

Grace Episcopal Church

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I am the vine,



you are the branches.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter April 28, 2024

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton, Rector
The Rev James Seipel, Assisting
David Aldrete, Choirmaster ~ Thomas Mellan, Organist
Marilyn Scranton, Handbell Director

Welcome to Grace Parish! We are glad that you have answered God's call to worship, and we are honored that you have chosen to be with us. In addition to the service, we offer childcare for children age 4 and under, and Sunday School for preschool through 5th grade.

Visitors, we would like to meet you! Please take a moment to fill out the "Voice from the Pew" found in the red folders and place it in the offertory plate.

The Fifth Sunday of Easter



10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

Prelude _____ Thomas Mellan

Processional Hymn 390 _____ *Lobe den Herren*
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation _____ BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity _____ BCP p. 355

Gloria (Pew Card) _____ Tuuk

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Acts 8:26-40 _____ Janet Kawamoto

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Lector: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:24-30 *Deus, Deus meus* _____ *Anglican Chant*

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, *
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; *
he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

The Second Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21 Laurel McKenzie

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 516 Down Ampney

"Come down, O Love divine"

The Gospel: John 15:1-8 The Rev. Susan Scranton

Celebrant: The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon _____ The Rev. Susan Scranton

The Nicene Creed _____ BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People - Form IV (BCP p. 388) _____ Jared Anders

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give

them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. Are there others?

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP p. 360

The Peace

~ Welcome, Announcements and Special Blessings ~

Blessing (Said by all): Watch over thy child, O Lord, as his days increase, bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he falls; and in his heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Allen Pote

“On the Third Day”
Grace Parish Choir

Presentation Hymn 305 v. 1

Rosedale

“Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest”

Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)

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Sanctus & Benedictus (Pew Card)

Tuuk

The Lord’s Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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Fraction Anthem: Agnus Dei (Pew Card)

Proulx

Invitation to Communion

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(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord's Table. If you have difficulty coming forward, please notify an usher, and we will be happy to bring Communion to you where you are seated.)

Communion Hymn 178

Alleluia No. 1

“Jesus is Lord of all the earth”

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 657

Hyfrydol

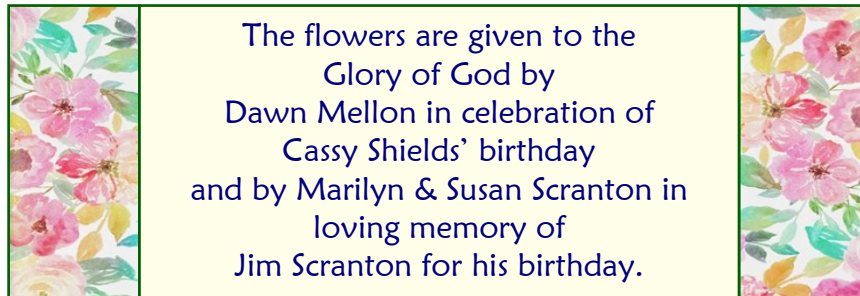
“Love divine, all loves excelling”

The Dismissal

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Postlude

Thomas Mellan



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Group - Today at 11:30 - 1:00 PM.

Bible Study: Bible Study will be meeting this Wednesday at 10:00 AM. Please read 1 John.

National Day of Prayer - Please join Rev. Susan, other Glendora pastors on Thursday, May 2 in front of City Hall at 12:15 - 12:45 to pray for our national & city leaders, soldiers, city leaders, police & fire fighters, marriages & families, schools & children.

Serving at 10 AM

Celebrant The Rev. Susan Scranton
Lay Eucharistic Minister..... Frank Boyd
Lectors Janet Kawamoto, Laurel McKenzie, Jared Anders
Choirmaster David Aldrete
OrganistThomas Mellan
Flower Guild..... Rosann Kindt, Amelie Palpant, Hannah Palpant
Altar Guild Janese Grady, Dawn Mellon, Patricia Meyer,
Debbie Pullen, Cathy St. Onge
Ushers Carl Colley, Alex McKenzie
Stream Team Karen Williamson, Mizuki Williamson
Vestry Person of the Week Janet Kawamoto

Prayer List

For healing and comfort: Jimmy, Michele Woods, Betty Eckstein,
Kelli Grace Kurtz, Doug Jones, Marilyn Scranton, Joe and Bea Martinez,
Becki Potter, David & Dominick, Davila, Joe Goetz, Edie Noland, Tamara
Collins, Francisco Ortego, Sheila Tierney, Marie, Judy, Pam Bryant, Bill
McKeithen, Larry Lucas, Bill Deom, Addison Hoffman

For those who have died: Janice Blackwill

For those in mourning: Susan Sherman, The Blackwill Family

For strength & guidance: Kayla St. Onge, Audra Montoya, Chelsea &
Mike

For new opportunities & clarity: Lucie Pelleriti

For those serving in the military: Chad Donohoe ~ U.S. Navy, Nelson
Acosta ~ U.S. Air Force, Sgt. Mitchell Bennett ~ Army, Adam Corona Jr.
~ U.S. Air Force

APRIL - MAY BIRTHDAYS

28 – Matthew Young	8 - Ethan Seielstad	19 – Crystal Hoffman
29 – Rose Grady Daley	9 – Catie Anders	21 - Sarah Anders
29 - Melissa Klinski	9 – Carol Treacy	25 – Gail Haynes
3 – Peggy Wallace	13 – Pollie Longthorne	28 – Heather Moore
4 - Hannah Palpant	16 – Frank Boyd	31 – Wayne Kawamoto

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Crystal and Rich Young – 17 ~ Susie and Tim Seielstad - 1