



Ascension at Malahide, Robert Shaw

Grace Episcopal Church

Ascension Sunday

May 12, 2024 | 8:00 & 9:30 am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Eric Mason

Deacon | Scott Deasy

Guest Music Director | Kelly Carpenter

Home Group | Downtowners

We Gather in God's Name

Gathering

We take a moment to be still and know God. Our world is full of many noises, even as we sit together in silence. Let the noises be, and listen for the deep stillness that underlies all being. This moment will begin and end with the ringing of a bell.

Call to Worship

We stand as we're called to worship.

Celebrant O God, Giver of Life, Bearer of Pain, Maker of Love,
**All You accept in us what we find difficult to acknowledge;
You hold in your memory what we have tried to forget;
You show us the glory we dream of and imagine.**

Celebrant Reconcile us to all we have rejected in ourselves,
that we may live lives of resurrection, wholeness, and hope.
All Through Jesus Christ, our healer and our friend. Amen.

**All 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.**

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!
All The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

Celebrant Then let us sing and celebrate the resurrection of all Creation.

Opening Song | Now Thank We All Our God



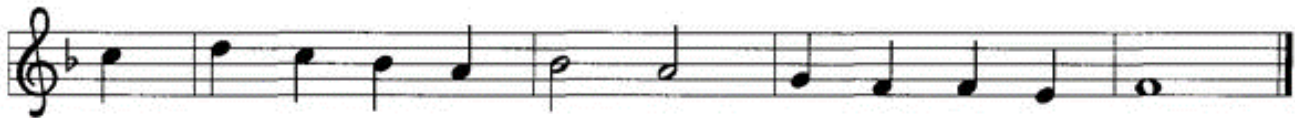
1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,



who, from our moth-ers' arms, has blest us on our way
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878. Music: Johan Crüger, 1598-1662.

The Collect

Celebrant May God be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

God unheld by word or wall; power of love beyond all lords of war: lift us from dullness and cynical contempt; make us ready for your Spirit of transforming fire; and turn our hearts to the mending of the world; through Jesus Christ, the name above all names. **Amen.**

During the 9:30 service, children and youth are invited to come forward to the altar for a children's moment before joining their teachers for Sunday School. The children will return in time for communion. They are also welcome to remain with their families in the sanctuary if that is their choice.

We Hear and Respond to the Story

We are seated for the first lesson.

First Lesson | Acts 1:1-11

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

After the reading

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 93

We stand and speak the Psalm responsively.

God is Sovereign,
clothed in splendid apparel;
God is robed in majesty
and is girded with strength.

**God has made the whole world so sure
that it cannot be moved;**

Ever since the world began,
your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting.

**The waters have lifted up, O God,
the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.**

Mightier than the sound of many waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the Holy One who dwells on high.

**Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness adorns your house, O God,
for ever and for evermore.**

We are seated for the second lesson.

Second Lesson | Ephesians 1:15-23

Reader A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

After the reading

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand for the Gospel acclamation and reading.

Gospel Acclamation | Alleluia



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Gospel | Luke 24:44-53

Deacon May God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

After the reading

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

We are seated for the homily.

The Homily

After the homily, we observe a moment of silence. This time begins and ends with the ringing of a bell.

Affirmation of Faith

We stand as we affirm the faith that's been handed down to us.

**We believe in God above us,
maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon,
of water and earth,
of all humanity.**

**We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
Born of a woman's womb, servant of the poor,
he was tortured and nailed to a tree.
Knowing full passion and deep sorrow, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,
and his Kingdom will one day be known.**

**We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church.
She is the Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of life everlasting. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

We remain standing for the prayers. Our prayers are written by members of Grace; all are encouraged to join in, adding your own prayers after each intercession, silently or aloud. To submit names to our prayer list, and/or to receive weekly updates from our prayer team, email us at prayerlist@gracehere.org. We would love to include those you love in our prayers for thanksgiving, healing, support, or peace; and we also welcome your prayers for particular persons who have died.

Gathering

"Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations." We celebrate Jesus' ascension and the chance for transformation in our lives.

We gather silently in prayer with deepened breath and intention.

Environment

“For God is King of all the earth.” God, give us wisdom to hold your earth and its creatures sacred by improving our natural environment.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.

