

# Grace Episcopal Church

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## The Fourth Sunday of Easter April 26, 2026

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

Processional 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 Proulx

### 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 2:42-47** *Amelie Palpant*

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 23** *Dominus regit me* *Anglican Chant*

1 The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;  
he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul;  
he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his Name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; for thou art with me;  
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

5 Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;  
thou anointest my head with oil, my cup runneth over.

6 Surely 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:** 1 Peter 2:19-25 Laurel McKenzie

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 192 Vruechten

“This joyful Easter tide”

**The Gospel:** John 10:1-10 The Rev. Susan Scranton

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the

voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

Lector: 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 III (BCP p. 387) \_\_\_\_\_ Mizuki Williamson

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 my 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

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

Lani Smith

“Alleluia for Easter”

Grace Parish Choir

Presentation Hymn 305 v. 1

Rosedale

“Come, risen Lord”

**Great Thanksgiving (Prayer C)**

BCP p. 369

Sanctus & Benedictus

Proulx

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 645

St. Columba

“The King of love my shepherd is”

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

The Blessing

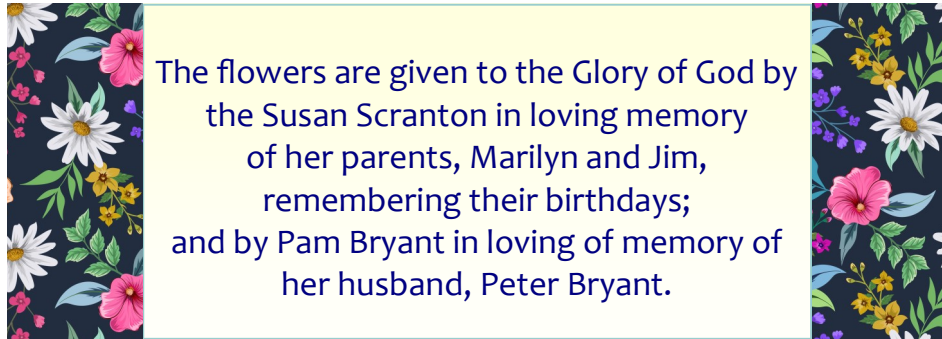
Recessional Hymn 708

*Sicilian Mariners*

“Savior, like a shepherd lead us”

The Dismissal

BCP p. 366



**Grace Episcopal Church Vestry Members 2026**

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



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Thank you!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Adopt - a - Lunch** - Today after the 10 AM service in Baxter Hall.

**Grace in Action ~ Ministry Team** is a group that is seeking how we might live out our faith in our times and in our community. This belief that our Christian faith calls us to “love, in truth and action,” to “respect the dignity of every human being,” and to “do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God” (Micah 6:8) by inclusively welcoming and supporting all our neighbors as Christ would have us do.

All are invited to come and share their thoughts on  
how we might live out our faith.

We will be meeting today after the 10 AM service in the choir room.

**Holy Chow** - Come join us for dinner and fellowship at Glendora Public Market on April 27 at 6:00 PM located at 905 E Arrow Hwy in Glendora.



Save  
the Date

Please join us as we celebrate our seniors graduating from high school and college on June 7. We will have a taco truck after the service.



**Serving at 10 AM**

**Celebrant**..... The Rev. Susan Scranton  
**Lay Eucharistic Minister**..... Miles Bresee  
**Lectors** ..... Amelie Palpant, Laurel McKenzie, Mizuki Williamson  
**Acolytes** ..... April Moore, Evie Palpant, Ethan Seielstad  
**Altar Guild** ..... Catie Anders, Debbie Pullen, Janese Grady,  
Cathy St. Onge  
**Flower Guild**..... Amelie Palpant, Hannah Palpant  
**Stream Team** ..... Karen Williamson, Mizuki Williamson  
**Hymnboard Manager** ..... Trevor Barcelo  
**Vestry Person of the Week** ..... Lucie Pelleriti



**Prayer List**

**For healing and comfort:** Edie Noland, Rick, Lucy, Lindsay, Liz Hernandez, Lisa Taylor, Sharon W., Anita Baker, Scott Martin, Frank Boyd, Frank Ortega, Jessica, Gary Kindt, Elaine, Rene Rocha, Mikel Jones, Mandy Macaluso, Christine De Souza, Bill Owen, April Moore, Keith Vakerics, Kim Boyd, Joe Goetz, Marti S., Jeanne McCabe, Michelle Bice

**For strength & guidance:** The Hernandez Family, Mireya Rivera & Family

**For those serving in the military:** Chad Donohoe ~ U.S. Navy, Nelson Acosta ~ U.S. Air Force, Adam Corona Jr. ~ U.S. Air Force, Seth Tradel ~ U.S. Navy, Mitchell Mann ~ USMC

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

2 – Michael Moore	6 – Karen Williamson	15 – Katherine Rice
4 – April Moore	8 – Laurel McKenzie	20 - Marcia Goetz
4 – Stephen Rice	11 – Donna McAlmond	

**APRIL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

Lynn and Carl Colley – 3