

Grace Episcopal Church

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The Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

Prelude Pavel Petrov

Processional Hymn 48 Es flog ein kliens Waldvoegelein
"O day of radiant gladness"

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Gloria [Sung by all] 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 11:1-18 Stacey Aldrete

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me

from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 148 *Laudate Dominum* Anglican Chant

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord from the heavens; * praise him in the heights.

2 Praise him, all you angels of his; * praise him, all his host.

3 Praise him, sun and moon; * praise him, all you shining stars.

4 Praise him, heaven of heavens, *
and you waters above the heavens.

5 Let them praise the Name of the Lord; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

6 He made them stand fast for ever and ever; *
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

7 Praise the Lord from the earth, * you sea-monsters and all deeps;

8 Fire and hail, snow and fog, * tempestuous wind, doing his will;

9 Mountains and all hills, * fruit trees and all cedars;

10 Wild beasts and all cattle, * creeping things and winged birds;

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;

12 Young men and maidens, * old and young together.

13 Let them praise the Name of the Lord, * for his Name only is
exalted, his splendor is over earth and heaven.

14 He has raised up strength for his people
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Hallelujah!

The Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6 Bobbi Patterson

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

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Sequence Hymn 529 Gott sei Dank

"In Christ there is no East or West"

The Gospel: John 13:31-35

The Rev. Susan Scranton

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Sermon

The Rev. Susan Scranton

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People - Form III (BCP p. 387)

Janet Kawamoto

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That you Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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 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 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 _____ arr. Stacey Nordmeyer

“An Easter Call to Praise”

Grace Parish Choir

Presentation Hymn 305 v. 1 _____ *Rosedale*

“Come, risen Lord”

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

Fraction Anthem: _____ 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 304 _____ *Land of Rest*

“I come with joy to meet my Lord”

Postcommunion Prayer BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn 432 _____ *Laudate Dominum*

“O praise ye the Lord!”

The Dismissal

BCP p. 366

Postlude

Pavel Petrov

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Study - We will resume this Wednesday 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 Parish Picnic - June 8!

We will be celebrating the birthday of our church! The church will be providing hot dogs, hamburgers, buns and drinks. There will be a sign-up sheet for side dishes, chips and condiments!



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Thank you!



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..... Pat Meyer
Lectors..... Stacey Aldrete, Bobbi Patterson, Janet Kawamoto
Acolytes..... Mitchell Patterson, Evie Palpant, Karen Williamson
GEC Steam Team..... Trevor Barcelo, Ethan Seielstad
Altar Guild..... Patricia Meyer, Debbie Pullen, Janese Grady, Cathy St. Onge
Flower Guild..... Rosann Kindt, Nancy Rice
Hymn Board Manager..... Trevor Barcelo
Ushers Alex McKenzie, Robert Van Derbur
Vestry Person of the Week..... Heather Moore



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