



# Grace Episcopal Church

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**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

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**Festival Eucharist with Holy Baptism, Rite II**



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## WELCOME TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Please silence your cell phones during worship.

### Our Mission Statement

To Love, Proclaim, and Serve God

*through life-giving liturgical worship + joyful community + empowering others*

### Contacting Grace

Please feel free to contact our staff.

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### HOME COMMUNION

Home Communion is available upon request for parishioners who desire this service by Eucharistic Visitors every Sunday. Home Communion will be in one form, Bread only. To request Home Communion, parishioners are asked to contact the Parish Office by telephone at 703-549-1980 no later than 12 pm on the Wednesday prior to the Sunday on which they would like to receive Home Communion.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
FESTIVAL EUCHARIST WITH HOLY BAPTISM, RITE II

*Children 3 months until 3 years are welcome in the nursery. Please ask an usher to direct you.*

PRELUDE

Toccata in C

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

*The people stand.*

INTROIT ANTIPHON (CHOIR):

Vocem jucunditatis

Plainsong, Tone VII.

*With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, alleluia; utter it even unto the ends of the earth: the Lord hath delivered his people, alleluia, alleluia. O be joyful in God, all ye lands: sing praises unto the honor of his Name; make his praise to be glorious. (Is. 48:20; Ps. 66)*

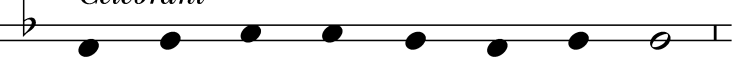
HYMN 191

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts and voices heavenward raise

Lux Eoi

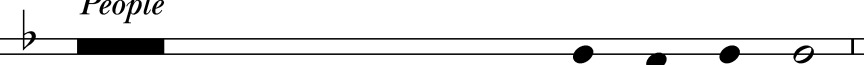
THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Celebrant*



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en.

*People*



The Lord is risen indeed. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

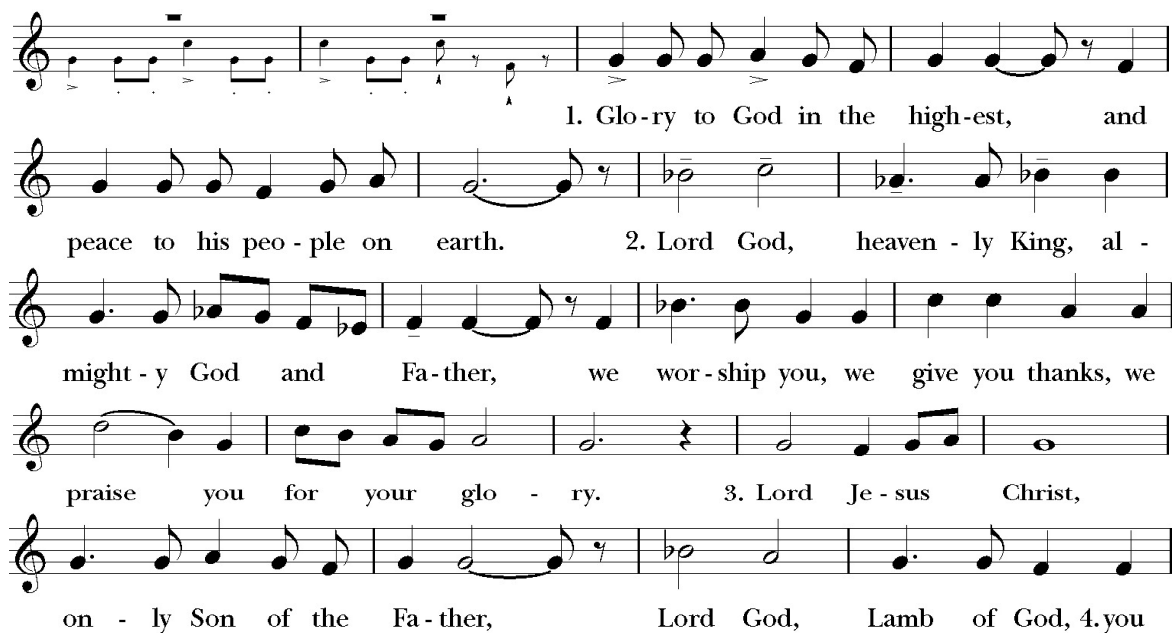
BCP, p. 355

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Children ages 3 years – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade follow the Crucifer to Children's Chapel.*

GLORIA S-278

Mathias



1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you

take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -

ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the

Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of

God the Fa - ther. A - men.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

#### THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

##### THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 16:9-15

*Lector* A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul.