Leader Risen Christ

All Gather in our prayers

Our Community, Nation, and the World

“With the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which God has called you.” Strengthen those who lead and those who follow. Guide us all to work for justice, and to cultivate harmony and peace with one another.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.

Leader Risen Christ

All Gather in our prayers

Families and Individuals

“I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know Jesus.” Help us as we seek to live with patience and love.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.

Leader Risen Christ

All Gather in our prayers

Prayer Requests

“God has made Jesus the head over all things for the church.” We offer prayers for those on our prayer list and those whom we carry in our hearts. Knit us together by your spirit.

Those on our current prayer list are named. You are invited to speak aloud (or simply remember quietly) the names of those for whom you are praying. Please also pray for these persons on our long-term prayer list:

Healing for Jon, Marc, Katie, Vivian, James, Gretchen, Linda, Jon, Bob, Doug, Sam, Whitney and Eleanor Grace, Alyson, Timothy, Margie, Harold, Jas, MJ, Mary, Patty, Scott, Marty, Judy, Mary Ann, Dick, Johan, Aunt Linda, Christine, Susan M, Larry, Teri, Cathy, Debbie, Amy Sue, Rebecca, Ben, Lizzie, Mary Anne, Carrie, Tom, Susan, Mike, Frank, Pearle, Nancy, Ted, Len, Dena

Support for Loanna, Haini, Connie, Matt & Gretchen and children, Linda’s family, Kate & Neil, Delia, Suzy, Barb, Rich, Mollie, Ben, Samara, Isobel, Wendy, James, Macy, Lori, People in Ethiopia, Ted, Macy, Andrew, Nancy P, Charlie, Chelsea, Aunt Linda’s family, Ann, Afghan friends and colleagues, Cindy, Henry, Amy Sue’s family, Jody, Martha, Mary, Cecile, Rose, Cherry, Heather, Joe, Beth

Peace for Evelyn, Alan, April

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Leader Risen Christ

All Gather in our prayers

Gratitude

“Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.” We give thanks for the gifts of Grace.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly and in our hearts.

Leader Risen Christ

All Gather in our prayers

Closing

“As they were watching, Jesus was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.” In the season of surprises, rebirth, and new life, may we hold each other tenderly.

Collecting the Prayers of the People

The Celebrant concludes the Prayers of the People.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

All And also with you.

All are invited to share a sign of God's peace with one another. Please respect others' choice to do so socially distanced.

We are seated after the Peace.

We Share in the Sacred Meal

The Offering



Out of gratitude for all we've been given, we give ourselves back to God. Bread, wine, and money all symbolize the fruit of our labor. Together, our gifts make possible this community of inclusion, service, discovery, and gratitude. All worshipping in person are invited to place their offering in baskets as they are passed through the rows, but anyone in person or online may give via this link: www.gracehere.org/give/, or by accessing our OnRealm system with this QR code. Thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and your presence with us today.

We remain seated while the bread and wine are brought forward.

Offertory Song | Mothers of Faith 9:30am only



1. For our mothers of faith, for our sisters in Christ, for the
 2. For courageous midwives, for the unmarried bride and her
 3. For the long silent age, for passion's cruel cage, for our
 4. For our mothers of faith, for our sisters in Christ, for the



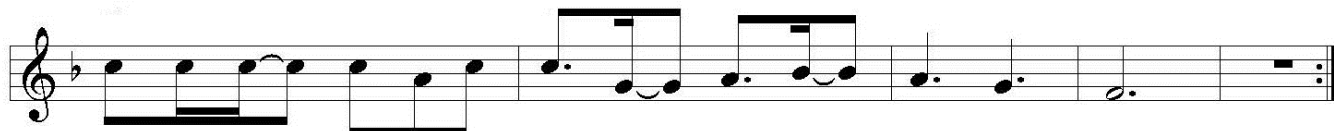
daughters of God we will praise. For their courage and care, their com-
 mir-a-cle child come to save. For the barren of womb, and the
 part in this pain we confess. For the gifts we've returned, for the
 daughters of God we will praise. To our Father above, with a



passion and tears, for their un-ending prayers we will praise. *Refrain:* For the
 poured out perfume, then the watch at the tomb, we will praise.
 saints we have spurned, from this blindness we turn and are blessed.
 mothering love, won't you lead us in freedom and grace. *[end]*



wo-men who carried and bore us now this song we raise. For their



wis-dom and ways so inspire us, now our God we praise

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We stand as the baskets are brought forward, lifting up the offering of our hearts and hands.

