

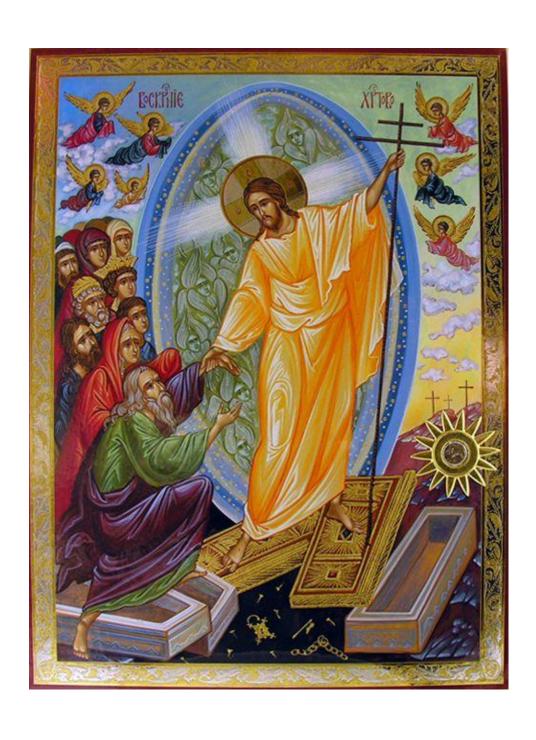
Grace Episcopal Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist Rite II

Episcopal Visitation

With music at 10:00 am



Prelude Scott Arra

Processional Hymn:

The King of love my shepherd is

Hymnal #645

As all remain standing, the Celebrant begins

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ is risen.

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;
People There is one hope in God's call to us;
Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

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.*

The Lessons

Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

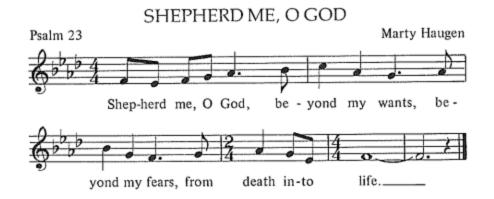
'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Remain seated



God is my shepherd, so nothing I shall want, I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love, I walk by the quiet waters of peace. (To refrain)

Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul, you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth, My spirit shall sing the music of your Name. (To refrain)

Though I should wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side, Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. (To refrain)

You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. (To refrain)

Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life; I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore. (To refrain)

1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

All stand

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

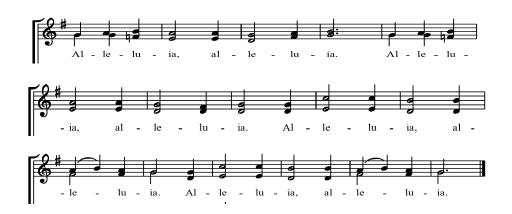
The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John 10:11-18

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Alleluia



Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly

Confirmation, Reception, and Reaffirmation

Hymn I want to walk as a child of the light Hymnal #490 (v1)

Presentation and Examination of Candidates

The candidates will now be presented.

I present Jack and Cheryl to be received into the Church and Konnor, Mary, Beth, and Ray to reaffirm their Baptismal Vows

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Bishop

Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate

I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

The Celebrant then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,

and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return

to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of

every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive these Sacraments, and for those who have renewed their commitment to Christ.

A Person appointed leads the following petitions

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

For Reception

(Jack Jr and Sherry Occkial)

[Candidate], we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.**

For Reaffirmation

(Konnor Thompson, Mary Miragliotta, Ray & Beth Sphatt)

[Candidate], may the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you in the service of Christ and his kingdom. Amen.

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everliving God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

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

Announcements

Holy Communion

The Celebrant says the offertory sentence

Offertory Anthem Grace Notes Choir

Doxology Hymnal #380 (v.3)

Members of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the celebrant.

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

The undesignated offering goes to the Bishop's Discretionary Fund, for support of clergy, congregations, and non-budgeted ministries.

Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Bishop faces them and sings or says

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name: Sanctus S-130



The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

Great Amen



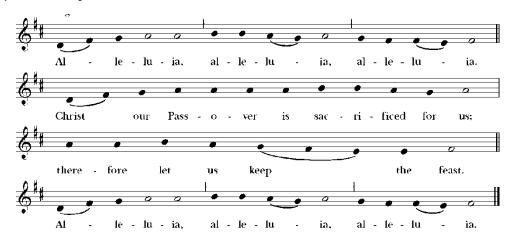
As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People and Celebrant

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.



The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome at God's table to receive the bread and wine or a blessing. To receive a blessing in place of communion, please fold your arms across your chest.

Please refrain from intinction.

Communion Hymns I come with joy to meet my Lord

Hymnal #304

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.

The Blessing

Bishop: Our help is in the Name of the Lord. **People: The maker of heaven and earth.** Bishop: Blessed be the name of the Lord; **People: From this time forth for evermore.**

Bishop: The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen**.

Closing Hymn Savior, like a shepherd lead us Hymnal #708

Dismissal

Deacon Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia! **People Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude Scott Arra

Please join Grace Episcopal in welcoming The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly, Bishop of Ohio and all of our Confirmed, Reaffirmed and Received brothers and sisters in Christ in the Gathering Room for a light lunch after the service.