When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 67

*Anglican Chant by Edward Bairstow*

*Sung by the choir.*

- 1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, \*  
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, \*  
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, \*  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; \*  
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; \*  
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, \*  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

*Lector*        A reading from the Book of Revelation.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day~ and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

*Lector*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand for the Gospel Procession.*

ALLELUIA AND VERSE (choir)

Surrexit Christus

*Plainsong, Tone VI*

*Alleluia, alleluia. Christ is risen, and hath showed light unto us: who he hath redeemed with his most precious Blood. Alleluia. The Holy Ghost shall teach you: whatsoever I said unto you. Alleluia. (John 14:26)*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The people are seated.*

SERMON

Father Santiago Rodriguez

HYMN 295

Sing Praise to Our Creator

### PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

*Celebrant* The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and*

*Godparents* I present Samantha Christine Bragado to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*Celebrant* Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and*

*Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and*

*Godparents* I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Parents and*

*Godparents* I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Parents and*

*Godparents* I renounce them.

*Priest* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Parents and*

*Godparents* I renounce them.

*Celebrant* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Parents and*

*Godparents* I do.

*Celebrant* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Parents and*

*Godparents* I do.

*Celebrant* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Parents and*

*Godparents* I do.

*The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

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

*People* **We will.**

*The Celebrant then says these or similar words*

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

*The people stand.*

### 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 the 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

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

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

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open her hearts to your grace and truth.

*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People*      **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader*      Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People*      **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader*      Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People*      **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader*      Send her into the world in witness to your love.  
*People*      **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader*      Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People*      **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Celebrant*   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 forever. **Amen.**

### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

*Celebrant*   The Lord be with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*   Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*        **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*  
 We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.  
 We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water.*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### THE BAPTISM

*Celebrant*   *Samantha Christine*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**  
*Priest*        *Samantha Christine*, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.  
*Celebrant*   Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**  
 Let us welcome the newly baptized.  
*Celebrant and People*

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

BCP, p. 332

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* And also with you.

*The people are seated.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION



THE OFFERTORY

*We invite you to give to the work of the church electronically via Tithe.ly by scanning this QR code.*

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (choir)

Benedicite gentes

Plainsong, Tone II

*O praise our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard; who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to slip. Praised be God, who hath not cast out my prayer: nor turned his mercy from me, alleluia. (Ps. 66: 7, 8, 18)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Song of the Tree of Life

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*Unto them that overcometh shall be given of the tree of life,  
which is in the midst of the paradise of God.*

*On either side of the river groweth the tree of life,  
the leaves of the tree are for thy healing.*

*In the midst of that fair city flows the river of water of life clear as crystal.*

*Whoso will, let them take of the water of life freely.*

*Whoso drinketh of this water shall never thirst.*

*Take thou the leaves of the tree of life.*

*So shalt thou enter in through the gates of the city.*

*The people stand and sing the hymn.*

HYMN 705

As those of old their first fruits brought

Forest Green

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

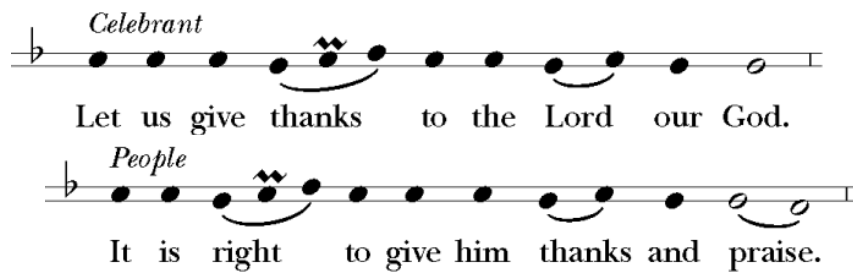
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*Celebrant* *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



*The Celebrant continues.*

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 and Benedictus*

Hymnal S-128

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Music: William Mathias (1934-1992). Copyright © 1976 Oxford University Press.

