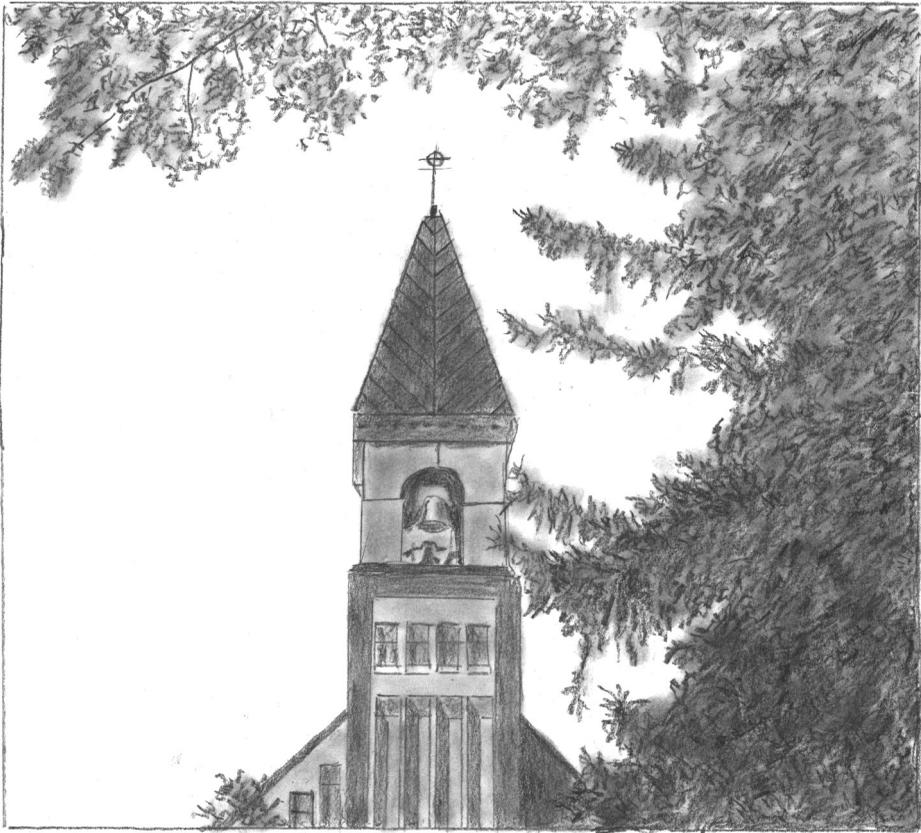


Historic Grace Episcopal Church

A Parish Church in the Episcopal Diocese of Atlanta
Est. 1828



Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A
May 14, 2017

Welcome to this space of prayer, community, and compassion.
All are welcome to share in the liturgy at Grace.

There is a nursery available for any who may feel more comfortable there.
Ushers can help you with any questions you may have.

Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church!

For 190 years, Grace Church has gathered for worship and prayer, explored the dimensions of our Christian practice, and embodied Christ's compassion in our community and the world. I am grateful you have joined the community for worship today. If you are visiting us for the first time, please complete a card and return it in the offering plate so we can provide more information about Grace Church. If you have been here for 80 years, please make a point to welcome those around you who you don't recognize!

At Grace Church, we take our part in the mission of the Church: "to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ" (Book of Common Prayer, 855).

To share in God's mission, we have discerned three key areas of shared ministry in our community: Prayer, Compassion, and Belonging. These three areas ground our entire life as a spiritual community.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask an usher or anyone near you. And, feel free to come by the greeting line so we can get to know each other.

Many blessings to you!

Stuart+

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Holy Eucharist Rite I 8:15AM

Organ Prelude

Community Minute

Opening Acclamation

BCP 323

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Collect for Purity *said by all*

BCP 323

Gloria

BCP 324

The Collect of the Day

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

The First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

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The Welcome

The Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I

BCP 333

During the Easter season, it is an ancient tradition for the congregation to remain standing during the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 336

Communion of the People

Sending of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 339

Easter Blessing

Dismissal

BCP 339

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso from Sonata II

Felix Mendelssohn

Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:45AM

Prelude

The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Benjamin Schoening, Baritone

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death.
Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest.
Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.

Community Minute

At the Entrance: Hymnal 1

Christe sanctorum

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

Collect for Purity *said by all*

BCP 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria: Hymnal S236

John Rutter

1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord
God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;
glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____
_ for the ra - di-ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will
praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your
tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. _____ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
ween the Cher - u - bim; _____ we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

5. Glo - ry to you, _____ be - hold - ing the
depths; _____ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to
you. _____ 6. Glo - ry to you, _____ Fa - ther,
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; _____ we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____

The 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.**

The Blessing of the Children and Dismissal to Children's Chapel

The First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gradual: Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Joseph Barnby
Sung by Parish Choir to Anglican Chant

- 1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
- 4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.
- 15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

At the Sequence: Hymnal 457

St. James

The Gospel Reading: John 14:1-14

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily: The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Park

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People Form IV

BCP 388

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Recognition of Leaders for Children, Youth, and Adult Formation

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

O how amiable are thy dwellings; thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house,
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;
even thy altars O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will be always praising thee.
The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us:
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handywork.
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

At the Presentation: Hymnal 174

Salzburg

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his piercèd side;
praise we him, whose love divine
gives his sacred Blood for wine,
gives his Body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

2. Where the Paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.

3. Mighty victim from on high,
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
thou hast conquered in the fight,
thou hast brought us life and light:
now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
thou hast opened paradise,
and in thee thy saints shall rise.

