Hall

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

4:30 p.m. Staff meeting—St. Nicholas Hall

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

Ascension Day
Thursday, May 13, 2021

7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. AA meeting-St. Nicholas Hall
5:30 p.m. Fencing class-St. Nicholas Hall
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer & Shrine Prayers
6:00 p.m. Mass, no registration required

Friday, May 14, 2021

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

Saturday, May 15, 2021

Office Closed

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 2021

9:00 a.m. Adult Christian Formation class via Zoom
10:15 a.m. Mass, registration required

Parish Notices

What is Rogation Sunday?

Rogation Sunday is the day when the Church has traditionally offered prayer for God's blessings on the fruits of the earth and the labors of those who produce our food. The word "rogation" is from the Latin *rogare*, "to ask." Historically, the Rogation Days (the three days before Ascension Day) were a period of fasting and abstinence, beseeching God's blessing on the crops for a bountiful harvest. Few of us today directly derive our livelihood from the production of food, yet it is good to be reminded of our dependence upon those who do and our responsibility for the environment.

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

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 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 12th 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)

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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