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues.*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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. **AMEN.**

Now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

William H. Plant

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hal-lowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heav-en.  
Give us this day our dai-ly bread, And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who tres-pass a- gainst us.  
And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glo-ry,  
For ev-er and ev-er, A - men.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



## THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

BCP, p. 338

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 baptized Christians are welcome to receive the eucharist.*

*Please come forward to the altar rail at the direction of the ushers.*

*A full communion is made with the bread alone, but if you choose to receive the wine, you may either drink from the cup, or you may offer your wafer to the person holding the chalice, who will dip the bread in the wine for you.*

*If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten free wafers are available; simply ask the priest.*

*If you do not wish to receive communion at the altar, let an usher know, and communion can be brought to you in your pews.*

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON (choir)

## Spiritus Sanctus

## Plainsong Tone I

The Holy Ghost shall teach you, alleluia; whatsoever I have said unto you, alleluia, alleluia. (John 14:26)

## HYMN 513

Like the murmur of the dove's song

Bridegroom

## THE SENDING FORTH OF LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**Celebrant** In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood.

**People** We who are many are one body, because we share in one bread, one cup.

*The people stand or kneel.*

## THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

**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

The peace of God, 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. **Amen.**

*All stand and sing the hymn.*

CLOSING HYMN 345

Savior, again to thy dear Name we raise

*Ellers*

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleuia.**

VOLUNTARY

Triumphal March on 'Lux Eoi'

*David Blackwell (b. 1961)*

*At the end of liturgy today, one of the priests will be available at the Lady Altar for prayers for healing.*

*Please allow quiet and privacy for those seeking prayer.*

## MUSIC NOTES

**Leo Sowerby** was a key figure in Episcopal church music of the past century. He was, for a major part of his career, associated with St. James Cathedral, Chicago, and later served as the director of the short-lived College of Church Musicians, here at Washington National Cathedral. Sowerby composed for many media, though he is now largely remembered for his organ and choral works. His *Toccata* is one of his best-known organ works of moderate length. Flamboyant and open-hearted, its architecture is easily discernable through the use of frequent manual changes and well-spaced use of the pedal. (Bruce Neswick)

Adapted from music from **Ralph Vaughan Williams'** opera *The Pilgrim's Progress*, "The song of the tree of life" is a setting of words from Revelation 2 that is profound and mystical. Flowing melodies, atmospheric harmonic shifts, and hushed dynamics all give the piece an ethereal quality that powerfully evokes the religious transcendence described in the text. Vaughan Williams was a famous English composer. Strongly influenced by Tudor music and English folk-song, his output marked a decisive break in British music from its German-dominated style of the 19th century.

**David Blackwell** was born in 1961, grew up in Oxford, and studied music at Edinburgh University, graduating First Class in 1983. He worked for many years in music publishing, becoming Editorial Director at ABRSM Publishing and Head of Music Publishing at Oxford University Press. He now works as a freelance composer, arranger, writer and editor. The *Triumphal March on 'Lux Eoi'* opens with a march based on today's opening hymn. The hymn tune proper is not heard until later in the piece played in the left hand and quieter than the opening. A more full statement of the hymn tune is then followed by a recapitulation of the opening. The powerful coda restates the chordal treatment of the tune and ends with fanfare-like chords.

## SERVING @ GRACE TODAY

Celebrant

Mother Anne Turner

Deacon & Preacher

Father Santiago Rodriguez

Subdeacon

Nancy Robinson

Lector

Jonathan Doelp

Lay Eucharistic Minister

Kemp Williams

Music Director

Dr. Alain Truche

Ushers

John Boris, Bill Eckel, Mary Hix, Cindy MacIntyre

Live Stream Crew

Alison Campbell, Stephen Lovell

Altar Guild Crew Leader.

