

Grace Episcopal Church

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2018 | 8 and 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Preacher | Kate Kinney

Music | Martin Cockroft

Tribe | Cherry

A bell rings. We listen to the longing in our hearts. We remain seated.

Gathering Song | Prayer of Peace

Text: Based on a Navajo prayer; David Haas | Music: David Haas



1. Peace	be - fore us,	peace	be - hind us,	peace
2. Love	be - fore us,	love	be - hind us,	love
3. Light	be - fore us,	light	be - hind us,	light
4. Christ	be - fore us,	Christ	be - hind us,	Christ
5. Al - le - lu - ia,		al - le - lu - ia,		al - le -
6. Peace	be - fore us,	peace	be - hind us,	peace



un - der our feet.	Peace	with - in us,	peace
un - der our feet.	Love	with - in us,	love
un - der our feet.	Light	with - in us,	light
un - der our feet.	Christ	with - in us,	Christ
lu - ia,	Al - le - lu - ia,		al - le -
un - der our feet.	Peace	with - in us,	peace



o - ver us,	let all a - round us	be	peace.
o - ver us,	let all a - round us	be	love.
o - ver us,	let all a - round us	be	light.
o - ver us,	let all a - round us	be	Christ.
lu - ia,	al - le - lu - ia.		
o - ver us,	let all a - round us	be	peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

After the gathering song, we stand and sing.

Cantor 
Al-le - lu - ia Al-le - lu - ia Al-le - lu - ia..

People 
Al-le - lu - ia Al-le - lu - ia Al-le - lu - ia..

The Celebrant proclaims

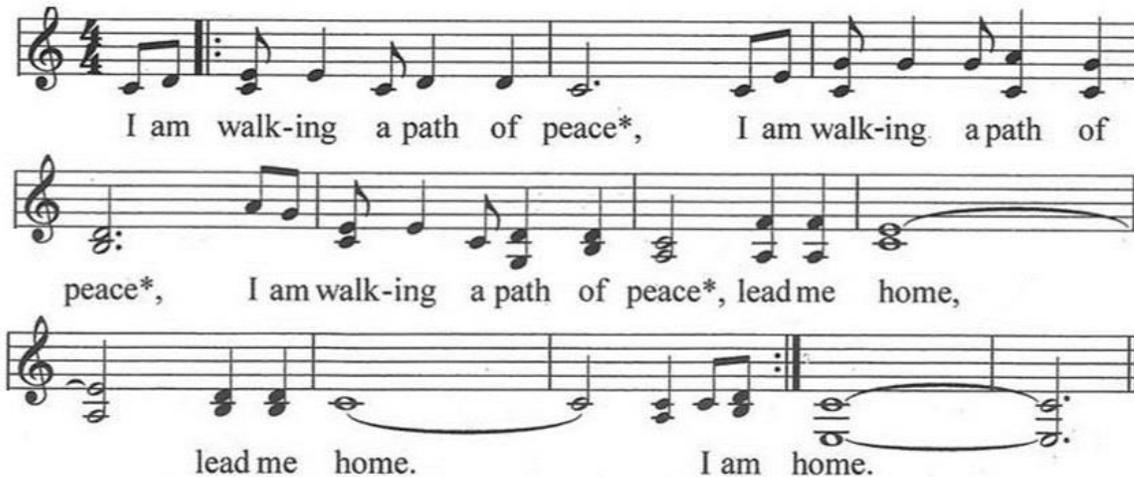
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

We remain standing and sing together

Opening Song | I Am Walking a Path of Peace

by Janet Bauman Tissandier



I am walk-ing a path of peace*, I am walk-ing a path of
peace*, I am walk-ing a path of peace*, lead me home,
lead me home. I am home.

* I am walking a path of love ...,
I am walking a path of grace
I am walking a path of hope...,
I am walking a path of joy...,
I am walking a path with heart...

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Breathe your peace on us, God of hope. When we are afraid or uncertain, draw near to us and open us into joy. Send us from this place extending the forgiveness that you share.

Amen.

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | 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."

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm | 150

We stand and say the Psalm.

O praise God in the holy place
praise our God in the mighty heavens.