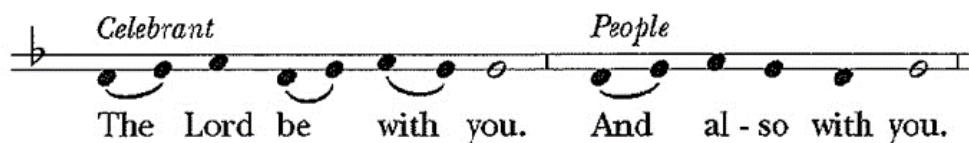
Prayer over the Gifts

All Ever present God,
with this offering we present also ourselves:
all that we have been,
all that we are,
and all that we shall become,
and our resolve to walk in your way.
Accept us and our offering,
we pray for Jesus' sake. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

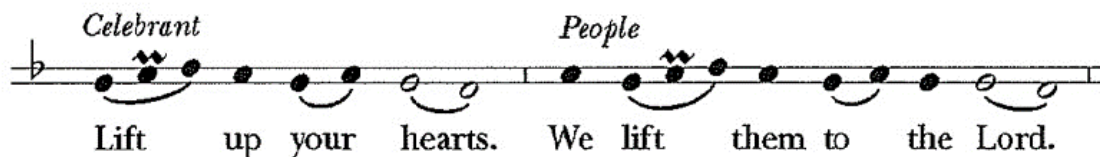
We remain standing for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Celebrant *People*



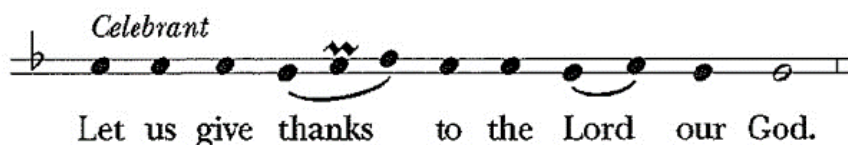
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*



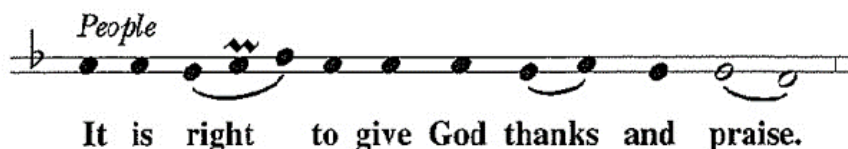
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you,
 holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.
 From before time you made ready the creation.
 Your Spirit moved over the deep
 and brought all things into being:
 sun, moon and stars; earth, wind and waters;
 and every living thing.
 You made us in your image, male and female,
 and taught us to walk in your ways.
 But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away.
 And yet, as a mother cares for her children,
 you would not forget us.
 Time and again you called us
 to live in the fullness of your love.
 And so this day we join with Saints and Angels
 in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity
 lifting our voices to you as we sing:

Sanctus | Holy, Holy, Holy

Assembly

Ho - ly Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho san - na in the high - est.
 Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the
 high - - est.

Jason Liles.

Celebrant Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.
To deliver us from the power of sin and death
and to reveal the riches of your grace,
you looked with favour upon Mary, your
willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son,
Jesus, the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us.
He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
healed the sick and proclaimed good news to the poor.
He yearned to draw all the world to himself
yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.
Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross
the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.
On the night before he died for us,
Jesus was at table with his friends.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying:

*Take, eat, this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
and gave it to them, saying:

*Take, drink; this cup is the new covenant in my blood,
given for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

Now, gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen,
who was and is and is to come,
we offer you our gifts of bread and wine,
and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.
Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth
and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us,
with all your saints from every tribe and language
and people and nation, to feast at the banquet of the world.
All this we ask through Jesus Christ.
By him and with him and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours,
Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant And now as our savior 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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the Bread and a period of silence is kept. The silence is broken with these words.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All Thanks be to God.

