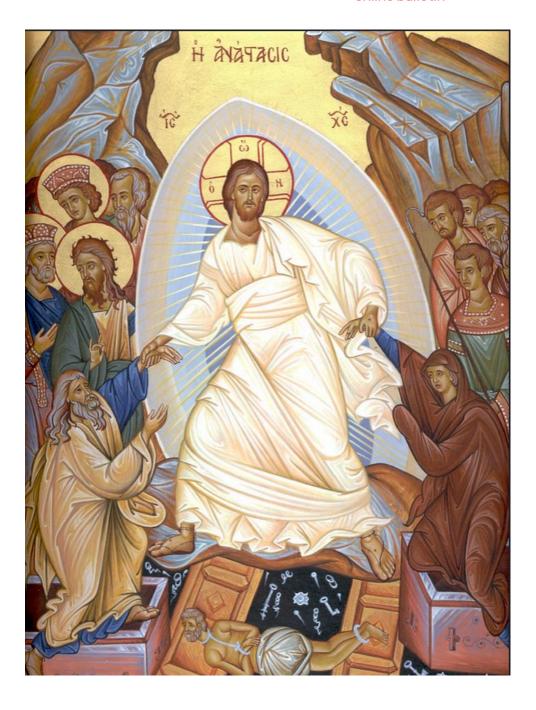


The Third Sunday of Easter April 14, 2024

online bulletin



YOU ARE WELCOME!

Grace Episcopal Church is a place for all – the curious, the hurting, the imperfect, and the joyful. We gather as a lively and visible group of Christians dedicated to social justice and positive change in Chicago's South Loop neighborhood and beyond.

Whoever you are, whatever you bring to God's table, you are in the right place this morning. Welcome!

Praying with Grace

- Masks are optional at Grace and are always welcome.
- A gender-neutral restroom is located to the left of the altar along the east windows.
- Customary times to stand or sit are indicated by the italicized instructions throughout the service. It's perfectly fine to remain seated as you're comfortable.
- Everyone, without exception, is invited to receive communion. All the communion bread is gluten free.
 To receive a blessing; keep your hands folded across your chest.

Connecting with Grace

- Find Grace online at gracechicago.org and sign up for our weekly e-newsletter
- Contact the clergy and staff at info@gracechicago.org
- Email your prayer requests to prayers@gracechicago.org
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Prelude

Improvisation on "Now the Green Blade Rises"

Please stand as the bells rings



The Hymnal 1982 #492

The presider welcomes the congregation.

The Word of God

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson please be seated

the readings are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible (NRSV), one of 14 Bible translations authorized by the Episcopal Church and many Christian denominations for use in worship

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

¹²Peter 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."

Acts 3:12-19

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4 the psalm is said antiphonally by whole verse

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.

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

³Know 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.

6Many are saying,

"Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

- ⁷You 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.

The Second Lesson

A reading from the first letter of John.

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.

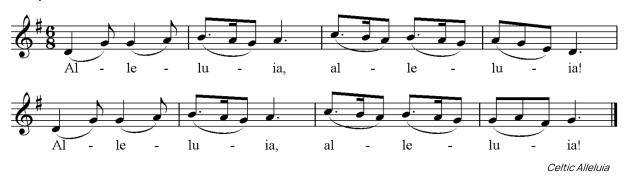
⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

1 John 3:1-7

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation sing three times



The Gospel

You are invited to cross yourself at the + below.

- +The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to you, O Christ.
- ³⁶²Jesus stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁶He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁶Look 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." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and 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." 45Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46 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. a You are witnesses of these things."

Luke 24:36b-48

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon silence follows the sermon beginning and ending with a bell

The Nicene Creed all stand

From Enriching Our Worship.

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary

and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the +resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers

From Intercessions for the Christian People, adapted

Alleluia! What was dead shall live; what was dark shall shine; what was forgotten shall be remembered, for Christ is risen and walks among us. Let us confidently bring before God the needs of all our world.

God of life, in gratitude and great joy we laud you for the gifts of Christ's resurrection. Give us hope, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed!

In this season which brings joy to all Christians, may we commit ourselves to work toward the unity of the church, that Christ's body may be one, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed!

Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those whose needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God; for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed!

For all who need the gift of Easter, for all who journey from illness to health, from despair to hope, from grief to consolation, from loneliness to love, especially:

The people of the Holy Land & all those in conflict zones

Janet (Harper)

Larry (Kim Callis' uncle)

Richard (Dan Wilson's friend)

Mary (Pastor Amity's aunt)

Arthur (Craig Bivins' uncle)

Nathaniel (Anderson) Brody (grandson of Mary Lou Wade)

Bernard & Brenda (Monique Patterson's family) Cynthia (Marvin Foltz's wife)

that death may have no more power over us, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

May we be one in faith with all who have died in Christ, for our life is hid with Christ in God; for Christ is risen: Christ is risen indeed.

