



Grace Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 29, 2018 | 8 and 9:30am

Ministers | All of Us

Rector | Wren Blessing

Preacher & Presider | Jim Phinney

Music & Arts | Ann Strickland

Tribe | Maple

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

Gathering Song | Take O Take

D Em⁷ A D G A(sus⁴) A

Take O take me as I am Sum - mon out what I shall be

5 G D Em D/F# A(sus⁴) A

Set your seal u - pon my heart and live in me.



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 | Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

The musical score is written for piano and voice in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass clef staff. Chord symbols are placed above the treble staff of each system. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

System 1: Chords: D, A/C#, Bm, D/A, G, D, A. Lyrics: Seek ye first the king-dom of God and its right eous ness. Ask and it shall be giv - en un-to you, Seek and ye shall find.

System 2: Chords: D, A/C#, Bm, D/A, G, D, A, D. Lyrics: And all these things shall be add-ed un-to you Al - le - lu Al-le lu - ia. knock and the door shall be o-pened up to you.

System 3: Chords: D, A/C#, Bm, D/A, G, D, A. Lyrics: Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia.

System 4: Chords: D, A/C#, Bm, D/A, G, D, A, D. Lyrics: Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - Al - le - lu - ia.

The Collect

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

God of life, we are rooted and grounded in you. In your perfect love, cast out our fear. Fill us with your spirit and bear within us fruit that will last. **Amen.**

WE TELL THE STORY

We are seated for the reading.

The First Reading | Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.” The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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 | 22:24-30

My praise is of him in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:
"May your heart live for ever!"**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord,
and all the families of the nations bow before him.

**For kingship belongs to the Lord;
he rules over the nations.**

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

**My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him;
they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.**

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn
the saving deeds that he has done.

We are seated for the second reading.

The Second Reading | I John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

After the reading, the reader will say

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn | Much Abides

By Ann Strickland. Based on a poem by Alfred Lord Tennyson.

Freely

3

5

3

Though much is tak-en much a - bides. There we are, there we are. Though much is
tak - en, much a - bides. There we are, there we are.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It features two staves of music. The first staff begins with a 'Freely' marking and contains a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'Though much is tak-en much a - bides. There we are, there we are. Though much is'. The second staff starts with a '5' marking and continues the lyrics: 'tak - en, much a - bides. There we are, there we are.' The piece concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

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 “Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches.”
We celebrate Jesus’ resurrection and the chance for transformation in our lives.

We gather silently in prayer with deepened breath and intention.

Prayer Requests

Leader “By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us his Spirit.
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 “The commandment we have is that those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.”
Strengthen those who lead and those who follow. Guide us all to work for justice, cultivate harmony, seek peace with one another, and preserve the environment.

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

Leader Risen Christ, you are present.

All Hear our prayer

Children

Leader "Since God loves us so much, we also ought to love one another."
We pray for every child and all who need protection. Bring them into their fullest being and transform our world through their gifts.

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

Leader Risen Christ, you are present.

All Hear our prayer

Gratitude For Our Continuing Journey

Leader "The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek God shall praise: "May your heart live forever!"
We give thanks for gifts of your 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 "If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."
In the season of rebirth and new life, may we hold each other tenderly.

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 with this song

Offertory | Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom



Piano introduction in 3/4 time, featuring a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

Descant



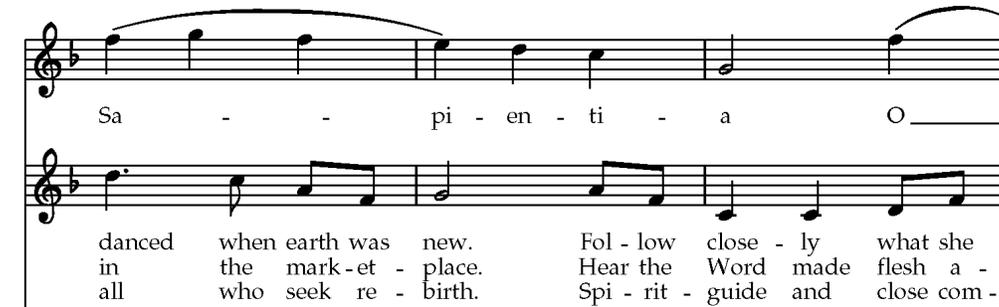
Vocal descant in 3/4 time, featuring a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

3 O — vir — tus

- 1 Come and seek the ways of Wis - dom, she who
- 2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis - dom, cry - ing
- 3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture



Piano accompaniment for the offertory, featuring a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.



Vocal line for the offertory, featuring a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

Sa - - pi - en - ti - a O —

danced when earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she
in the mark - et - place. Hear the Word made flesh a -
all who seek re - birth. Spi - rit - guide and close com -



Piano accompaniment for the offertory, featuring a melody in the right hand and a bass line in the left hand.

