

Grace Episcopal Church

May 17, 2026

Sunday after the Ascension

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

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Blue Hymnal #214

Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p355

Gloria

Front of Praise Book S-280

The Collect

BCP p 211

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The Lessons

BCP 357

A Reading from the Book of **Acts I:I-II**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

Psalm 93

Dominus regnavit

1 The LORD is King;

he has put on splendid apparel; *
the LORD has put on his apparel
and girded himself with
strength.

2 He has made the whole world so
sure *
that it cannot be moved;

3 Ever since the world began, your
throne has been established; *
you are from everlasting.

4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD,
the waters have lifted up their

voice; *

the waters have lifted up their
pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the sound of many
waters,
mightier than the breakers of the
sea, *
mightier is the LORD who dwells
on high.

6 Your testimonies are very sure, *
and holiness adorns your house,
O LORD,
for ever and for evermore.

A reading from **Ephesians 1:15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Sequence Hymn

Glorify Your Name

Praise Book #30

The Holy Gospel according to **Luke 24:44-53**

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you-- that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

The Sermon

Fr. Steve Ashby

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, Judith Junda, Sheila Smith, Kathy Hill, Sherry Occkial, Franny E., Kevin, Patty, Erin, Pat Newyear, Gail, Sue, Susan Shepherd, Katherine R., Bill Trsek, Jeanne Schupp, *Victoria Antoino, and Riley Gumto

We celebrate the gift of flowers given by Mary Miragliotta.

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 Book		Praise
The Breaking of the Bread		BCP p 364
Fraction Hymn	<i>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia</i>	Praise Book S-154
Communion Hymn	<i>Thou Who at Thy First Eucharist Didst Pray</i>	Blue Hymnal #315
The Post-Communion Prayer		BCP p 365
The Blessing		
Closing Hymn	<i>Lord I Lift Your Name on High</i>	Praise Book # 25
The Dismissal		

Sunday School Note:

We will be taking a summer break starting

June 7th and resume September 13th



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