



Third Sunday in Easter

Grace Episcopal Church
Galena, Illinois

April 18, 2021 10:30am

Welcome to Grace Church!

It is, as always, a pleasure and privilege to worship together today. Please know that 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 on Zoom.

We have chosen to keep our online and in-person congregations together. For those at home on Zoom, links to the bulletin may be found in Friday's e-Blast, the Zoom invitation, and on our website. Printed copies will be available for the in-person congregation. If you are worshipping in the church and wish to use a bulletin on your electronic device, you must download it **before** coming into the church. Please be aware that we are recording this service for later upload to Facebook, YouTube and our website. It is possible that you will be shown briefly in the recording.

Please remember:

Masks must be worn throughout your time at Grace for the protection of those near you.

Hand sanitizer is available at each of the entrances.

Sit only in the seats marked by bulletins and leave plenty of space between worshipers/families.

Please put your smartphone or other device in airplane mode so that our internet capacity is reserved for our online streaming.

At the time of Communion, the Vestry Coordinator will guide your approach to the chancel steps in the center aisle maintaining distance between communicants.

Reservations are required in advance and you will be checked in by the greeter and admitted through the Parish House entrance. If you did not reserve a seat, please check with the Vestry Coordinator to see if an open seat is available.

Baskets are available at the exits for your pledges/contributions.

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

At the end of the service, please depart from the church and maintain the six-foot distancing.

Conversations should take place outside.

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.

*As we prepare ourselves for worship, please sit or kneel in quietness
while the prelude is offered.*

We gather to worship

PRELUDE

Easter Blossoms Forth

C. Curtis

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!

THE COLLECT

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

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.

People: Amen.

(please be seated)

THE LESSON

Lector: **A reading from Acts 3:12-19**

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 4 *(We read alternately by verse as directed by the lector.)*

Cum invocarem

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"**

Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

**Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the LORD.

**Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.**

You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

**I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

THE EPISTLE

Lector: **A reading from 1 John 3:1-7**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(please stand)

THE GOSPEL

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

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

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "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.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

Rev. Dr. Gloria Hopewell

We stand after a brief silence.

We affirm our faith

THE CREED

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.

We offer prayers

Deacon: Gracious and Loving God, Christ's peace penetrates our startled and terrified hearts: Open our minds to understand the scriptures and to know ourselves as your beloved children, for we pray, saying: Know that God does wonders for the faithful; when we call, God will hear us.

Intercessor: You have called your Church to be witnesses of the resurrection and to proclaim in your name repentance and forgiveness of sins: Lift up your countenance upon us, O God, that we may see and touch the presence of the Risen One. Know that God does wonders for the faithful;

People: when we call, God will hear us.

Lector: Though the nations of the earth act in ignorance and reject the call of the Holy and Righteous One, fulfill what you have foretold through all the prophets, that we might see better times. Know that God does wonders for the faithful;

People: when we call, God will hear us.

Intercessor: We praise our Wounded Healer Christ, who suffered, and rose from the dead on the third day, that your divine re-creative power may be at work throughout the world to confront injustice, disease, poverty and sadness. Know that God does wonders for the faithful;

People: when we call, God will hear us.

Lector: Answer the people of this community, Defender of our cause, and set us free when we are hard-pressed, that we may dwell in safety until the day when we will see you as you are. Know that God does wonders for the faithful;

People: when we call, God will hear us.

Intercessor: Hear our prayers for all for whom we intercede, especially Missy, Katie, *Georgia (Hansen) and Jean (Kohler). Others?_____ Know that God does wonders for the faithful;

People: when we call, God will hear us.

Lector: We celebrate the goodness of your blessings among us, especially for Matthew (Morel) and Max (Vollkommer) serving in the military; the birthday of *Lillie (Anderson Beadle); 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 and all who worship in this place and those who have not yet walked through these doors. Others?_____

We remember all who have died, that they may be revealed to be like you, O God, in the resurrection life of Christ, especially the anniversaries of the deaths of Harriet (Rising) and Hazel (Martin). Others?_____ Know that God does wonders for the faithful;

People: when we call, God will hear us.

Deacon: O God of our ancestors, you have glorified your servant Jesus: Fill our wondering hearts with your joy and love, that we may live faithfully and be righteous as he is righteous, living in your life-giving Spirit, through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

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.