**Praise the Lord for many acts of power
praise our God for greatness beyond measure.**

Praise the Lord with the sound of the trumpet
praise our God upon the lute and harp.

**Praise the Lord with timbrels and dancing
praise our God upon the strings and pipe.**

Praise the Lord with clash of cymbals
praise our God upon resounding cymbals.

**Let everything that has breath praise the Lord
O praise the Lord.**

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | 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.

After the reading, the Reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn | The Kingdom of God

The Taizé Community



The king - dom of God is jus - tice and peace and joy in the Ho - ly
Spir - it. Come, Lord, and o - pen in us the gates of your king - dom. The

The Celebrant then introduces the Gospel by saying

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

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

The Gospel | John 20:19-31

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.

After the Gospel the Celebrant will say

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

OUR RESPONSE TO THE STORY

The Homily

Affirmation of Faith

We stand and say

**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.**

We gather in prayer.

The Prayers of the People

During the season of Easter, all members of our community are invited to share in voicing our prayers. Please add your prayers aloud as you desire.

Words: Julian of Norwich | Music: Cynthia Bourgeault

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the lyrics: "All shall be well and all shall be well and". The second staff contains the lyrics: "all man-ner of things_ shall be well be well." The music consists of simple chords and single notes, with some rests.

Silence

Leader Holy One, we thank you for the surprise of your life and power of your love.
We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of life,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader I ask your prayers for peace.
We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of life,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader I ask your prayers for the people of God in Sri Lanka and around the world.
We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of life,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We give thanks for the beauty of the earth and for the relationships that sustain our lives. I invite your prayers of thanksgiving.
We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of life,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader I ask your prayers for the concerns of this congregation, especially those on our prayer list.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of life,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader I ask your prayers for those who are hungry, in prison, sick, or afraid.
We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of life,
People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We give thanks for those in every generation in whom we have known the love of God.

We pause for prayers to be spoken quietly or aloud.

Leader God of life,
People **hear our prayer.**

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All shall be well and all shall be well and
all man-ner of things_ shall be well be well.

The Peace

We conclude these prayers with the sharing of God's peace.

Leader Now the peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

After the peace, we are seated.

Offertory Song | I'm Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table

Words & Music: Unknown. Public Domain

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days, hallelujah

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table

Sit at the welcome table one of these days, one of these days

I'm gonna feast on milk and honey

Oh yes, I'm gonna feast on milk and honey one of these days, hallelujah

I'm gonna feast on milk and honey

Feast on milk and honey one of these days, one of these days

All God's children gonna sit together

Yes, all God's children gonna sit together one of these days, hallelujah

All God's children gonna sit together

All God's children gonna sit together, one of these days, one of these days

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table

Yes, I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days, hallelujah

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table

Sit at the welcome table one of these days, one of these days

Sit at the welcome table one of these days, one of these days

Yes, gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days, one of these days

THE CELEBRATION OF OUR SACRED MEAL

We stand as the table is set with the gifts of our hearts and hands.

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 God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

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 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, — God — of power and might

Heav - en and earth — are filled with Your glo - ry. Ho -

-san - na, 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. Ho - san - na, ho - san -

-na in the high -

-est. —

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 favor 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 them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them and said: "Drink this, all of you. And whenever you drink it, 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.**

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

We are now invited to share the gifts of Communion.

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please know that at Grace Church all are invited to receive the bread and wine. This sacrament is God's free gift. Assist the Chalice Bearers by tipping the cup from the base. Please tell your server if you prefer a wafer that is free from gluten, soy, and dairy.

Music During Communion | Spirit Come Dispel Our Sadness

Text: Paul Gerhardt; tr. John C. Jacobi | Music: Geistliche Volkslieder

Instrumental

Eat This Bread

Text: John 6; adapt. By Robert J. Batastini and the Taizé Community | Music: Jacques Berthier



Eat this bread, drink this wine come to me and ne - ver be hun - gry.



Eat this bread, drink this wine trust in me and you will not thirst.

See, I Am Near

The Taizé Community



See, I am near, says the Lord. See, I make all things new.