All are welcome to come forward into the circle to receive Communion. Please tell the bread minister if you prefer to receive a wafer free from gluten, soy, and dairy. Please tell the chalice bearer if you prefer non-alcoholic wine. If you prefer not to receive wine at all, cross your arms in front of your chest, and when the minister brings the chalice near you, they will simply say the words, "The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation." Finally, if you prefer to receive a blessing instead of Communion, cross your arms over your chest and the bread minister will ask God's blessing on you.

Communion Song | Jesus Remember Me 9:30am only

Ostinato Refrain



Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your King-dom.



Je-sus, re-mem-ber me when you come in-to your King-dom.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community, 1981. Tune: Jaques Berthier, 1923-1994. © 1981, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent.

Communion Song | She Comes with Mother's Kindnesses 9:30am only

1 She comes with moth - er's kind - ness - es and bends to touch and heal.
 2 She comes with work - er's faith - ful - ness to sow and reap and spin.
 3 She comes, a child of hum - ble - ness and trust is in her eyes,
 4 She comes with sis - ter's care - ful - ness, strong to sup - port and bind,

1 She gives her heart a - way in love for those who can - not feel.
 2 She bends her back in com - mon task to gath - er har - vest in.
 3 and through them all of life ap - pears in won - der - ing sur - prise.
 4 her voice will speak for jus - tice' sake, and peace is in her mind.

1 She comes with lov - er's ten - der - ness to an - swer love's ap - peal,
 2 She comes with art - ist's joy - ful - ness to make and shape and sing,
 3 She comes, a friend who walks the road, to share what each day brings.
 4 She comes with pow - er like the night and glo - ry like the day,

1 she gives her bod - y with her heart to make her pas - sion real.
 2 she gives her hands and from them grows a free and love - ly thing.
 3 In grief, her tears rain down with ours; in joy, her laugh - ter rings.
 4 her reign is in the heart of things, O come to us and stay.

Music: Kingsfold, English melody; adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). Words: © Kathy Galloway (v. 3b by M. R. Ritley).

After communion, we share in silent reflection and prayer, begun and ended by the ringing of a bell.

Our Prayer After Communion

We stand and pray.

All **God of compassion, through the life and model of Jesus, you have shown reconciliation to your people. May we follow him with willing hearts and serve one another in holy love; through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Celebrations *9:30am only*

After we share milestones, please join us in singing, "God Grant Them Many Years."

We are Sent into the World

Blessing of Easter

Celebrant May God who has redeemed us and made us sons and daughters through the resurrection of Jesus, bestow on you the deep riches of God's blessing.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from loss into newness of life, make you holy and sacred and united to Christ for ever.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant May God who has brought us out of bondage into true and everlasting freedom, bring you deeper into life.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant And now may the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah; and of Jesus born of our sister Mary; and of the Holy Spirit who broods over Creation like a Mother over her children; be upon us and remain with us always.

All **Amen.**

Closing Song | She Comes Sailing on the Wind 9:30am only

Refrain (Unison) C G/B F/A (G6) Em F

She comes sail - ing on the wind, her wings flash - ing in the

G F G7 Am Em F Dm Gsus C

sun; on a jour - ny just be - gun, she flies on.

G C G/B F/A G7 Em E7

And in the pas - sage of her flight, her song rings out through the

Am F Dm7 Em7 F G C *Fine*

night, full of laugh - ter, full of light, she flies on. (3 To a)

Em Am F G7 C (Dm C/E)

1 Si - lent wa - ters rock - ing on the morn - ing of our birth, like an
 2 Ma - ny were the dream - ers whose eyes were giv - en sight when the
 3 gen - tle girl in Gal - i - lee, a gen - tle breeze she came, a
 4 Fly - ing to the riv - er, she wait - ed cir - cling high a -

Continued

F (Dm) C/E F Gsus G

emp - ty cra - dle wait - ing to be filled. And
Spir - it filled their dreams with life and form. —
whis - per soft - ly call - ing in the dark, the
bove the child now grown so full of grace. As he

Em Am G F G7 C (Dm C/E)

from the heart of God the Spir - it moved up - on the earth, like a
Des - erts turned to gar - dens, bro - ken hearts found new de - light, and then
prom - ise of a child of peace whose reign would nev - er end, Ma - ry
rose up from the wa - ter, she swept down from the sky, and she

F C/E Dm C 1, 3 Gsus G

moth - er breath - ing life in - to her child. (To Verse 2)
down the a - ges still she flew
sang the Spir - it song with - in her heart. (To Verse 4)
car - ried him a - way in her em -

2, 4, 5 G D.S.

on. She comes
brace.