Kris Hesse, Cindy MacIntyre

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AS OF MAY 25, 2025

The weekly announcement deadline is Monday at 12 pm. Announcements arriving after that time will be held for the following week. Please limit announcements to 75 words. Announcements will be edited for content and length. Email requests to [announcements@gracealex.org](mailto:announcements@gracealex.org).

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and by Valerie Eudy in honor of the Baptism of Samantha Christine, daughter of Claire Eudy and Martin Bragado.



### ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Please note, titles of new announcements added this week are shaded.

#### A STATEMENT ON THE DECISION TO WITHDRAW FROM REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM

Bishop Stevenson released a statement in congruence to Bishop Rowe's announcement on the withdraw from the US Refugee Resettlement Program. Both statements can be accessed by scanning the respective QR codes.

Bishop Rowe's Statement



Bishop Stevenson's Statement



#### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY, MAY 26, FOR MEMORIAL DAY

The Grace Church Office will close on Monday, May 26 and will reopen on Tuesday, May 27 at 9 am.

#### ASCENSION DAY EUCHARIST, MAY 29, 7:00 PM

Grace Church will observe the Feast of the Ascension with a Choral Eucharist on Thursday, May 29, at 7:00 pm. The eucharist will feature a cappella music and be held in the Malm Narthex.

#### INSTALLATION OF AMANDA HUNGERFORD AS HEAD OF GRACE SCHOOL – MAY 30, 9:00 AM

Ms. Amanda Hungerford will be formally installed as the next Head of Grace Episcopal School at a special chapel service on Friday, May 30, at 9:00 am. All are welcome.

#### FEAST OF THE VISITATION ON MAY 31 AT 8:30 AM

On Saturday, May 31, we will celebrate the Feast of the Visitation with eucharist at the Lady Altar at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome.

#### SERVICE CHANGE ON JUNE 1

On Sunday, June 1, we will have only one service, a bilingual eucharist celebrating youth Sunday. The liturgy will be at 10:30 a.m., immediately followed by our parish picnic. There will be no services at 7:30, 8:45, 9:00, or 5:00 p.m.

#### CELEBRATE SHRINE MONT AT THE PARISH PICNIC ON JUNE 1

Join us on Sunday, June 1st, as we celebrate the spirit of Shrine Mont at our Parish Picnic. After the 10:30 am bilingual service, we'll gather to enjoy home-style cooking in the Southern tradition - the kind that brings back memories of time spent on the mountain. Parishioners are invited to bring a dish to share: those with last names A-F are asked to bring main dishes, G-M side dishes, N-T desserts, and U-Z drinks. We will have 'butt' buns and apple butter. A table will be available in the lobby before the service where you can drop off your food donations. Come and be part of this joyful time of fellowship, food, and celebration!

#### NEW TOWER GLASS DOORS ACCESS SYSTEM

The intercom and access system at our main tower glass doors has served us well and is beyond its lifecycle and we are no longer able to replace the hardware. A cross-functional Church/School team evaluated replacement options and chose a solution to meet current and future needs. We are currently slated to have the system installed the week of June 2. If you are involved in a ministry that requires access to the church building outside of regular office hours, please contact the lead for your ministry so we can ensure you receive a new access code after installation.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK (CONTINUED)

### DIGITAL BULLETIN OPTION @ 10:30 AM

We have heard from several parishioners that they would like to help conserve paper waste by going digital with the bulletin. To help with this endeavor, beginning June 8 we will post QR codes on the back columns of the nave where you can scan on the way into the service to access the 10:30 bulletin instead of taking a paper copy. The 10:30 bulletin has the greatest number of pages of our service bulletins. We will continue to monitor the number of bulletins that are left over and reduce the number we print for the 10:30 service.

