

The Second Sunday of Easter



27 April 2025

Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II: 10:00 am

Grace Episcopal Church

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Welcome!

Welcome to those of you here. Here's some information:

Most Sundays, we have Church School at 10:00 am with trained teachers. The classroom is located through the door at the front right of the chapel and down the hall; please ask if you need help finding it. The children will join us in church at the Peace and for Communion. All baptized children of any age are welcome to receive communion.

Please join in the singing! Hymnals are located in the pew and the numbers are listed in the leaflet. **"S"** numbered hymns are found in the front of the *Hymnal 1982*. The *Book of Common Prayer* may also be found in the rack in front of you.

This is a self-supporting congregation, so when the plate is passed in the middle of the service, please be generous. Today's collection will support our ministries to the community.

At the communion, God welcomes all to the heavenly banquet. The Episcopal Church offers the sacraments to anyone baptized in any denomination who, through prayer and thoughtful consideration, desires them. Please come to the communion rail to receive the bread whether you are an Episcopalian or not, or to receive a blessing.

When coming to the rail for communion, please kneel or stand at the rail from right to left until the rail is full. You may receive the wafer, receive the wine after consuming the wafer (no indicting) or may ask for a blessing. Please let the priest know if you need **gluten free**.

The priest, Debbie, is available after the service to answer any questions you might have. Please let her know your thoughts about today's service.

If this is your first time here, please sign the book at the entrance of the church. If you want more information, our website is www.gracechurchsalem.org. Our weekly newsletter, called Grace Notes, can be found there. If you wish to receive the newsletter, simply go to the website, open Grace Notes and subscribe.

May we all find the service meaningful and the embrace of the community inviting. It is a joy to worship together, wherever we are in our journey.

The Opening Rite

Opening Voluntary Voluntary in G

John Stanley

The Hymn at the Procession

The Hymnal 1982, #193

That Easter day with joy was bright

Puer nobis

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Song of Praise

The Hymnal 1982, S 266

A Song to the Lamb

Calvin Hampton

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of the Lord

The Lessons *The people sit.*

The First Lesson

Acts 5:27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



1 Hallelujah!

Praise God in his¹holy¹temple; *
praise him in the¹firmament¹of his¹power.

2 Praise him for his¹mighty¹acts; *

praise him¹for his¹excellent¹greatness.

3 Praise him with the¹blast of the¹ram's-horn; *

—¹praise him with¹lyre and¹harp.

4 Praise him with¹timbrel and¹dance; *

—¹praise him with¹strings and¹pipe.

5 Praise him with re¹sounding¹cymbals; *

praise him with¹loüd¹clanging¹cymbals.

6 Let everything¹that has¹breath *

praise the¹LÖRD.¹

¹Halle¹lujah!

The Second Lesson

Revelation 1:4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

How oft, O Lord, thy face hath shone

The Hymnal 1982, #242

Jacob

The Gospel

John 20:19-31

Gospeller

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name..

Gospeller

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Deborah Phillips

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People: Form II

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The Peace

The Holy Communion

Anthem at the Offering

Andrew Carter

Joy is come! Eastertide! Sing we all far and wide, see the stone rolled aside, Christ our Lord is risen, bursting from his prison. Let the sound, ring around, and the song now rebound: Christ the Lord is risen! Joy is come! Easter day! Join the dance, homage pay, Christ the Lord lights our way, from the tomb now breaking, Satan's power shaking, Let the song, echo long, shout it loud, sing it strong: Christ the Lord is risen! Joy is come! Easter morn! With your Lord greet the dawn, he endured crown of thorn and the bitter nailing, faithful and unfailing. Tidings tell, chant it well, risen Christ in us dwell, for the cross prevailing. Easter joy may we bring, welcome, Lord, heaven's King, winter turns into spring, darkness overtaking, and our spirits waking. Praising flow, voices grow, sounding far "Gloria in excelsis Deo!, In excelsis Deo!"

The Hymn at the Presentation

The Hymnal 1982, #209

We walk by faith, and not by sight

St. Botolph

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982, S 127

Calvin Hampton

The Lord's Prayer

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The Fraction

The Hymnal 1982, S 152

Mason Martens

All present are invited to reverently receive the Holy Sacrament.

Hymn at the Communion

The Hymnal 1982, #206

O sons and daughters

O filii et filiae

Postcommunion Prayer

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Post Communion Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, #212

Awake, arise, lift up your voice

Richmond

Blessing

Dismissal

— **Worship Leaders** —

The Reverend Deborah Phillips

Presider and Preacher

Mark N. Peterson

Organist and Choir Director

Joanne Moar

Virger

Gavin Watson-Betrand

Acolyte

Lisa Duffy

Lector

Holly Willis

Chalicer

Barbara Layne, Megan Salamida

Ushers

Our Prayers are offered for

Reny Sparapani, Gary Young, Amy, Paul, Chuck Brown, Heather and Prescott, Ariana, Sheridan, Javy, Faith Aroko and Family, Jesse Hurst and Family, Neal and Maureen Joyce, Arthur, Deb Young, Cindy Rhodes, Ron, Gerald Tucker, Allison Mascolo, Eric Wagner, Melissa Glassman, Max Joyce, Marc Britt, those battling cancer, especially Faith's friend and the Princess of Wales, for Mel, Corey MacNeil, Dianne, Michael Towey, Jenny, Loretta and Kris, Priscilla Lemons, Deb Papps, Derek Fuller and Family, the peaceful repose of the soul of Pope Francis, the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and their ministries; the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem, the Salem Public Schools and for an end to racism, war, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, gun violence and oppression. In thanksgiving, we pray for this community of faith, for God's grace and forgiveness, for those with the courage to stand up to tyranny, for creation, for the diversity of people, and for all the blessings of this life.