Grace's Mission

We are disciples of Jesus, helping one another be the hands and feet of Christ by sharing God's love with the world.

Serving	Today	Sunday
Bishop	The Rt Rev. Anne B. Jolly	
Deacon	The Rev. Anne Pillot	
Celebrant	The Reverand Jeff Baker	
Altar Guild	Nancy Brothers, Lynn Kramp, Peggy Burkacki	Kathy Hill, Thora Scott,
8 am Worship Assistant		Walt Iliff
8 am Usher		Thora Scott
10 am Lectors	Dave Zimmerman Peggy Burkacki	Greg Mackey Deb Zimmerman
10 am Chalice Bearer	Dave Zimmerman	Greg Mackey
10 am Crucifer	Greg Mackey	Greg Mackey
10 am Usher	Phil Davis	Deb Zimmerman
10 am Zoom Host	Elizabeth Estep	Elizabeth Estep
Music:	Scott Arra and the Grace Choir	

Updates and Reminders

Altar Flower Signup

The new Altar Flower Sign-up Sheet is in the hallway for 2024, please consider signing up Altar Flowers are a way to express our thankfulness and celebrate the many blessings we have. Flower arrangements for a Sunday are \$40. Please note more than one person/family can sign up for the same Sunday.

We celebrate the Birthday of James Freshwater and the flowers are given this week by Ray Sphatt in celebration of Beth's birthday last week.

Keep in our Prayers this week, Keep in our Prayers this week, Aaron Lephart, Valerie Lephart, Margaret, Gerald Brothers, Ray, Beth, Belle, Cheri L., Bill, Janet, Chris, Matthew and Janice, Jeanne K., Pat & Ray Newyear, Sheila S., Deb B., Carolyn Stacks, George Luther, Chuck Yaichner, Chris Junda, Tim Mackey, John and Joyce Hoste, Bev & Ken Schutt, Susan S., Mark S., Mary, Kathy Shay, Frank & Peggy Burkacki, Lucille P., Kathy Hill, Jeanne Schupp, Shirley Wilkes, Jennifer M., Clint N., Wesley, Joe, Amelia Nash, Karen, Sarah, Caitlin B., and Margaret G., Drake, Devery M., and Luke B.

Anyone interested in more information about the Episcopal Church, becoming a member, being received, This book study will help those interested walking down this path in a fun and interesting way. The book: Walk in Love, Episcopal Beliefs & Practices. Let Fr. Jeff know or leave a message with the office. 440-942-1015 office@gracewilloughby.org

Riley Gumto Address until he graduates April 25th from basic training!!!

E3, Gumto, Riley Echo Company, 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment 165th BDE 3rd Platoon "SAMURAI'S" 11951 Golden Arrow Road Columbia, South Carolina 29207

KITCHEN REMODELING: NO ACCESS TO APPLIANCES, UTENSILS, AND SINK. CONTRACTOR WILL MOVE APPLIANCES INTO THE DINING ROOM UNTIL DONE. CONTRACTOR WORK BEGINS APRIL 22, MONDAY; ENDS APRIL 26. QUESTIONS / COMMENTS: CONTACT PHIL D.

Also There are Photo Release forms back by the ushers. Please fill one of those out, especially if there is the possibility that you might be in a photo that the Bishop may use in the diocese social media. Very important if anyone is under the age of 18.

This Week at Grace

Sun. 21-April	Visitation with The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly, Bishop of Ohio		
10 am	Eucharist with Music San		
	Lunch with The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly and new Church members		
5 pm	Scouts BSA	Undercroft	
6 pm	Gaining Independence	Meeting Room	
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts	Undercroft	
Mon, 22-April			
7 p	District 43 AA	Undercroft	
7:30 pm	NA Meeting	Undercroft	
Tues, 23-April			
7 p link on website	Bible Study	Online,	
7 p	GA	Undercroft	
7:30 p	AA	Undercroft	
Wed, 24-April			
10 am	Group Study	Online, link on website	
Thu, 25-April			
7 p	Choir	Sanctuary	
7 p	GA	Undercroft	
7:30 p	AA	Undercroft	
Fri, 26-April			
12 noon	Social Hour	Online, link on website	
7:30 p	AA	Undercroft	
Sat, 27-April			
Sun, 28-April			
8 am	Quiet Eucharist	Sanctuary	
10 am	Eucharist with Music	Sanctuary	
11:45 a	Vestry Meeting Room		
5 p	Scouts BSA	Undercroft	
6 pm	Gaining Independence	Meeting Room	
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts	Undercroft	



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Staff

Interim Rector - The Rev. J. Jeffrey Baker Administrative Assistant- Sherrie Miller Music Director- Scott Arra

New Vestry members and officers for 2024.

Senior Warden: Walt Iliff Junior Warden: Phil Davis

Vestry: Nancy Brothers, Kathy Hill, Thora Scott*, Beth Sphatt, Dave Zimmerman

Treasurer/Clerk: Elizabeth Estep **Asst Treasurer**: Harry Dodds

* Cathy Nash resigned as she is moving away. Thora Scott will complete her term.

Grace Search Committee Dawson Moorer, Search Consultant Konnor Thompson, Mary Miragliotta, Peggy Burkacki, Ray Sphatt, and Greg Mackey