GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 30, 2023



Welcome to Grace, we're glad you are here!

If you have any questions, our ushers, greeters and members are here to help, don't hesitate to ask!

Restrooms are located through the door to the left of the pulpit at the top and bottom of the stairs. There is also a handicap lift in the narthex (front entrance) if you need assistance getting to the lower level.

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SERVING TODAY

| ACOLYTE | Cary Brown |
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| ALTAR GUILD | Kathy Brown Virginia Danner |
| CHALICIST | |
| Fellowship | Kara DeBord |
| Greet/Usher | Mike Hasty Michael Younkins |
| LECTOR | Brett Brenner |
| LIVESTREAM | Carmen Lescure |
| Tellers | Brian Reid Chuck Szuberla |
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Prelude

PROCESSIONAL HYMN PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

CelebrantAlleluia, ♥ Christ is risen!PeopleThe Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

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.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

People

Please be seated.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All the believed were together and had all things in common: they would sell their possessions and

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the

who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

breaking of bread and the prayers.

THE RESPONSE

THE FIRST LESSON

Lector

Read responsively by the whole verse

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE LESSONS

ACTS 2:42-47

PSALM 23

THE SECOND LESSON

Lector A reading from the first letter of Peter.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

LectorThe Word of the Lord.PeopleThanks be to God.

Please stand if you are comfortable doing so f Please stand if you are comfortable doing so for the hymn and the reading of the Gospel

SEQUENCE HYMN PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN

THE HOLY GOSPEL

CelebrantThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.PeopleGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever

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JOHN 10:1-10

enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

CelebrantThe Gospel of the Lord.PeoplePraise to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOMILY

THE REV. EDIE HOLTON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

When prompted, please stand if you are able.

You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship you.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III

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| | Leader People | Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; That we all may be one. | | | |
| | Leader People | Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people. | | | |
| | Leader People | We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; We pray especially for +Eugene and +Robert, our bishops, Carrie+, our Bishop-Elect, Edie+ our priest, and Kathleen+ our deacon. That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments. | | | |
| | Leader People | We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; That there may be justice and peace on the earth. | | | |
| | Leader People | Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; That our works may find favor in your sight. | | | |
| | Leader People | Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; That they may be delivered from their distress. | | | |
| | Leader People | Give to the departed eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them. | | | |
| | Leader People | We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom. | | | |
| | Leader | Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. | | | |
| | | Silence. The People may add their own petitions, silently or aloud. | | | |
| | | Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. | | | |
| | People | Amen. | | | |
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THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord. Then all are seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

CHRISTUS VINCIT (CHRIST HAS CONQUERED)

PRESENTATION HYMN

THE DOXOLOGY (SUNG TO TWO TUNES)

Please stand if you are able.

J. Noyon



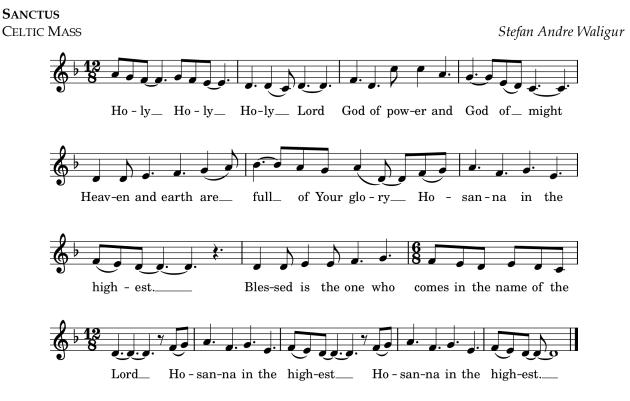
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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING | EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 1

From Enriching Our Worship

| Celebrant People | The Lord be with you. And also with you. |
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| Celebrant People | Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. |
| Celebrant People | Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. |
| Celebrant | It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you th |

Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



Celtic Mass by Stefan Andre Waligur. Printed with the permission of the composer.

The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues:

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Celebrant Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

AMEN. People

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

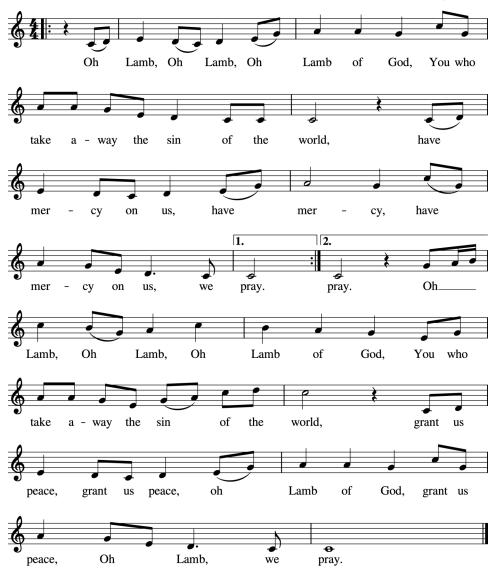
PeopleOur Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.Give us this day our daily bread.And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia! We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ*People* We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread. Alleluia!

FRACTION ANTHEM CELTIC MASS



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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

May all who share these gifts be found in Christ and may Christ be found in you.



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What follows is the Holy Communion, the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church, as do all other denominations rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist, yet no one who comes forward to receive the bread and wine at communion is ever turned away from God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, the Episcopal Church welcomes you, and we invite you to explore with us what baptism may mean for you. Want to know more? Please see Rev. Edie or Deacon Kathleen following the service.