If you have additions or deletions to the prayer list, please email prayer-list@gracechurchsalem.org by Tuesday at noon for publication in that week's e-news.

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Easter Gifts

In memory of:

Roger Jenkins
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Nick and Frances Plasmati
Bettye Zimerowski
Sophie Zimerowski
The parents of Marianne Cannon
and John Parsons
Ted Klein
Karen Klein McNulty
James McNulty
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Leonard Fafel
Margaret and John Melby
Marian and Carl Thompson
Jeanne and Jim Duffy
Janet Montagna Sparapani
Susan Howes
Elsie Simonds

All the people I love
Generations of faithful people
and friends
The Birchmore Family
The Tucker Family
Samantha Grace Gilmore
Mary Florence Barnes
The Wagner Family
The Wendler Family
Helen and William Phillips
Elizabeth Jane Phillips Pickard
Francis Hill
Bob McDonough
Jeff Wells
Anne Busted
Larry Kamp
John Gourley
Justin Gourley
David Stonehouse
Leigh Stonehouse
Budge Abbot
Mary and Edward Carter
Pitt and Ann Willand

In thanksgiving for:

The Ministries of Grace Episcopal Church
For the Ogah Family
Our Church School
Debbie's ministry and witness
All the people I love
Generations of faithful people
and friends
All our grandchildren and
Great-granddaughter
Nathaniel Stonehouse
The Baptisms of Simone and
Isaac Tetrault

Plant Sale May 10th

Our Annual Plant Sale will be on Saturday May 10th this year. This is always a fun event and the fundraising committee is counting on you all to help make it happen. Please let us know how you plan to participate by returning a form or emailing us at fundraising@gracechurchsaalem.org. We would like to have all donations by Saturday May 3 to allow us time to sort, repot and buy supplemental plants as needed for the sale. We would also like to have volunteers to help with set up, break down and sales on May 10th. Please contact one of us or send an email at fundraising@gracechurchsaalem.org and we will sign you up. Thank you for your support. - Peggy, Melissa, and Joanne

GRACE CHURCH IN SALEM PLANT SALE DONATION SIGN-UP

We are looking forward to our Annual Plant Sale on May 10, 2025! In order to have a successful event, we will need to gather at least 100 individual plants to sell to the community. Your donations will help us keep costs of the event low while helping us reach our fundraising goals for the year. Donation commitments can be emailed to fundraising@gracechurchsaalem.org or this form can be scanned and emailed to the same address, or printed, completed, and mailed or dropped to the church. Thank you, in advance, for your generous donation! As indicated below, we need the plants a week in advance, i.e., by May 3, 2025 (anytime before 5:00 PM).

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| Name _____ | Tel / Email _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> I will purchase a 6-pack flat of veggies | |
| <input type="radio"/> I will purchase a 6-pack flat of flowers | |
| <input type="radio"/> I will purchase a 6-pack flat of: _____
Please describe | |
| <input type="radio"/> I will grow _____ of veggie seedlings | |
| <input type="radio"/> I will grow _____ of flowers seedlings | |
| <input type="radio"/> I will grow _____ of other seedlings: _____
Please describe | |
| <input type="radio"/> I will grow, divide, and share _____ from
my garden. Please describe | |

Deliver plants to: 385 Essex St. • Saturday, May 3 •
Anytime before 5pm

**All children are spiritual.
All children are musical too.**



Young and the Restless Chapel

**Sunday 11 May 2025
9:00 am**

for young children (from birth on)
their parents
and those who are young at heart
to sing and share communion.

Young and the Restless Chapel is led by
The Rev. Debbie Phillips,
educator and Rector of Grace Church
and Teresa Ines Coelho,
folk musician and teacher



**Come sing the story of the Ascension
as we watch Jesus rise into the clouds
and play our instruments**

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**All people of any age (or restlessness)
are welcome!**

Debbie's Last Sunday

As Debbie announced in a letter in February, she will be retiring from Grace Church on July 1st after almost 28 years as our Rector. We ask that you save the date of June 22nd for her final Sunday with us. More details are to follow.

*You are invited to a Celebration
Of Debbie's Retirement
On June 22*

*Organ Concert at 3
Choral Holy Eucharist at 4:00 pm*

Party at 5:30 pm



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The Mission of Grace Church is to unconditionally invite all people to join us in building a faithful Episcopal congregation that goes out into the community and through prayer, presence, and partnering improves the quality of life by bringing everyone closer to God.