### SUMMER OF STORIES WITH FATHER SANTIAGO – JUNE 9 AND JULY 14 @ 7 PM

This June, dive into the movie *A Real Pain* (2024) and gather on Monday, June 9 at 7:00 pm in the St. Mark's Room to discuss this intriguing film. Watch it at your convenience, bring your own dinner, and enjoy the drinks provided and dessert. Then, in July, immerse yourself in *James* by Percival Everett. We'll meet on Monday, July 14 at 7:00 pm in the Auditorium for a lively book discussion. Don't miss out on these exciting events - mark your calendars for a summer of great stories and delightful company. Invite a friend or family member.

### CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH AT THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY MUSEUM – JUNE 19

Join Mother Anne for a prayerful visit to the African-American History museum on June 19. We'll meet at the museum just before 11:00. Only 8 tickets are available, so please rsvp as soon as possible to [anne.turner@gracealex.org](mailto:anne.turner@gracealex.org).

### UPDATED INFO: SAVE THE DATE FOR SHRINE MONT – SEPTEMBER 5 – 7

Make sure to mark your calendars in preparation for the fun and renewal of Grace's weekend at Shrine Mont! We'll share more details in the coming weeks. *Registration begins June 1st at the parish picnic.* Our online registration form on Breeze can be completed regardless of payment type! Registration payment will be accepted online through Tithe.ly or by check. Rates for Shrine Mont reflect two nights and include food and lodging. The rates for 2025 are \$285 for an Adult Single, \$225 for an Adult Double, \$115 for children age 8-13, \$90 for children ages 4-7 (children under the age of 3 attend for free), and \$75 for Saturday only. Watch for the registration link and QR code available next weekend - we hope to see everyone there this year!

### DADS FELLOWSHIP GROUP – EVERY OTHER TUESDAY AT 7:00 PM

Come join a welcoming group of men trying to make sense of it all. Facing similar, yet distinct, challenges of parenting, aging, and navigating the world creates a great opportunity for conversation and connection. We plan to meet informally every couple of weeks and invite you to join! Contact [noahwoodiwiss@gmail.com](mailto:noahwoodiwiss@gmail.com) to be added to the update emails.

### BIRTHDAYS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 25	Duke Chiow, Jeffrey Chiow, Ramee Gentry, Stewart Hall, Walter Lukens, Dan Pattarini
Tuesday, May 27	Doug Miller
Wednesday, May 28	Macon Malone, Daniel Plunkett
Thursday, May 29	Victoria Portillo
Friday, May 30	Leigh Egaas, Heather Kelly
Sunday, June 1	Alexander Washington



Parishioner birthdays are listed weekly based on records from Breeze, our church database. For birthdays missing or listed on an incorrect date, please contact the church office to update your record. **Thank you!**

## EVENTS @ GRACE THIS WEEK

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	CONTACT / INFO*
Sunday, 5/25	7:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Nave	
	8:45 am La Santa Eucaristía	La Nave	
	9:00 am Little Church, Rite II	Amphitheater	
	10:30 am Choral Eucharist, Rite II	Nave / Livestream	
	5:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Nave	
Monday 5/26	Church Office Closed for Memorial Day		
	Food Pantry Bagging – 3:30 – 5:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
Tuesday 5/27	Morning Prayer – 9:00 am	Malm Narthex	
	Vigil for our Country – 6:00 pm	Nave	
	Food Pantry Distribution – 6:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Vestry Meeting – 7:00 pm	Saint Mark Room	
Wednesday, 5/28	Morning Prayer – 9:00 am	Malm Narthex	
	Aging with Grace Series – 11:30 am	Saint Mark Room	<a href="mailto:Santiago.Rodriguez@gracealex.org">Santiago.Rodriguez@gracealex.org</a>
	Food Pantry (Unloading of Delivery) – 2 – 4 pm	Malm Narthex	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Evening Prayer – 5:30 pm	Zoom	Lucy-Lee Reed – 703.842.3121
	Bible Study – 7:30 pm	Zoom	<a href="mailto:Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org">Stephen.Lovell@gracealex.org</a>
	Alcoholics Anonymous – 8 pm	MH Auditorium	
	Alanon – 8 pm	St. Luke Room	
Thursday, 5/29	Morning Prayer – 9:00 am	Malm Narthex	
	Food Pantry Bagging – 3:30 – 5:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal – 6 pm	Malm Narthex	<a href="mailto:Alain.truche@gracealex.org">Alain.truche@gracealex.org</a>
	Ascension Service – 7 pm	Malm Narthex	
	Adult Choir Rehearsal – 7 pm	St. Cecilia Room	<a href="mailto:Alain.truche@gracealex.org">Alain.truche@gracealex.org</a>
Friday, 5/30	Food Pantry Bagging – 3 – 5 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> floor Lobby	<a href="mailto:Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org">Jennifer.Pease@gracealex.org</a>
	Food Pantry Distribution – 6:30 pm		
Saturday, 5/31	Altar Guild Set Up – 9 am	Narthex, Sacristy	
	Bible Study – 10 am	Zoom	<a href="mailto:cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com">cmfaddencrosby@gmail.com</a>

