



– For I know that –

*my Redeemer  
Lives*

Job 19:25

# Grace Episcopal Church

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## The Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Day ~ April 5, 2026, 10:00 AM ~

*You may flower the cross during the pre-service music.*

### **Pre-service music**

“Christ is Alive!”  
Grace Parish Choir

Hal H. Hopson

“Joyous Bells”  
Sounds of Grace Handbell Quartet

Jane Kristenson

“Christ Is Risen, O Be Joyful”  
Grace Parish Choir

Douglas E. Wagner

### **Prelude**

Pavel Petrov

### **Processional Hymn 207**

*Easter Hymn*

“Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!”

## **The Word of God**

### **Opening Acclamation**

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### **Collect for Purity**

Celebrant: 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.**



## **The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*(Please be seated.)*

**The First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43**

Donte Apperwhite

Lector: A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

"You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Anthem**

**"Standin' in the Need of Prayer"**

**African American Spiritual**

Sounds of Grace Handbell Quartet

Arr. Valerie Stephenson

**The Second Lesson: Colossians 3:1-4**

Jade Petteruto

Lector: A reading from Paul's letter to the Colossians.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 208** (*Verse 3 - Choir only*)

Victory

"The strife is o'er"

**The Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10**

The Rev. Susan Scranton

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton

## The Nicene Creed

*(Said by all. Please stand.)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Lucie Pelleriti

Alleluia! What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine; what was forgotten shall be remembered, for the Lord is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God the needs of all our world, asking God for renewal, saying:

**Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.**

God of life, in gratitude and great joy, we laud you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. On this day give us hope, for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.**

On this feast day which brings joy to all Christian believers, may we commit ourselves to work toward the unity of the church, that Christ's body may be one, for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.**

Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God, for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.**

For all who have need of the gift of Easter; for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love; for those on our Parish Prayer List; for all our brothers and sisters, that death may have no more power over us, for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.**

For all who suffer and all who mourn, that today the Lord God will wipe away all tears, for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.**

May we have the persistent faith of Mary Magdalene and the surprised belief of Peter and John. May we long to be God's sign of life in our world, for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.**

May we be one in faith with all who have died in Christ, for our life is hid with Christ in God, for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen, Christ is risen indeed.**

Celebrant: God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**AMEN.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*(Said by all.)*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. AMEN.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

~ Welcome, Announcements and Special Blessings ~

**Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **The Holy Communion**

Offertory Anthem "Rise to Sing! The Light is Breaking" Eric Nelson  
Grace Parish Choir

**Presentation Hymn 180 (vv. 1 & 4)** *Unser Herrscher*  
He is risen, he is risen!

### **The Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A)**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: 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 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Jonathan Tuuk

The musical score is written on four staves of music in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic marking. The second staff continues the lyrics. The third staff has a mezzo-forte (*mf*) dynamic marking, followed by a forte (*f*) marking. The fourth staff ends with a fortissimo (*ff*) dynamic marking. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of power and might, heav - en 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

*(Please kneel as able.)*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### **Celebrant and People:**

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Celebrant: And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the bread. A period of silence is kept.*

**Fraction Anthem:**

Proulx

Cantor: All:  
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ our Pass - o - ver is  
sa - cri - ficed for us: There - fore let us keep the feast.  
3 All:  
Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Christ our Pass - o - ver is sa - cri -  
ficed for us: There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia!

**Invitation to Communion**

Celebrant: 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 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.)* Gluten free wafers are available.

**Communion Anthem**

“Alleluia for Easter”

Lani Smith

Grace Parish Choir

**Postcommunion Prayer**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**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.**

**Easter Blessing:**

Celebrant: May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of His Son, our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **AMEN.**

**Recessional Hymn 210**

“The day of resurrection!”

*Ellacombe*

**Dismissal**

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude

*Pavel Petrov*



**Serving in Today's Worship:**

**Celebrant** ..... The Rev. Susan L. Scranton  
**Lay Eucharistic Ministers**..... Jared Anders  
**Lectors** ..... Donte Apperwhite, Jade Petteruto, Lucie Pelleriti  
**Acolytes** ..... Mitchell Patterson, McKenna Parra, Morgan Patterson, David Moore  
**GEC Stream Team**..... Trevor Barcelo, Ethan Seielsted  
**Choirmaster** ..... David Aldrete  
**Organist** ..... Pavel Petrov  
**Grace Parish Choir** ..... Janet Kawamoto, Laurel McKenzie, Bobbi Patterson,  
Nancy Rice, Ruth Aldrete, Stacey Aldrete, Debbi England,  
Donna McAlmond, Frank Boyd, Kim Boyd, Karen Huss,  
Wayne Kawamoto, Patrick McAlmond, Steven Patterson, Jon Sharp  
**Sounds of Grace Handbell Quartet** ..... Jared Anders, Crystal Hoffman,  
Jade Petteruto, Susan Scranton  
**Ushers**..... Carl Colley, Alex McKenzie, Rick Sandona, Rob Van Derbur  
**Hymn Board Manager** ..... Trevor Barcelo  
**Altar Guild**..... Catie Anders, Janese Grady, Dawn Mellon,  
Debbie Pullen, Cathy St. Onge  
**Flower Guild**..... Donte Apperwhite, Kim Boyd, Rosann Kindt, Amelie Palpant,  
Hannah Palpant, Liz Sandona, Susie Seielstad,  
Nancy Rice, Todd Rice  
**Hospitality** ..... Denise Barcelo, Debbi England, Donna McAlmond,  
Pat McAlmond, Lucie Pelleriti, Linda Rice, Susie Seielstad,  
Susan Sherman, Rob Van Derbur  
**Vestry Person of the Week**..... Heather Moore





*The Easter Flowers  
are given to the  
Glory of God by:*

Carl and Lynn Colley in thanksgiving and with love for our family, friends, and Grace Church.

Carlota De Simas

Denise Barcelo in loving memory of her father, Rudy Barcelo.

Linda Rice wishing peace, joy and renewal to loved family and friends who are with her and remembering those in her heart.

Rick and Liz Sandona in thanksgiving for a wonderful and loving family and church family. Especially Raylene, TJ, Liam, Everleigh, Lily, and Lainey.

Susan Scranton in loving memory of her parents, Marilyn & Jim Scranton.

Jon Sharp in loving memory of his wife, Irene Paulson-Sharp.

Kathie Plumlee

Sam and Stephanie Luna in loving memory of their mothers', Anita Luna and Dolieta Villarta.

The Palpant Family

Rosann and Gary Kindt in loving memory of Susan Beltran.

Lucy Brejcha in honor of Al Brejcha and Dawn Brejcha.

Tricia and John Coppack in thankfulness for the blessing of family and the beauty of spring.