4. Easter triumph, Easter joy,
these alone do sin destroy.
From sin's power do thou set free
souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto thee we raise:
risen Lord, all praise to thee
with the Spirit ever be.

Holy Communion

To receive, please proceed up the center aisle and fill around the altar from the back to the front. If you do not wish to receive the consecrated bread and wine, simply cross your arms over your chest. We will offer a blessing for you as we share in Holy Communion. You may stand or kneel at the altar rail. Please return to your seat by the side aisles. If you are not baptized and would like to explore Holy Baptism, please speak to one of the clergy after the service. We would be honored to share a conversation with you!

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Celebrant *People*
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sanctus: Hymnal 125

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

During the Easter season, it is an ancient tradition for the congregation to remain standing during the Eucharistic Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Fraction: Hymnal S161

David Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant Behold who you are: The Body of Christ.
People *May we become what we receive.*

Communion Music

Hymnal 304 *sung by all*

Land of Rest

Hymnal 51 *sung by all*

Decatur Place

Postcommunion Anthem

It is Good to Give Thanks
Junior Choristers

Michael Bedford

It is good to give thanks to the Lord. Sing God's praise, sing God's praise.
It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

Tell the world of God's love all day long. Sing God's praise, sing God's praise.
Tell the world of God's love all day long.

Play on the psaltery, play on the lyre, play a joyful tune on the harp.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord. Sing God's praise, sing God's praise.
It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

Easter Blessing

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 God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

At the Procession: Hymnal 525

Aurelia

Dismissal

BCP 365

Postlude

Allegro maestoso from Sonata II

Felix Mendelssohn

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Robert Mallis by Ginger Mallis

Lectionary Notes

Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church. We begin today the fifth of the seven weeks of the Christian year set apart to celebrate the dying and rising of Jesus. The Gospel reading today is a discussion between Jesus and his disciples, particularly Thomas and Philip, about the results of his dying and rising. He is revealed to be the way into eternal life, and in knowing Jesus we know and are known by the Father.

In the second reading today, Peter applies to us the words of God addressed to the people of Israel during their exodus. By virtue of our Baptism into Jesus' dying and rising, we are set apart as "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people," with the vocation of making God's wonderful deeds known to all people.

In the eucharistic celebration we are revealed as the royal priesthood. In most religions the priesthood is a small group of people who stand between God and the rest of the people. Christians, however, all stand before God on behalf of the entire human race; on behalf, indeed, of the whole creation. That priesthood is enacted most clearly as we stand before God in intercession and in thanksgiving in the eucharistic liturgy.

The Rite Light: Reflections on the Sunday Readings and Seasons of the Church Year.
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Helpful Guidance

Members: Visit the new name tag center by the Columbarium Garden. Please wear your name tag on Sundays and greet anyone you do not know. Help make Grace a welcoming church! Please notify the office (770-536-0126) if you need a nametag.

Child Care: A nursery is provided for children age four and under from 8 AM until 12:15 PM. Children's Chapel is offered for children three years old to seven years of age beginning at 10:45 AM. Children will go to church with their parents and after the collect is read the children will be called to the front of the nave to exit with their leaders for an age appropriate service. The children will join their parents again during the presentation hymn.

Calendar at a Glance

Sunday, May 14, 2017

8:15AM—Holy Eucharist Rite I

9:30AM—Christian Education Celebration

10:45AM—Holy Eucharist Rite II

Monday, May 15, 2017

9AM—Deadline for 5/12 e-vangelist

5:00 PM—Centering Prayer

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

9AM—Good News at Noon cooking & serving

6PM—Creative Expression

7PM—Alliance for Literacy Spelling Bee at Hosch Theatre

Wednesday, May 17, 2017

11AM—Prayer class (parlor)

12:10 PM—Holy Eucharist and laying on of hands for healing (chapel)

4:15PM—Holy Eucharist at Lanier Village Estates

5PM—Chorister rehearsal and pizza party

6:15PM—Steering Committee meeting

7PM—Parish Choir rehearsal

Thursday, May 18, 2017

6:30PM—Education for Ministry

6:30PM—Bell Choir rehearsal

Save the Date

(e-mail bmorgan@gracechurchgainesville.org)

May 21, 2017 10AM One Service followed by Parish Picnic

June 4, 2017 5PM—7PM Newcomer reception

June 19-22, 2017 5:30-8PM Family Intergenerational Vacation Bible School, “World Peace Village”

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