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vir - tus Sa - pi - en - ti - a

teach - es, for her words are right and true. Wis - dom
 mong us, full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the
 pan - ion, bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us

O Sa - pi - en - ti - a

clears the path of jus-tice, show-ing us what love must do.
 word takes root and rip-ens, peace and right - eous-ness em - brace.
 to be - come your peo-ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

Final Ending

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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.

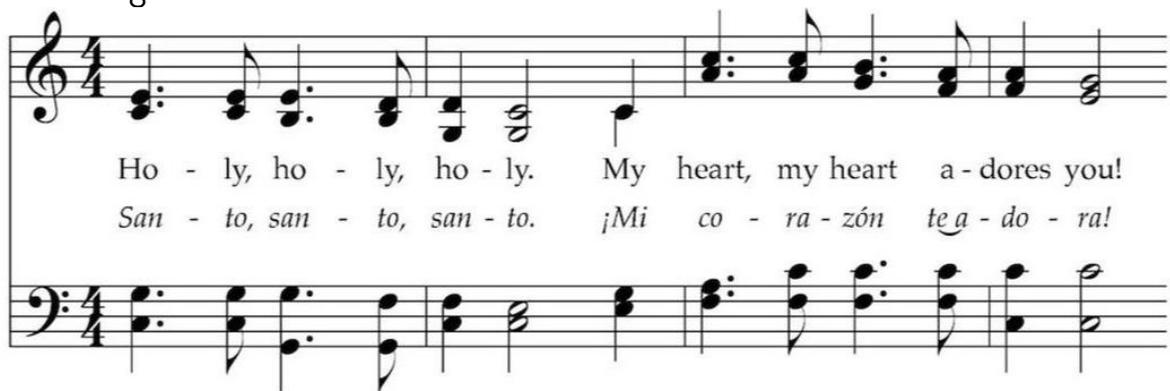
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

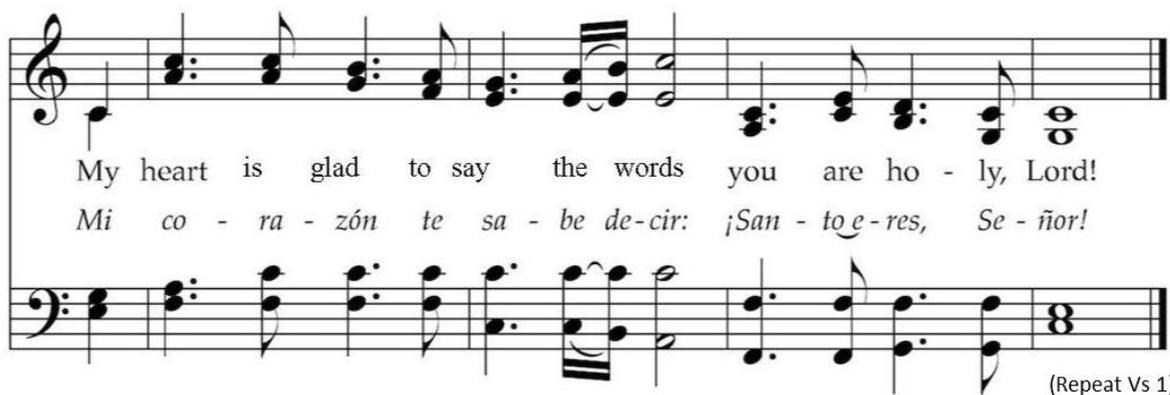
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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 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 is offered as we receive the bread and cup.

Music During Communion | Come Thou Fount



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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

We remain seated and sing together.

Song After Communion | Ubi Caritas

U - bi ca - ri - tas et a - mor,
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,

u - bi ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

The musical score is written for piano in 2/4 time, featuring a treble and bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The first system includes a fermata over the word 'mor,' in the treble staff and a dashed circle around the notes for 'stead - fast' in both staves. The second system includes a fermata over 'est.' in the treble staff and a circled triplet of notes in the bass staff.

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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.**

Birthday and Anniversaries

Announcements

Dismissal

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

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

Thank you to today's tribe: Maple.

Schedule of Weekly Life @ Grace

Holy Eucharist Services

Sundays 8am & 9:30am

Children @ Grace

September—June

Godly Play, Storytellers & Godly Journey

Valerie Reinke | Valerie@gracehere.org

Tuesday Prayer

12pm | Centering Prayer

Wednesday Mornings

10:30am | Prayer Service

11am | Bible Study

September through May:

Youth & Children's Programs

Rite 13 & Alive & Well

Thursdays Sept 21 — May 17 | 5:30 & 7:30

(Jrs & Srs only | @ Cups | 1st Thursdays)

Contact Julie Davis | YouthGroup@gracehere.org

Kids Sing

Thursdays Sept 21 — May 17 | 4:30pm

(No class 1st Thursday of each month)

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