For those who have received the consecrated wafers and communion items, you may prepare your worship area as the priest prepares the table.

PRESENTATION HYMN

That Easter Day

*5th Century/M. Praetorius
tr. John Mason Neale*

That Easter day with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fairer light,
When, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.

His risen flesh with radiance glowed; his wounded hands and feet he showed;
Those scars their solemn witness gave that Christ was risen from the grave.

O Jesus, King of gentleness, do thou thyself our hearts possess
That we may give thee all our days the willing tribute of our praise.

O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide;
From every weapon death can wield thine own redeemed for ever shield.

All praise, O risen Lord, we give to thee, who, dead, again doest live;
To God the Father equal praise, and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.

The early church sang! It probably sang this very text, which dates from the fifth century.

In this hymn we sing of the brightness of the first Easter morning when Christ was risen. The first stanza expresses the thought of the brightness of resurrection light as restoring the eyesight of Christ's followers. The second stanza affirms that Christ's radiant resurrected body is the self-same one that was tortured on the cross. The third and fourth stanzas are an entreaty: Come dwell among us, appear in our lives as you did that first Easter, and shield us from death.

The fifth verse is a doxology that was not in the original but from the Sarum Breviary.

We share the Holy Communion

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 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:

(stand or kneel as able)

Presider and People: **Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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.

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People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

FRACTION

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

All are welcome at the communion table to receive a blessing or the wafer. Please approach the steps to the chancel by the center aisle, as guided by the Vestry Coordinator. Hold your hands crossed, palms up, to receive the wafer.

And, if you do not wish to receive the wafer, but desire a blessing, simply approach the priest with your arms crossed across your chest. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please tell the priest. Please return to your seat by the side aisles and wait until you are seated before removing your mask to consume the wafer.

COMMUNION MUSIC

(Please stand)

THE BLESSING

Presider: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing.

People: *Amen.*

Presider: May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever.

People: *Amen.*

Presider: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People: *Amen.*

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Alleluia, Alleluia, let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Sunday Joy!

M. Hayes

The flowers today are given by Bonnielynn Kreiser.

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 and all members of Grace Church.

We pray for those who are sick or in need:

Adele (Barg), *Bob (Burton), *Bill (Calvert), Julia & TJ (Cellery), *Kathy (Doig), Matthew (Dowe), *Renee (Dowe), *Al (Elsbree), Keith (Ferguson), *Jennie (Fjelde), *Georgia (Hansen), *Jae (Hezlep), *Barb (Hooper), Bishop Joseph, Barb (Kellar), Jean (Kohler), Ginger (Komiskey), Alden (Kuntz), Verity (Liljedahl), *Alice Maffit, *Diann & *Robert (Marsh), Betty (Montgomery), *Mary (Nelson), Ruth (Niendorf), Sarah (Newton), *Bill (Norton), Lisa (Prindle), Bob (Rafter), Lois (Rafter), Melody (Serwich), *Kathy (Shannon), Paula (Simosky), Gary (Smith), *Pat (Terry), *Tom (V.), Joe (Watts), Mina, Breckin, Marilyn, Dawn H., Katie L., Missy and Katie.

We give thanks for the many blessings we have received:

Max (Vollkommer) and Matthew (Morel) serving in the military; our Outreach partners: the birthday of *Lillie (Anderson Beadle); the United Thank Offering, the Galena ARC, the United Churches Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, Shelter Care Ministries, Dubuque Rescue Mission and all who worship in this place and those who have not yet walked through these doors.

We pray for those who have died, and remember the anniversary of the deaths of:

Harriet (Rising) and Hazel (Martin).

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the week of April 18th, 2021

Zoom Poetry Meeting

A Zoom Poetry group is meeting at Grace Church 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 the link to the meeting.

EfM Meeting is Monday, April 19th, at 6:30pm online.

Mid-Week Eucharist is this Wednesday, April 21st, at 7:30am in the church and online.

Wednesday Morning Study Group is Wednesday, April 21st, at 10:30am online.

Meditative Prayer meets Friday, April 23rd, 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. Dr. Gloria Hopewell, *Presider*
 * Rev. Linda Packard, *Assisting Priest*
 * Greg Serwich, *Lector*
 * Donna Davis, *Intercessor*

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Scripture Readings for April 25, 2021 *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 4:5-12	1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18	Psalm 23



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 The Rev. Linda Packard, Priest Associate
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