



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Feast of the Ascension

Grace Episcopal Church Galena, Illinois

May 22, 2022 10:30am

Welcome to Grace Church!

It is always a pleasure and privilege to worship together. Please know your presence is valued whether this is your first time at Grace or whether you are a regular, whether we are together in person or online. We have chosen to keep our online and in-person congregations together. For those at home, links to the bulletin may be found in Friday's e-Blast, the link to YouTube, and on our website. Printed copies are available for the in-person congregation. Please be aware we are live-streaming this service to YouTube and our website. It is possible that you will be shown briefly in the recording.

Information:

Due to a decrease in COVID infections in Jo Daviess County, masks are now optional.

Masks and hand sanitizer are available at each entrance for those who need them.

Baskets are located at each entrance for your offerings. If possible, please place them in the baskets prior to the service so they may be dedicated with the other gifts at the offertory.

Communion will be offered—wafer only—at the altar rail.

Should you become ill after attending worship, please notify the church so that others present may be contacted.

As life continues to change, let us rejoice in God who continues to be revealed to us and give thanks for our ability to share in worship in hope for the time when all of us can be together again.

We Gather to Worship

(Please stand as able.)

PRELUDE

One There is Above All Others

R. Wetzler

OPENING HYMN 216

Hail Thee, Festival Day

V.H. Fortunatus/R.V. Williams

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Priest: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Priest: The earth could not hold him.

People: Neither could the powers of death keep him away.

Priest: He rose from the dead and appeared to His followers.

People: To Mary and the disciples.

Priest: And now, this morning, He comes to us.

People: With help, and healing and forgiveness.

Priest: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

People: His steadfast love lasts forever.

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Antiphon

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all crea - a - tion: Ant.
Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. Ant.

The Word of God

THE COLLECT

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

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.

People: **Amen.**

(Please be seated.)

THE LESSONS

Lector: A reading from **Acts 1:1-11**

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."

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 47

(Read alternately by verse.)

Omnes gentes, plaudite

Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.

For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.

He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet

He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

God has gone up with a shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.

Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.

The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.

THE EPISTLE

Lector: 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.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as able.)

SEQUENCE HYMN 178

Alleluia, Alleluia

D. Fishel/B. Pukkingham, C. Mallory & G. Mims

(verses 1 & 4)

The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time, treble clef, and A major (three sharps). The first staff features a 'Refrain' section with a 'Descant' line above it. The second staff continues the refrain. The third staff begins with a 'Final Ending'. The lyrics are organized into four numbered stanzas:

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

Below the music, a fourth staff continues the lyrics from stanza 4:

He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sa - vior.

A 'Repeat Refrain' section follows, indicated by a bracket over the final two lines of the fourth stanza.

THE GOSPEL

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Presider: The Gospel Reading: **Luke 24:44-53**

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.

Presider: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

Rev. Carolyn Keck

(Please stand as able.)

