

Grace Episcopal Church

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The Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 12, 2024

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The Rev James Seipel, Assisting
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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 Seventh Sunday of Easter



10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

Prelude _____ Thomas Mellan

Processional Hymn 450 vv, 1 - 3, 6 _____ Coronation

“All hail the power of Jesus’ Name!”

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation _____ BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity _____ BCP p. 355

Gloria (Pew Card) _____ Tuuk

Collect of the Day

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.

Amen.

First Lesson: Acts 1:15-17, 21-16 _____ Youth Readers

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 1 *Beatus vir qui non abiit* _____ *Anglican Chant*

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment
comes, * nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Second Lesson: 1 John 5:9-13 _____ Youth Readers

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 483 _____ *St. Magnus*

“The head that once was crowned with thorns”

The Gospel: John 17:6-19 _____ The Rev. Susan Scranton

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

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus prayed for his disciples, “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

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 - Mother’s Day _____ Youth Readers

Written by the Youth Group

With all our hearts and with all our minds, let us pray to the Lord, saying, “Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.”

On this Mother’s Day, O Lord, we lift up the mothers whom you have entrusted with the care of your beloved children. We thank you for creating each of them with a unique combination of gifts and

talents. We thank you for the sacrifice of self each mom gives for her children. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you for our mothers, whose love for us bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, and endures all things. We pray that you bless and protect them in the same way they protect their own flock as shepherds of your love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We ask you to be the daily bread of tired mothers. We ask you to be their living water, their source of spiritual and physical strength. May they be able to give themselves the grace and comfort that you give us all, and rest in knowing that they are the hands and feet of God. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember the Biblical women who have shown us examples of courage and undying faith; we give thanks to you for our own mothers who have given us courage when we had none and upheld us in faith when we were weak. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who became a mother to a motherless child. Bless this day all grandparents, aunts, uncles, foster parents, adoptive parents, and all those who gracefully care for children. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for expectant mothers who are joyously awaiting the birth of your most precious gift. We also lift up mothers who have lost children, or who have strained relationships with their children. May your loving grace heal their hearts and bring them peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We remember the mothers and grandmothers who have already entered into your heavenly kingdom. May those of us who have lost our mothers honor their memories in our hearts until we meet again in Heaven. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

On this day in which we honor mothers, may we love and cherish the special women who have born us, who have nurtured us, and who have prayed for our well-being. May our hearts overflow with gratitude to you, O Lord, who formed and knitted each of us in our mother's womb. We also pray for those on our parish prayer list,

that they may be healed, strengthened, and restored to wholeness and health. Are there others? Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant:

Almighty God, we thank you this day for the gift of our mothers, those who are with us here in this life and those already in the life to come. Bless them with the fullness of your grace that they may fulfill all that which you have prepared for them. Give us grateful hearts for all the loving sacrifices made by them on our behalf, that we, like them, may be loving and compassionate people, created in your image. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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

Martin Shaw

“With a Voice of Singing”
Grace Parish Choir

Presentation Hymn 495 v. 3

In Babilone

“Jesus, hail!”

Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)

BCP p. 361

Sanctus & Benedictus (Pew Card)

Tuuk

The Lord’s Prayer

BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP p. 364

Fraction Anthem: Agnus Dei (Pew Card)

Proulx

Invitation to Communion

BCP p. 364

(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 603

St. Botolph

“When Christ was lifted from the earth”

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 494

Diademata

“Crown him with many crowns”

The Dismissal

BCP p. 366

Postlude

Thomas Mellan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mother’s Day Celebration ~ Sunday, May 12 ~ Join us for a hospitality to honor our mother’s and will include “Mom-mosas.”

Vestry Meeting - Our next meeting is May 15 at 7:30 PM in the choir room.

Adopt-a-Lunch - We will be packing lunches on May 26. Please check the sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to donate food items.

Save the Date!

Senior Sunday & Church Picnic ~ June 2

Please join us as we celebrate and honor our senior Mizuki Williamson and have our annual church picnic with a taco truck after the 10 AM service.



Altar flowers are a beautiful way to remember a loved one, celebrate a special event, or to give thanks for someone who has touched your life.

To provide flowers for the altars, please sign up on the schedule located in the narthex or talk with Nancy Rice.

Serving at 10 AM

Celebrant The Rev. Susan Scranton
Lay Eucharistic Minister..... Todd Rice
Lectors Youth Readers
Acolytes April Moore, Ethan Seielstad, Amelie Palpant
Choirmaster David Aldrete
OrganistThomas Mellan
Flower Guild..... Liz Sandona
Altar Guild Janese Grady, Dawn Mellon, Patricia Meyer,
Debbie Pullen, Cathy St. Onge
Ushers Carl Colley, Alex McKenzie
Stream Team: Karen Williamson, Mizuki Williamson
Hospitality Hospitality Ministry
Vestry Person of the Week Lucie Pelleriti

Prayer List

For healing and comfort: Jimmy, Michele Woods, Betty Eckstein,
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, Addison Hoffman,
David, Todd Rice, Helen
For those who have died: Janice Blackwill , Nicole Gray, John Wichman
For those in mourning: Susan Sherman, The Blackwill Family, Jane Gray &
Family, Graham, Abbott, Wichman Families
For strength & guidance: Kayla St. Onge, Audra Montoya, Chelsea &
Mike
For new opportunities & clarity: Lucie Pelleriti, Todd Rice
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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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