5 Long after the deep darkness that fell upon the world,
after dawn returned in flame of rising sun,
the Spirit touched the earth again, again her wings unfurled,
bringing life in wind and fire as she flew on. *Refrain*

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power
of the Spirit!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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Ascension

We saw his light break through the cloud of glory
Whilst we were rooted still in time and place
As earth became a part of Heaven's story
And heaven opened to his human face.
We saw him go and yet we were not parted
He took us with him to the heart of things
The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted
Is whole and Heaven-centred now, and sings,
Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness,
Sings through the clouds that veil him from our sight,
Whilst we our selves become his clouds of witness
And sing the waning darkness into light,
His light in us, and ours in him concealed,
Which all creation waits to see revealed.

— Malcolm Guite

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Welcome to Grace! If you are visiting, we hope you have felt welcomed. If you have questions or queries — however large or small — feel free to contact Liz Powell at lizpowell165@comcast.net.

TODAY | Conversations to Care for Creation: Bring your coffee to the living room right after the service. We will expand on our stories, inspired by Robin Wall Kimmerer's quote in our Earth Sunday service: *I choose joy over despair. Not because I have my head in the sand, but because joy is what the earth gives me daily and I must return the gift.*

Sunday programming for children during the 9:30 a.m. service in the Family Hall:

- Ages four and under are welcome in our beautiful, interactive nursery with adjoining playground under the supervision of trained staff.
- Children ages 3 or 4 through 12 begin with their families in the sanctuary for a children's moment with our priest, after which they go to their classrooms for rich and creative programming, and then return to the sanctuary for communion with their families.

Youth Gatherings | Youth in grades 6-12 may stay after the 9:30 a.m. service (or arrive at 10:30) and check out our brand-new youth room at the end of the Children & Families hallway on the left.

The Good Immigrant Book Group continues at 11:00 a.m on Thursdays, May 16, 23, 30. The book presents 26 powerful stories with various viewpoints on the controversial topic of immigration — and addresses the questions of who is welcome, why, and who will speak for them? All are welcome! For questions, and to RSVP, contact Florrie Munat or Kim Cockroft. Books and reading schedules are available in the Narthex for a suggested donation of \$16.

Conversations About Death | Tuesday, May 14 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. In this facilitated, informal, small group discussion, we'll explore our personal relationship with death. RSVP required. Sign up at www.gracehere.org/events, or contact Kim Cockroft (kim@gracehere.org).

You Are Invited to be a Grace Night Owl. Each member of the Night Owl team volunteers for a week at a time. We walk the exterior of the building, verify all the doors are locked and latched, and that all windows and the gate are closed and latched. The team members arrive after 9:00 p.m. or a bit later, after all the folks involved in a rental or other Grace activities have left. This takes about 15-20 minutes. Email or call Eric Matthews: (206) 718-2254. There is a link to sign up in our newsletter.

Outreach | May is for Maui: During the month of May, we will be collecting donations of men's T-shirts (preferably black, all sizes), Flip Flops (especially sizes 10, 11, 12), men's shorts, sizes 30 – 36 (fast drying if possible), large Band-Aids, antibiotic ointment (Neosporin), and towels. We will send them to **A Cup of Cold Water**, a community organization that provides donations to disaster survivors in Maui.

Knitting into the Mystery is a prayer shawl ministry. The shawls are knitted by wonderful, gracious people who choose the colors and patterns. The shawls bring comfort and prayers to whomever receives them. **More kind prayer shawl knitters are needed.** If you are interested, contact Beulah Downing: bdowning@seanet.com.

Home Groups at Grace | Looking to Connect with Others at Grace Church? Getting involved in a Home Group at Grace is one of the best ways to meet people, develop friendships, and discover more of what Grace has to offer you and your family. Over 200 people are involved in seven different Home Groups. They gather periodically for fellowship and fun, serve together on Sundays, and offer support to one another when needed. Do you want to meet some near neighbors? Many of our groups are geographically based. Do you want to meet other families with young children? Then our "Family Group" might be for you. If interested in learning more, contact Jeff Bassette (jeff.bassette@gmail.com), our Home Group Coordinator.

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