You Make Beautiful Things

by Lisa Gungor & Michael Gungor

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

You make me new,
You are making me new
You make me new,
You are making me new

*Following Communion we share silence with one another.
The quiet will last a few minutes and will begin and end with a bell.*

Song After Communion | Give Peace a Chance

by John Lennon

All we are saying is give peace a chance ...

GOING OUT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Our Prayer after Communion

We stand and say together

**Eternal God,
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.**

The Blessing

The Celebrant offers the blessing of Easter.

May you rest in the strength of God's peace. May you know the joy of Christ's forgiveness, and go from this place in the power of God's Spirit. The blessing of God, who was and is and is to come, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Song | Rise

Words & Music by Eddie Vedder | Additional lyrics by Scott Lawrence

**Such is the way of the world, can never know.
Just where to put all your faith, and how will it grow.
Gonna rise up, burning black holes in dark memories.
Gonna rise up, turning mistakes into gold.**

**Such is the passage of time, too fast to fold.
Suddenly swallowed by signs, lo and behold.
Gonna rise up and find my direction magnetically.
Gonna rise up and throw down my ace in the hole.**

**Such are the stories we bring, telling the toll.
Laughter and tears fill the sky, echo below.
Gonna rise up and stand in the light that I cannot see.
Gonna rise up and live all the stories I know.**

**Such are the songs that we sing, fears to unfold.
Music, like water, wells up, unbending our soul.
Gonna rise up and fly from the tomb that's been holding me.
Gonna rise up and sing myself a new home.**

Birthday and Anniversaries

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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

Briefly It Enters, and Briefly Speaks

I am the blossom pressed in a book,
found again after two hundred years. . . .

I am the maker, the lover, and the keeper. . . .

When the young girl who starves
sits down to a table
she will sit beside me. . . .

I am food on the prisoner's plate. . . .

I am water rushing to the wellhead,
filling the pitcher until it spills. . . .

I am the patient gardener
of the dry and weedy garden. . . .

I am the stone step,
the latch, and the working hinge. . . .

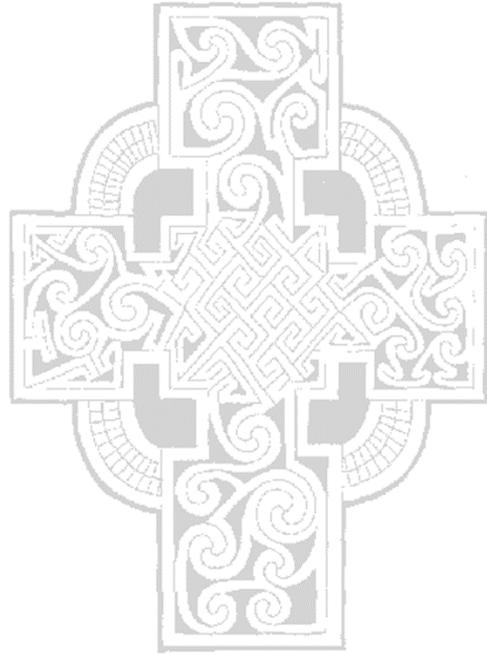
I am the heart contracted by joy. . . .
the longest hair, white
before the rest. . . .

I am there in the basket of fruit
presented to the widow. . . .

I am the musk rose opening
unattended, the fern on the boggy summit. . . .

I am the one whose love
overcomes you, already with you
when you think to call my name. . . .

~ Jane Kenyon from *Collected Poems*.



Hunger

Father Michael sits in his wheelchair
His lopsided smile, his rosary over his ears,
over his nose, the crucifix hanging against his
cheek,

the crosspiece at the corner of his mouth,
sometimes between his lips,
sometimes he sucks.

The nurse, a nun, lifts the beads
off his face, smooths them against his chest,
whispers *Don't let him do that*
to me sitting with my clipboard.

We wait for her footsteps to fade.
With his good hand and eyes closed, he loops
his rosary back onto his face,
taps his cheek to feel the cross,
turns his mouth to it.

He opens his eyes, delighted
and surprised to see me, a stranger,
puts his hand to my forehead,
assuming I've come to ask for a blessing.

~ Michele Bombardier

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