



The Grace Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018 | 8 and 9:30am



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Tribe | Cedar

A bell rings. We listen to the longing of our hearts.

Gathering Song | Peace Like a River

G Am⁷

1. I've got peace like a ri-ver I've got peace like a ri-ver I've got peace like a

6
ri-ver in my soul, I've got peace like a ri-ver I've got peace like a

12
ri-ver I've got peace like a ri-ver in my soul.

2. I've got joy like a fountain

3. I've got love like an ocean

Those mornings when you wake up burdened,
already thinking Oh why bother,
start here:

thank God for one thing.

One person whom you love will do,
though even a remarkable coincidence is
acceptable.

You don't even need to go into peaches,
the color blue, or migratory birds,
or a child's laugh you heard the other day,
let alone the angelic speech of nerve synapses
or the inscrutable ballet of spiral galaxies,
or God's outlandish love for you.

Just one thing to give thanks for.

Then resolve to live the day
in adequate gratitude for that one thing,

and begin.

—Steve Garnaas-Holmes

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A Call to Worship

After the gathering song, the Celebrant invites us to stand and says

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

We remain standing and sing together.

Opening Hymn | Prayer of Peace



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.

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The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, thank you for making us your children now. Guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may see you as you are. Fill us with your peace and use us, we pray, for the welfare of your people. **Amen.**

WE TELL THE STORY

We sit for the reading.

The First Reading | Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

We stand and say the Psalm responsively.

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?”**

Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

**Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

Offer the appointed sacrifices
and put your trust in the Lord.

**Many are saying,
“Oh, that we might see better times!”
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.**

You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

**I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.**

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | 1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

After the reading, the Reader will say
The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn | Deep Peace

By Chris Smellow



Deep peace of the run-ning wave to you; Deep peace of the run-ning wave to you;
Deep peace of the flow-ing air to you; Deep peace of the flow-ing air to you;
Deep peace of the qui-et earth to you; Deep peace of the qui-et earth to you;
Deep peace of the shin-ing stars to you; Deep peace of the shin-ing stars to you;



Deep peace of the run-ning wave to you; Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.
Deep peace of the flow-ing air to you; Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.
Deep peace of the qui-et earth to you; Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.
Deep peace of the shin-ing stars to you; Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you.

The Celebrant then introduces the Gospel by saying

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

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

The Gospel | Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence. Then he said to them, “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.

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

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 silently in prayer.

The Prayers of the People

Opening

Leader “While the disciples were telling how they had seen Jesus risen from the dead, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost.”
We give thanks for Jesus’ resurrection and for transformation in our lives.

We gather silently in prayer with deepened breath and intention.

Prayer Requests

Leader “Tremble, but do not despair. Attend to your heart, be calm through the night.”
We offer prayers for those on our prayer list and those whom we carry in our hearts.

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

Leader Risen Christ, you are present.

All Hear our prayer

Our Community, Nation, and the World

Leader “Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed.”
Strengthen those who lead and those who follow. Guide us all to work for justice, to cultivate harmony and peace with one another and with the creation.

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

Leader Risen Christ, you are present.

All Hear our prayer

All People

Leader "God's love is forever."

We pray for all nations of the world, and for all who are vulnerable. Give us courage to witness to truth, and to use our gifts in the service of justice and peace.

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

Leader Risen Christ, you are present.

All Hear our prayer

Gratitude

Leader "I sleep secure at night, you keep me in your care."

We give thanks for your gifts of grace. Knit us together by your spirit and fill us with patience and love.

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

Leader Risen Christ, you are present.

All Hear our prayer

Closing

Leader "While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence."

In this season of rebirth and new life, give thanks for the community and communion that we share.

The Peace

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

Celebrant Having renewed our hope in the resurrection, we turn to one another with outstretched arms, saying: the peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

After the Peace, we gather again with this song

Offertory | O Happy Day

(Oh happy day!) **Oh happy day!** (Oh happy day!) **Oh happy day!**

(When Jesus washed), **(When Jesus washed),**

(When Jesus washed), **(When Jesus washed),**

(When Jesus washed), **(When Jesus washed),**

He washed my sins away.

Oh happy day! Oh happy day!

(Oh happy day!) **Oh happy day!** (Oh happy day!) **Oh happy day!**

(When Jesus washed), **(When Jesus washed),**

(When Jesus washed), **(When Jesus washed),**

(When Jesus washed), **(When Jesus washed),**

He washed my sins away.

Oh happy day! Oh happy day!

He taught me how ___to watch, fight and pray,

Fight and pray!

And live rejoicing every day. Everyday!

(Oh happy day!) **Oh happy day!** (Oh happy day!) **Oh happy day!**

(When Jesus washed), **(When Jesus washed),**

(When Jesus washed), **(When Jesus washed),**

(When Jesus washed), **(When Jesus washed),**

He washed my sins away.

Oh happy day! Oh happy day! Oh happy day!

OH HAPPY DAY!

THE CELEBRATION OF OUR SACRED MEAL

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

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.**

Then, facing the Table, 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. My heart, my heart a - dores you!
San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra!

My heart is glad to say the words you are ho - ly, Lord!
Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res, Se - ñor!

(Repeat Vs 1)

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,

All

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 the bread and wine is for all who seek it. 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 is offered as we receive the bread and cup.

Instrumental Music During Communion

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 to Every Heart

By Ann Strickland

Give peace to ev-ery heart, give peace to ev-ery heart. Give peace. Give peace.

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Give peace to ev-ery heart, give peace to ev-ery heart. Give peace. Give peace—

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time. The first staff contains the first line of the song, and the second staff, starting with a measure rest labeled '5', contains the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

GOING OUT INTO GOD'S WORLD

Our Prayer after Communion

After the silence, 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.

Now may the God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, make you perfect in every good work to do God's will. And the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn | I am Walking a Path of Peace

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of staves. The first system is in 4/4 time and contains the lyrics: "I am walk-ing a path of peace*, I am walk-ing a path of". The second system continues with "peace*, I am walk-ing a path of peace*, lead me home,". The third system concludes with "lead me home. I am home." and ends with a double bar line. The piano accompaniment is written in the bass clef and provides harmonic support for the vocal line.

* additional verses: "of love," "of grace,"

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Birthday and Anniversaries

Dismissal

Celebrant Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Pied Beauty

By Gerard Manley Hopkins

Glory be to God for dappled things –
For skies of couple-colour as a brinded cow;
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;
Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;
Landscape plotted and pieced – fold, fallow, and plough;
And áll trádes, their gear and tackle and trim.

All things counter, original, spare, strange;
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:
Praise him.

The Beautiful Changes

By Richard Wilbur

One wading a Fall meadow finds on all sides
The Queen Anne's Lace lying like lilies
On water; it glides
So from the walker, it turns
Dry grass to a lake, as the slightest shade of you
Valleys my mind in fabulous blue Lucernes.

The beautiful changes as a forest is changed
By a chameleon's tuning his skin to it;
As a mantis, arranged
On a green leaf, grows
Into it, makes the leaf leafier, and proves
Any greenness is deeper than anyone knows.

Your hands hold roses always in a way that says
They are not only yours; the beautiful changes
In such kind ways,
Wishing ever to sunder
Things and things' selves for a second finding, to lose
For a moment all that it touches back to wonder.

blessing the boats

By Lucille Clifton

(at St. Mary's)

may the tide
that is entering even now
the lip of our understanding
carry you out
beyond the face of fear
may you kiss
the wind then turn from it
certain that it will
love your back may you
open your eyes to water
water waving forever
and may you in your innocence
sail through this to that

Thank you to today's tribe: Alder.