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Presider: You have healed us and called us to walk in your ways, O God: Hear our prayers for your whole creation, as we pray: Let your ways be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.
- Intercessor: You have freed and empowered your Church and stirred us to action in your loving name: Let the peoples praise you, O God, that we may spread your light and your healing presence throughout the world. Let your ways be known upon earth,
- People:** **your saving health among all nations.**
- Lector: You lead the nations to walk by the light of your holy city: Inspire all who serve in positions of power or authority, O God, that they may be servants of your healing justice.
Let your ways be known upon earth,
- People:** **your saving health among all nations.**
- Intercessor: You make the nations glad and let them sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the peoples upon earth: Cast out fear and trouble from all hearts, O God, and lead all humanity to the river of the water of life. Let your ways be known upon earth,
- People:** **your saving health among all nations.**
- Lector: You bless the world with the light of your countenance: Empower us with your vision, O God, that we may speak to others of your goodness and grace and may draw them into your community. Let your ways be known upon earth,
- People:** **your saving health among all nations.**
- Intercessor: Comfort those in need under the shade of the tree of life, especially Maria (Kallback).
Others? _____ Let your ways be known upon earth,
- People:** **your saving health among all nations.**
- Lector: Hear our thanksgiving and praise for all of your blessings, especially for those who serve in the military and all essential workers and their families; the birthdays of *Joe (Terry) and *Steve (Dowe); our Outreach partners Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk and La Santa Cruz Parish in the Diocese of SE Mexico; the United Thank Offering, the Galena ARC, the United Churches Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, Shelter Care Ministries, Dubuque Rescue Mission; all who worship in this place and those who have not yet walked through these doors.
Other blessings? _____
- Bring into your eternal presence those who have died and write their names into the Lamb's book of life, especially Janet (Groezinger), and we remember the anniversary of the deaths of: Ruth (Martin), Joe (Looney), Sally (Murphy), Lida (Martin) and James (Stahl).
- Presider: Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, whose peace transcends all understanding and whose mercy and compassion are beyond measure: Protect the people of Ukraine and all the nations of the world. Grant your peace to those who are afraid, your comfort to those who mourn, your protection to those under attack, and your wisdom to those in power, that all war may cease, all weapons be laid down, and all hearts be turned to love you and your peaceable Kingdom, through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Almighty God, giver of every good gift: we pray for our Rector Search Committee.

Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds and hearts of those who shall seek a new rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries.

You have given us a vision of the holy city where you, O God, will be our temple and our light, and the Lamb will be our lamp: Strengthen and empower us with your Spirit that we may live in your love and dwell in your peace until all the ends of the earth stand in awe of you, for ever and ever.

Amen.

During the fifty days of Easter, the Confession is omitted.

WE SHARE THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Presider: The Peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

ANNIVERSARY/BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase;

bless and guide them wherever they may be.

*Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful;
raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all
the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

We Offer Our Lives and Gifts to God

Priest: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY

Jesus, My All, to Heaven is Gone
with Steve Coates on French Horn

Hehey

PRESENTATION HYMN 204 *Now the Green Blade Riseth* J.M.C. Crum/Medieval French carol
(Verses 1-3)

1 Now the green blade ris - eth from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom hate had slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that nev - er he would wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
thy touch can call us back to life a - gain,

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been:
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen:
quick from the dead my ris - en Lord is seen:
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:

Refrain

Love is come a - gain like wheat that spring - eth green.

We share the Holy Communion

(Please stand as able.)

Enriching Our Worship Prayer 3

Presider: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, who is the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the depths: You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:

Presider and People:

The musical score consists of six staves of music in G major, common time, featuring two voices (Presider and People). The Presider's part is in soprano range, and the People's part is in basso continuo range. The lyrics are as follows:

Ho · ly, ho · ly, ho · ly Lord, God of power and
san · na in the high · est. Ho · san · na

might, Ho · ly, ho · ly, ho · ly Lord,
in the high · est. Bless · ed is he who comes

God of power and might, hea · ven and earth are
in the name of the Lord. Ho · san · na

full, full of your glo · ry. Ho ·
in the high · est. Ho · san · na in the high · est.

(Please stand or kneel.)

Presider:

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People:

Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Presider:

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People: **Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider: And our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People: 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.**

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

BCP 364

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

FRACTION

Agnus Dei

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major, common time, with a key signature of one sharp. The music is arranged for two voices (SATB or similar) and a piano. The lyrics are as follows:

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

*This is the Lord's table, not of the church, but of the Lord.
It is made ready for those who love Him and for those who want to love Him more.
So come, you who have much faith and you who have little;
You who have been here often and you who have not been here long;
You who have tried to follow and you who have failed;
Come, because it is the Lord who invites you.
It is His will that those who want Him can meet Him here.*

COMMUNION HYMN 318 *Here, O My Lord*

H.Bonar/W. Swenson

The Blessing

Presider: 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.

People: Amen.

RECESSIONAL 460

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!