May we rejoice with those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, and all the blessings of this life, especially:

The Grace Vestry (meeting tomorrow night)

For all those celebrating Passover (22-30)

Our Straut Legacy Fund Grantees

Grace's faith partners (Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Onnuri Church & Hope's Table Chicago)

for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

I invite your prayers and petitions.

People may add their own prayers.

Online worshippers are invited to unmute and offer their prayers first.

Those in the sanctuary are invited to come to the microphone.

God of life, we thank you for the mystery planted in us, the paradox of life from death and community from scattered disciples. We praise you for the dying which saves us from death and for the rising which brings us life. We pray, as we live, through Jesus the risen one, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**.

The Peace

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

The people greet one another.

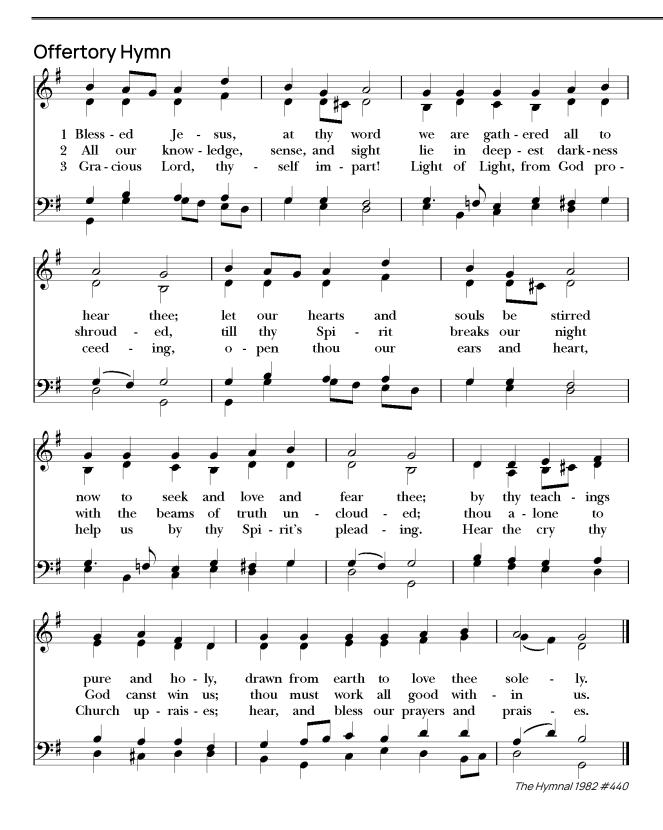
Announcements

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Giving to Grace

You can give online to Grace during worship (or anytime) using your phone; simply scan the QR code and the church's online donation provider VANCO will appear in your browser. Thank you for supporting Grace's ministries! On the first Sunday of each month, the cash offering is designated for Grace Church's Discretionary Fund.





The Table of God

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 1

God be with you.

And also with you.

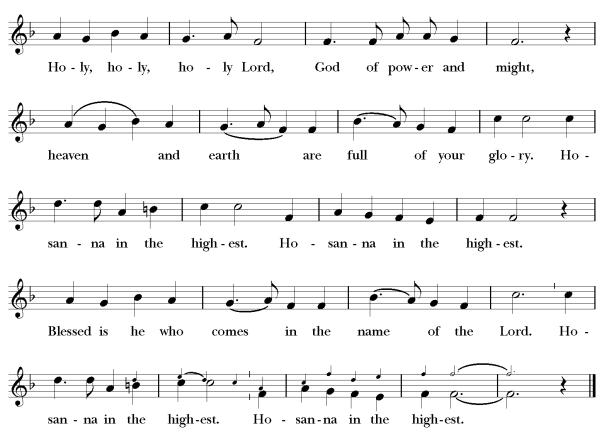
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is truly right, and good and joyful to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



The Hymnal 1982 #S125

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the +Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread



God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.

Instrumental Interlude

The invitation to Communion comes from Jesus himself; everyone, without exception, is welcome to receive. Those at home may unwrap their host and consume it. If you do not have communion at home, you are invited to pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion below.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, dear Jesus, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, I offer you my praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament and that you are able, even when received by faith alone, to heal, enrich, and sanctify me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you and you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.



Hymn continues on next page.



Sending Forth

At the + below, you are invited to cross yourself.

Let us pray.

God of abundance,

you have fed us

with the bread of life and cup of salvation;

you have united us

with Christ and one another;

and you have made us one

with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth

in the power of your Spirit,

that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world

and continue for ever

in the +risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

May Christ, who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future, fill you with new life; and the blessing of God Almighty, +Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen**.





The Hymnal 1982 #193

Dismissal

Christ is risen. Go in peace. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude Improvisation on "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

Please remain online for conversation.

TODAY'S MINISTERS

Presider & Preacher **Guest Musician** Online Host Deacon **Amity Carrubba** Andrea Billhardt Sally Kidwell Janet Harper

Servers **Bread Baker** Kim Callis

Kim Callis (lead), Wynette Edwards, Tom Haverly, Chris Wenderoth

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Announcements

Welcome to Sally Kidwell

Grace welcomes Sally Kidwell back as our quest musician as Minister of Music Marilyn Haverly is on vacation today. Sally has performed in genres ranging from piano bar to local and regional musical theater to classical concerts. She has composed and recorded 4 CD's of ambient piano music and served as senior organist at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbus, OH until retiring in 2009. Sally moved to Chicagoland in 2013 and sings in the choir at Grace Episcopal in Oak Park when not playing for other congregations in the area.

