

Grace Episcopal Church

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The Fourth Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton, Rector
The Rev James Seipel, Assisting
David Aldrete, Choirmaster ~ Pavel Petrov, Organist

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

Prelude _____ Pavel Petrov

Presentation Hymn 205 _____ Gelobt sei Gott

“Good Christians, all, rejoice and sing “

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation _____ BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity _____ BCP p. 355

Gloria [Sung by all] _____ Tuuk

Collect of the Day

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

First Lesson: Acts 9:36-43 _____ Donte Apperwhite

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me* Say together

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those
who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

The Second Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17 Jared Anders

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever!
Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying,
"Who are these, robed in white, and where have
they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the
one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are
they who have come out of the great ordeal;
they have washed their robes and made them
white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will
shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their
shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of
life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 492

Finnian

"Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness"

The Gospel: John 10:22-30

The Rev. Susan Scranton

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life,

and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Sermon

The Rev. Susan Scranton

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People - Mother's Day

Amelie Palpant

Dear Lord, on this Mother's Day we pray for all moms, mamas, mommies, grandmas, nanas, aunties, cousins, all those who watch over us, and all those we love like a mother. Thank you for their love, care, and guidance.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless our mothers with health, happiness, positivity, perseverance, kindness and love. May we have lots of fun with them and may they have lots of patience with us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Please help us be good for our moms. Help us to be kind to them, to listen to them, and to not write on the walls.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all dads, grandpas, uncles, and all who are partners to moms. Help them be supportive, kind, loving, and great chefs.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bless and comfort all moms and children who are apart from each other right now. Give them hope and help them to be reunited soon.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those mothers who are sick or in need of your healing, as well as those on our parish prayer list. Are there others? Please make them well and whole.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We remember with love and gratitude those mothers who are no longer with us, and we honor the love and legacies they have left behind. We pray for those who are grieving the loss of their mothers today, and we ask for your comfort and strength in their sorrow. May we feel your presence in our lives, as we remember and honor the mothers we love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant:

Almighty God, we thank you this day for the gift of our mothers, those who are 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 BCP p. 360

~ 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 fall; and in his heart may they peace which passeth understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem arr. Karen Lakey Buckwalter

“The King of Love my Shepherd is”

Grace Parish Choir

Presentation Hymn 380 v. 1 Doxology

“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”

Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A) BCP p. 361

Sanctus & Benedictus [Sung by all] Tuuk

The Lord’s Prayer BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP p. 364

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 343 St. Agnes

“Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless”

Postcommunion Prayer BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 708

Sicilian Mariners

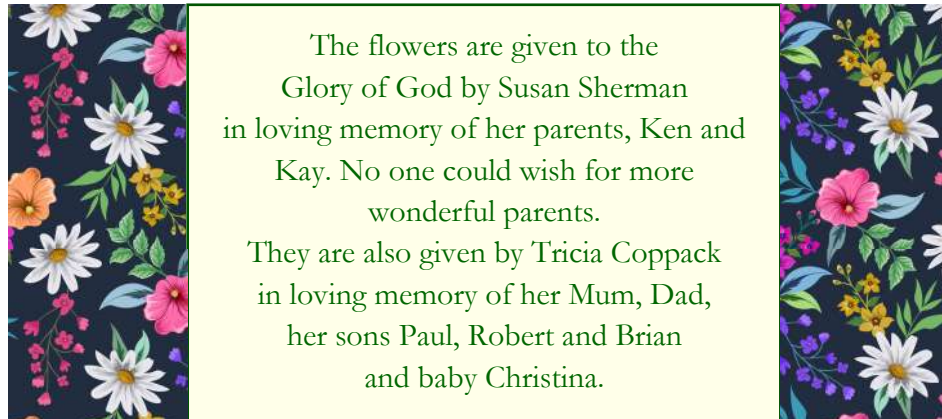
“Savior, like a shepherd lead us “

The Dismissal

BCP p. 366

Postlude

Pavel Petrov



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hospitality for Mother's Day - Please join us in Baxter Hall for Mother's Day mimosa's, and yummy treats! Rev. Susan will be serving you as our bartender!! Whoohoo!

Bible Study - No Bible Study this week. We will resume Wednesday, May 21 at 10 AM in the Fireside Room. It will be a new study on the Nicene Creed.

Vestry Meeting - Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 21 at 7:15 PM in the choir room.

Grace Episcopal Church Vestry Members 2025

Rev. Susan L. Scranton,
Frank Boyd - Senior Warden, Heather Moore - Junior Warden
Miles Bresee - Treasurer, Todd Rice - Buildings & Grounds,
Kathi Ferris, Janet Kawamoto,
Hannah Palpant, Jade Petteruto, Linda Rice

Serving at 8 AM

Celebrant..... The Rev. Susan Scranton
Lay Eucharistic Minister Debbie Pullen

Serving at 10 AM

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Lay Eucharistic Minister..... Frank Boyd
Lectors..... Donte Apperwhite, Jared Anders, Amelie Palpant
Acolytes..... McKenna Parra, Elizabeth Anders, Amelie Palpant
GEC Steam Team..... Karen Williamson, Mizuki Williamson
Altar Guild..... Patricia Meyer, Debbie Pullen, Janese Grady, Cathy St. Onge
Flower Guild..... Liz Sandona, Julie Schonland
Hymn Board Manager..... Trevor Barcelo
Ushers Alex McKenzie, Robert Van Derbur
Vestry Person of the Week..... Janet Kawamoto



Prayer List

For healing and comfort: Edie Noland, Grace Boyd, Michelle, Laverne Tradel, Jessica Moran, Sam Luna, Frank Boyd, Susie Seielstad, Chris Maletz, Candace, Lisa Tone, Marcia Goetz, Rick, Marylen Hart, Carol Treacy, Becki Potter, Gaylaird, Lucy, Jon Sharp

For strength & guidance: Gayle, Jennifer & Justin

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, Seth Tradel ~ U.S. Navy, Mitchell Mann ~ U.S. Marines

MAY BIRTHDAYS

4 - Hannah Palpant	10 – Michael Jones	20 - Will Anders
4 - Colette Palpant	13 – Pollie Longthorne	21 - Sarah Anders
8 - Ethan Seielstad	16 – Frank Boyd	25 – Gail Haynes
9 – Catie Anders	17 - Morgan Aldrete	28 – Heather Moore
9 – Carol Treacy	19 – Crystal Hoffman	31 – Wayne Kawamoto

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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