## PRAYER @ GRACE THIS WEEK

*We continue praying for all those in need of healing of mind, body, or spirit. We also pray for wisdom and strength for our communities, our elected officials, and our leaders as they make difficult and important decisions. As we join in common prayer this weekend, let us remember those who are in any need or trouble.*

- **Parishioners:** Lisa, Tina, Clare, Hector, Wendy, Amorita, Debbie, Kelly, Ed, Charles, Colin, Jennifer, Lisa, David & Joanie, Jan, Jean, Linda, John & Anne, Wendy, Richard, Wendy, Lynn.
- **Parishioners and others in assisted living:** Margaret, Nancy, Sally, Eles, Marilyn, Cynthia, Reg, Don, Susan, James, Peck, Vylma, Bette.
- **Family & friends:** Barbara, Mark, Klaus, Nancy, Michael, Cyndy, Sharon, Scott, Christine, Santos, Don, Ashby, Troy, Dick, Cathie, Cameron, Patti & Joe, Amy, Bill, Theresa, Rob, Sherry, Pearl, Heather, Jack, Eileen, Frank, Bridget, Charlotte, Lucy, Sarah, Katherine, Deanna, Allen, Leslie.
- **Members of our staff:** Alain, Amorita, Mother Anne, Betsy, Mother Emma, Jane, Kevin, Kris, Mary, Madeline, Pedro, Father Santiago.
- **Grace School:** Students & their families; for the staff, especially Amanda, head of school.
- **Outreach & Justice Partners:** ALIVE; Casa Chirilagua; Christ Church Refugee and Lazarus Ministries; Community Lodgings; Cristosal, El Salvador; Haiti Micah Project; Health Tanzania; Meade Memorial Lunch Program; Tenants and Workers; V.O.I.C.E.; Kathleen and Eddie Arthur Hearts of Love Fund.
- **Those who have died:** Those who have died from illnesses and natural disasters; all those killed in acts of terror, violence, and war around the world.
- **Those serving our country in the Armed Forces and State Department overseas:** LCDR Claire S. Eudy, USN; SSgt Chip Fowler, USAF; Erika Olander; for healing for US troops wounded as casualties of war; and for physical and mental well-being of all veterans.
- **Others who are overseas serving the Church or our nation or studying:** Chris & Melissa Reed, Lit & Mary Carol Tazewell, Virginia Robinson.
- **Travel:** John and Khacki Berry.
- **Diocese of Virginia Prayer Cycle:** All Christian Formation leaders and seekers.
- **Anglican Prayer Cycle:** Anglican Church of Kenya; Diocese of Port Moresby, Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea; Diocese of Morobo, Province of Episcopal Church of South Sudan; Diocese of Morogoro, Anglican Church of Tanzania; Diocese of Mount Kenya Central, Anglican Church of Kenya; Diocese of Mount Kenya South, Anglican Church of Kenya; Diocese of Mount Kenya West, Anglican Church of Kenya.

You may fill out a [Prayer Request Form](#) on our Website or email your request to [prayers@gracealex.org](mailto:prayers@gracealex.org)