When receiving the Holy Communion, you may take just the bread if you prefer, or the clergy person can give a gluten-free wafer if you request it. If you are not baptized, or would prefer not to receive communion for any personal or religious reason, you are still invited to come forward at the time of communion to receive a blessing from the priest. (Please place your arms across your chest to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.) Above all, remember that all are welcome here at Grace!

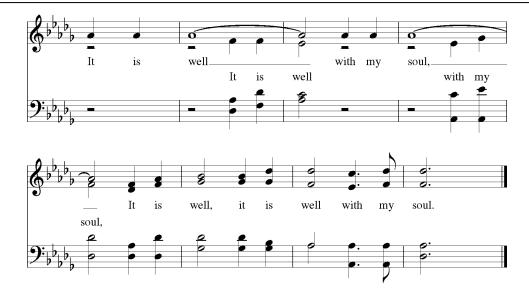
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COMMUNION HYMN

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL (verses 1, 3, and 4)



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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us Pray.

PeopleGiver of all, we are nourished with your Easter sacraments.
Fill us with the Spirit of love, and unite us in faith,
that we may be witnesses to the resurrection and show your glory to all the world,
in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.
Amen.

THE EASTER BLESSING

CelebrantMay Christ who out of defeat brings new hope and new alternatives, bring you new life.And the blessing of God our Creator, ♥ Redeemer, and Giver of Life be with you always.PeopleAmen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

HYMNAL 657

THE DISMISSAL

CelebrantGo forth in the name of the risen Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia!PeopleThanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE CHURCH

For the clergy: ++Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; ++Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; +Eugene Taylor Sutton and +Robert Ilhoff, Bishops of the Diocese of Maryland; Carrie Schofield-Broadbent+, Bishop Coadjutor-Elect of the Diocese of Maryland; Edie+ Holton, our Priest; Kathleen+ Smith-Jones, our Deacon.

In the Diocesan prayer cycle, St. Thomas', Hancock; St. James Chapel, Hagerstown; St. John's, Frostburg; and for the Rev.'s Jack G. Flintom, C. Allen Spicer, Robert H. Speer, and William M. Dunning.

In our Parish prayer cycle, we pray for Stephanie and the Honorable Eric Schaffer; William and Nicholas Schaffer.

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God by Dj Gunning and Adán Cortés, in thanksgiving for this amazing community and all of the love and friendship you have given us over the years.

OUR COMMUNITY

The Homebound: Teeny Phillips, Marvin Metzgar.

For The Repose of the Soul of Bo Harris, brother of Charlie Harris, who passed away this week from Colon Cancer.

We pray for the healing, wholeness, comfort, guidance, and safe travel of the following people in our faith community and beyond: Adán Cortés; Nancy Hughes; Michael Weldon; Shirley Shores; The Szuberla Family; Reta Mercer; Paul David Moss; Peg Jung; Glenn, Robert, and Gay Eackles; The Killmayer Family; Kathy Brown; Abby & Tom Kahn; The Cendrowski Family; Sandy Cain; Tammy Trimmer; Marilyn Rich; Zoe Huck; Claudia; The Dean Family; William; Barry Slocum; Virginia Danner; Eddie Danner; Jason Harris; Fred Zupka & Family; Barry Stocks; Lisa Cox & Harriet Carr; Betty Ramsay; Steve Foust; Susan Kimble; Meghan Davidson & Family; Charlotte Barnhouse; Susan Mann; David & Mary Alice Thoma; Catherine Thompson; Felicia Watkins-Kimble.

THE WORLD

For elected leaders in this country and around the world, especially President Joseph Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris; Governors Wes Moore (*MD*) and Glenn Youngkin (*VA*); and Mayors Nathan Brown (*Brunswick*) and Christopher Hornbaker (*Lovettsville*). For victims of hunger, human trafficking, substance abuse and natural disasters in the United States and throughout the world.

We pray for the people of Ukraine.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAY FOR THESE PILGRIMS

Your prayers are requested for Paul Durham and a small group of locals that will be making a pilgrimage to the Camino de Santiago, April 16-May 3. The small group of four will be walking the Camino Portugues Route from the city of Viana do Castelo in Portugal north to Santiago de Compostela, approximately 135 miles over a 10 day period.

The Camino de Santiago (the Way of St. James) is a large network of ancient pilgrim routes stretching across Europe and coming together at the cathedral of St. James ("Santiago" in Spanish) in Santiago de Compostela, a city in the province of Galicia in north-west Spain. More than 400,000 pilgrims waked the camino in 2022.

This group has dedicated their pilgrimage to the Brunswick BEACON food bank. You can follow their journey by going to **https://www.facebook.com/pddurham**.

BRUNSWICK FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Demand at our community Food Bank is surging. Grace will once again, be collecting nonperishable food items to help stock the shelves. A basket is in the Narthex for donations. You can also give a monetary donation, via the BEACON website. https://www.brunswickbeacon.org/donate/

BRUNSWICK SPRING FESTIVAL

The Brunswick Spring Festival is coming up Saturday, May 20th from 10:00am - 5:00pm in downtown Brunswick with vendors, Food, live music, kids activities and more! Grace will have a booth and we need lots of help to make it a successful event. Check out the signup genius at **https://tinyurl.com/GraceSpringFest2023** and/or check in with Pat Zupka or Kathy Brown.

COMING UP AT GRACE

| May 3 | Wed | 7:00pm | AA Double Dippers | Undercroft |
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| May 9 | Tue | 5:00pm | Healing Service | Church |
| May 20 | Sat | 10a-5p | Brunswick Spring Festival | Downtown Brunswick |

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