W.C. Dix/R. H. Prichard

Presider: Alleluia, Alleluia, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Elvey/Schackley

The flowers today are given by Tom and Karlyn Van Gelder

The Coffee Hour today will be hosted by Ann Berry & Amy Hardwicke.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers are Requested. *Please include the following concerns during worship today and throughout the week:*

Cycle of Prayer:

The Most Rev. Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury and for our companion Parishes: Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk and La Santa Cruz parish in the Diocese of SE Mexico.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Paula, our Bishop-Elect; Chilton, our Assisting Bishop; and all members of Grace Church.

We pray for those who are sick or in need:

Emery (Beyer), Denise (Biagini), *Bob (Burton), Bishop-Elect Paula (Clark), *Kathy (Doig), Matthew (Dowe), *Renee (Dowe), *Al (Elsbree), Greg (Elsbree), Phyllis (Ferguson), *Jennie (Fjelde), Mary (Foote), *Georgia (Hansen), Maria (Kallback), Justin (Kash), Ginger (Komiskey), *Alden Kuntz, *Maria Kuntz, Verity (Liljedahl), Katie (Ludescher), Liam (Malone), *Diann & *Robert (Marsh), Carol (Martin), *JoAnn (Mikelson), Bill (Millhouse), *Mary (Nelson), Sarah (Newton), *Bill (Norton), *Rev. Linda (Packard), *Tony (Packard), Pete (Petrakis), Anne (Poston), Melody (Serwich), Sonia (Smith), Emma (Storey), *Pat (Terry), Ruth (Van Gelder), *Joe (Watts), Bob (Webster), Robyn, Shelley B., Sage, Olivia, Nancy F., Jamie G., Bill, Donna G.

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Scripture Readings for May 29, 2022 *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

Acts 16:16-34

Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21

John 17:20-26

Psalm 97

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the week of May 22, 2022

Grace Happenings, our weekly eBlast newsletter is sent out every Friday.

To start receiving it, please use your preferred email to send your request to our Parish Administrator at gracesed@gracegalena.org.

Ministry of Care

Grace Church continues to offer pastoral care to its community. Many volunteers are available for rides to doctor appointments (or elsewhere), providing meals, picking up prescriptions, or providing other small services when someone is unwell or unable to do so for themselves.

Call **Bonnielynn Kreiser at 815-777-1468 or 815-291-9005** who coordinates helping hands when needed. Our clergy are also available for spiritual aid.

Altar Flowers

The 2022 Flower Chart is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

Social Hour There is a Coffee Hour sign-up list posted in the Parish House. Reminder for Hosts: coffee supplies, napkins & plates are available in our pantry. Keep it simple as the focus is on fellowship.

Zoom Poetry Meeting A Zoom Poetry group is meeting on Mondays at 2:00pm. If you are interested, write Carol Poston at **poston@sxu.edu** or call her at **815-777-0220** to receive information about the meeting.

Service of Compline is Tuesday, May 24th, at 8:30pm on Zoom.

Mid-Week Morning Worship is Wednesday, May 25th, at 7:30am in the chapel and on Zoom.

Wednesday Morning Study Group will not meet Wednesday, May 25th.

They will resume meeting the following week on Wednesday, June 1st, at 10:00am.

We are a group that studies spiritual subjects, including the Bible. Everyone is welcome to join us to enhance your knowledge of spirituality and explore how to apply it to their life. We're currently studying the Gospel of Luke. Meetings (in the Parish Hall conference room and on Zoom) begin at 10:00 a.m. Zoom invitations can be obtained from Greg Serwich (**gserwich@gmail.com**).

Meditative Prayer meets Friday, May 27th, at 9:00am online. You are welcome to join, and gentle guidance will be provided for those unfamiliar with this practice.

Ministers of the Service

- * Members and Guests, *Celebrants*
- * Rev. Carolyn Keck, *Presider*
- * Nancy Cook, *Lector*
- * Cathie Elsbree, *Intercessor*

- * Robin French, *Music Director*
- * Nancy Cook, *Erben Organist*
- * Crystal Mason, *Vestry Coordinator*
- * Pat Golden, Charlotte Stryker, *Altar Guild*
- * Teresa Burke, *Greeter*



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Prayer for the people of Ukraine

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