Grace Hospitality Highlight

Grace is hosting a town hall meeting with Cook County District Commissioner Bill Lowry and the Near South Planning Board this Tuesday for businesses and organizations to discuss funds and additional resources that are available within our 3rd Cook County District Boundary for capital planning, facilities and contract compliance and procurement.

Volunteer with Hope's Table Chicago This Saturday

Help serve breakfast from 7-10 am to our hungry South Loop neighbors on Saturday, April 20 with our faith partner Hope's Table Chicago. Meals are served on Saturday mornings in the community space on Grace's first floor. No experience required, just a willingness to serve! A sign-up sheet is on the Welcome table, or email Pastor Amity.

2024 Straut Legacy Fund Grantees Announced

On Monday of Holy Week, the Straut Legacy Fund Committee reviewed applications and awarded \$12,000 in grants to three organizations in the Chicagoland area. The Straut Legacy Fund comes from the Straut Trust, which was established by Grace member Elizabeth Straut in 1898. Grace has received disbursements from the Straut Trust for decades. In 2022, the parish decided to use one of the 13 fund disbursements it receives each year for grants to nonprofits in the South Loop and surrounding neighborhoods. The 2024 Legacy Fund grant recipients are:

> Lawndale Community Development Corporation Magdalene House Chicago

Taller de Jose

Thank you to the Service & Advocacy Committee members for their work in awarding the Straut Legacy Fund grants-Deacon Andrea Billhardt, Doreen Baker, Wynette Edwards, Paula Morrow, Marilynn Rochon, and Mary Beth Weigel.

CAT Survey Results Are In! Presentation & Reports Now Available

Thank you to everyone who completed The Church Assessment Tool (CAT) survey in January and February! The results are in and are very interesting. The Vestry will review and discuss the results at their meeting tomorrow. An Adult Forum will be offered soon to discuss the results. In the meantime, you can:

- Read the one-page Summary (copies available on the Welcome Table and linked in the e-news)
- Read the Executive Summary (copies available on the Welcome Table and linked in the e-news)
- Read Grace's full CAT Survey results (linked in the e-news)
- Watch the 2 hour presentation (linked in the e-news)

The top three future priorities identified by those who completed the survey are:

Outreach: Expand outreach ministries that provide direct services to those living on the margins of society (i.e. homeless, immigrant, transient persons).

Relationships: Create more opportunities for people to form meaningful relationships (for example, small groups, nurtured friendships, shared meals, etc.).

Outreach: Work to renew and revitalize the community around the church by building coalitions with partners that share this vision and commitment.

Easter Adult Forum Series Begins Today

Throughout the season of Easter, we read from the Acts of the Apostles as our first lesson each Sunday. This New Testament book tells of the founding of the Christian Church and the spread of its message to the Roman Empire. Inspired by Acts of the Apostles, Grace members are invited to tell their stories of life and faith during our Adult Forums throughout the Easter season. Using *The Moth* format, stories must be true, told without notes, and up to 5 minutes long. Are you ready to share a story from your life?

Easter Thank You from Pastor Amity

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you... Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

I offer many thanks to the many people who created a beautiful and meaningful Holy Week and Easter at Grace this year!

Thanks to Kevin, Tom, and Chris for their dramatic Passion reading on Palm Sunday; to Nathan, Mary Beth, Emma, and Kim for serving on Maundy Thursday; to Nathan, Doris, Yocelin, David, J, and Kevin (guest soloist) for serving on Good Friday; to Marilynn, Doreen, Andrea, Doris, and Cornell for cleaning and decorating on Saturday morning; and to Melissa, Kevin, Emma, Doreen, Sara, and Samantha for serving on Easter Sunday.

An extra special thanks to Kim for baking our Communion bread, and for catering Maundy Thursday, and coordinating our Easter brunch!

Gratitude also for the Grace staff members who worked behind the scenes (and in front) to make the week go well: Sara, Darrial, Marilyn, and Deacon Andrea!

There are some I am forgetting, please know I am grateful for your contributions as well.

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you... Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



Give to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem

As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ, consider supporting the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem's Eastertide Appeal. The diocese includes Episcopal churches in Palestine, Israel, Jordan, and Lebanon as well as schools, hospitals, and centers for children with disabilities. Your gift this Easter will support where the need is greatest. Give today at afedj.org.



Thank You to Our Easter Flower Donors

Anne Brinkopf In memory of the Brinkopf and Campbell Families

Doren Baker In memory of Pearl Kondla

Amity Carrubba & J Burger In thanksgiving for our family and the Grace community

Jim & Wynette Edwards In thanksgiving

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Ruth Wenderoth, & Ellen Wenderoth

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RSVP: chicagocirclesinging. com