

# Grace Episcopal Church

April 19, 2026

The Third Sunday of Easter

## 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.

Opening Hymn

*Abide with me*

Blue Hymnal #662

Penitential Order Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p351

Gloria

Front of Praise Book S-280

The Collect

BCP p 211

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

BCP 357

A Reading from the Book of Acts 2:14a,36-41

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-3,10-17

*Dilexi, quoniam*

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the  
voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me  
whenever I called upon him.

2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.

3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD:  
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"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."

10 How shall I repay the LORD \*  
for all the good things he has done for  
me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your

handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of  
thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

### A reading from **1 Peter 1:17-23**

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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### **Sequence Hymn**

*In the garden*

**Praise Book#8**

### **The Holy Gospel according to Luke 24:13-35**

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he

has appeared to Simon!" Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

**Fr. J. Jeffrey Baker**

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP p 358**

**Prayers of the People**

**Form III**

**BCP p 387**

**A Prayer for Change:** Lord, give us the courage to view the future with hope and expectancy and, most of all, with faith. In the face of change, help us set aside our fears, and urge us to seek and see your hand at work, while opening our hearts to recognize that change brings new life. *Amen.*

Let his resurrection power bring healing and hope to those for whom we pray, For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Especially we pray for Valorie Lephart, Vivian, Paul, Sue & Michael. Baby Drake, Aria, Charlie, Willow, George & Sandy Luther, Clare McElroy, Martha Mackey, Phil Bennett, Beth and Ray, Bill, Janet, Chris, Matthew, Janice, Carolyn Stacks, David Petro, Judith Junda, Sheila Smith, Kathy Hill, Sherry Occkial , Franny E., Kevin, Patty, Erin, Pat Newyear, Gail, Sue, Susan Shepherd, Katherine R., Bill Trsek, and Riley Gumto

We celebrate the birthdays of James Freshwater and the anniversary of Frank & Peggy Burkacki. The flowers are given by Ray Sphatt in celebration of Beth's birthday.

**The Peace**

**BCP 360**

**Announcements**

**Holy Communion**

**Offertory Hymn**

**Grace Choir**

**The Doxology**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Eucharist Prayer A*

**BCP 365**

**Sanctus**

*Holy, holy, holy, Lord*

**Praise Book S-125**

**Memorial Acclamation**

**The Great Amen**

**Praise Book**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

**BCP p 364**

**Fraction Hymn**

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

**Praise Book S-154**

**Communion Hymn**

*Alleluia, He is coming*

**Praise Book #32**

**The Post-Communion Prayer**

**BCP p 365**

**The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn**

*Alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done*

**Blue Hymnal #208**

**The Dismissal**

## **A Sourton Welcome**

**We extend a special welcome** to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay, confused, very rich, comfortable, or very poor.

**We extend a particular welcome** to wailing babies and excited toddlers.

**We welcome** you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl to yourself. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing', just woke up, or just out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury or haven't been to church since Jack's christening.

**We extend a special welcome** to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit mums, football dads, starving artist, tree-huggers, latte sippers, vegetarians, vegans, junk food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps, or don't like 'organized religion'. (We're not that keen on it either!)

**We offer a welcome** to those that think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell or are here because granny is visiting and wanted to come to church.

**We welcome** those who are tattooed, pierced or both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as children, or got lost on the road and wound up here by mistake.

We are here **to welcome** pilgrims, holiday makers, seekers, doubters.....and **YOU!**