



Grace  
Episcopal  
Church

# The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

*online bulletin*



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# 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!

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## 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](http://gracechicago.org) and sign up for our weekly e-newsletter
- Contact the clergy and staff at [info@gracechicago.org](mailto:info@gracechicago.org)
- Email your prayer requests to [prayers@gracechicago.org](mailto:prayers@gracechicago.org)
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## Grace Leadership

### Vestry

2025 Nolan Cooper (Treasurer), Emma Koch (Clerk) and Wendy Manning (Co-Warden)

2026 Melissa Moore and Ted Otto (Co-Warden)

2027 Kevin Malone and Tim Paprocki

### Clergy

The Rev. Amity Carrubba, Rector

The Rev. Andrea Billhardt, Deacon

### Staff

Marilyn Haverly, Minister of Music

Darrial Brown, Sexton

Sara Filipiak, Parish Administrator

### Committees

**Building:** Tim Paprocki, Ted Otto, Kate Eakin, J Burger, Craig Bivins

**Communications:** Gail Purkey, Wendy Manning

**Liturgy:** Melissa Moore, Emma Koch, Kim Callis, Andrea Billhardt, Kevin Malone, Marilyn Haverly

**Service & Advocacy:** Marilynn Rochon, Andrea Billhardt, Doreen Baker, Wynette Edwards, Mary Beth Weigel, Paula Morrow

*Cover artwork: The Anastasis (The Harrowing of Hell) Icon*

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**Prelude**     *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*, arr. P. Johnston

*Please stand as the bells rings*

**Opening Hymn**     *sing verses 1-3 and 5*

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
2 Christ is - a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 Not throned a - bove, re - mote - ly high, un - touched, un -  
4 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where co - lor,  
5 Christ is a - live! His Spi - rit burns through this and

1 emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
2 years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the  
3 moved by hu - man pains, but dai - ly, in the  
4 scorn or wealth di - vide, he suf - fers still, yet  
5 ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion

1 prais - es ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.  
2 here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.  
3 midst of life, our Sa - vior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
4 loves the more, and lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.  
5 lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

*The Hymnal 1982 #182*

*The presider welcomes the congregation.*

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# The Word of God

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Savior, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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.

<sup>26</sup>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.) <sup>27</sup>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 <sup>28</sup>and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup>Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." <sup>30</sup>So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup>He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup>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.

<sup>33</sup>In his humiliation justice was denied him.  
Who can describe his generation?  
For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup>The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup>Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup>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?" <sup>38</sup>He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup>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. <sup>40</sup>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.

*Acts 8:26-40*

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

**Thanks be to God.**



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## Psalm 22:24-30

*the psalm is said antiphonally by whole verse*

<sup>24</sup>My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

<sup>25</sup>**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,**

**and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \***

**"May your heart live for ever!"**

<sup>26</sup>All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

<sup>27</sup>**For kingship belongs to the LORD; \***

**he rules over the nations.**

<sup>28</sup>To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

<sup>29</sup>**My soul shall live for him;**

**my descendants shall serve him; \***

**they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.**

<sup>30</sup>They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*

the saving deeds that he has done.

## The Second Lesson

A reading from the first letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup>Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

<sup>13</sup>By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup>And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup>God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>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. <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. <sup>20</sup>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. <sup>21</sup>The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*1 John 4:7-21*

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## Gospel Acclamation *sing three times*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Celtic Alleluia*

## The Gospel

*You are invited to cross yourself at the + below.*

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

**Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, <sup>1</sup>"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>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. <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*John 15:1-8*

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.

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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	Richard (Dan Wilson's friend)
Larry (Kim Callis' uncle)	Arthur (Craig Bivins' uncle)
Nathaniel (Anderson)	Brody (grandson of Mary Lou Wade)
Bernard & Brenda (Monique Patterson's family)	Cynthia (Marvin Foltz's wife)

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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:

Sara (Filipiak hired in 2014 - 4) Our Straut Legacy Fund Grantees Grace's faith partners (Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Onnuri Church & Hope's Table Chicago)
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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

*Some announcements will be given; more information is at the end of this bulletin.*

### ***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.*



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## Offertory Hymn *sing verses 1-4*

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;  
2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,  
2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,  
3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Hymn continues on next page*



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

*Lift Every Voice & Sing #189*

# 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.**

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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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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.**

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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

*Cantor or Choir*

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, } in the  
*The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus* }

1. *Congregation* | 2. *Cantor or Choir*

break - ing of the bread. Be bread. The  
 bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, Is the com -  
*Congregation*

mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be  
*The dis -*

known to us, Lord Je - sus, } in the break - ing of the  
*ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus* }

*Cantor or Choir*

bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though

*Congregation*

man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord  
*The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord*

Je - sus, }  
 Je - sus } in the break - ing of the bread.

*Wonder Love & Praise #875*

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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.



## Communion Hymn

1 God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let  
 2 God is Love; and Love en - folds us, all the world in  
 3 God is Love; and though with blind - ness sin af - flicts all

earth re - joice; let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him  
 one em - brace: with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us,  
 hu - man life, God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness

and ex - alt him with one voice. God who laid the earth's foun -  
 ev - ery child of ev - ery race. And when hu - man hearts are  
 guides us through our earth - ly strife. Sin and death and hell shall

da - tion, God who spread the heaven a - bove, God who breathes through  
 break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod, then we find that  
 nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain; God is Love, so

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all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

*The Hymnal 1982 #379*

# 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.**

## Closing Hymn *sing verses 1, 3 and 4*

1. In Christ there is no East or West, In  
2. In Him shall true hearts ev - ery - where Their  
3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, What  
4. In Christ now meet both East and West, In

1. Him no South or North; But one great fel - low -  
2. high com - mu - nion find; His ser - vice is the  
3. e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther  
4. Him meet South and North; All Christ - ly souls are

1. ship of love Through - out the whole wide earth.  
2. gold - en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man kind.  
3. as a son Is sure - ly kin to me.  
4. one in him Through - out the whole wide earth.

*Lift Every Voice & Sing#62*

## Dismissal

Christ is risen. Go in peace. Alleluia!  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## Postlude

*Please remain online for conversation.*

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## TODAY'S MINISTERS

### Presider & Preacher

Tom Haverly

### Minister of Music

Marilyn Haverly

### Online Host

Kim Callis

### Servers

Wendy Manning (lead), Gail Purkey, Marilynn Rochon

### Bread Baker

Kim Callis

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# Announcements

## Welcome to the Rev. Tom Haverly

Welcome the Rev. Tom Haverly as Grace's guest presider and preacher today while Pastor Amity is on vacation, officiating her cousin's wedding in Beverly Hills, CA. Deacon Andrea is also on vacation today. Pastor Amity will be back at Grace next Sunday, May 5, and Deacon Andrea will be back the following week.

## Community Meeting for New Dearborn Park Funding

Alderman Lamont Robinson has secured funding via the Park District for improvements to Dearborn Park. Neighbors and Grace members are invited to a community conversation at Grace on **Tuesday, April 30 from 5:30-6:30 pm** to share ideas and input on how to improve this neighborhood park.

## April Vestry Highlights

At the most recent vestry we discussed the results of our CAT survey, with a particular focus on where there is energy in our congregation right now, what draws people to the community, and possible new directions. A few takeaways included our character as a "rector focused congregation", an appreciation for the spiritual accessibility of our community, and a desire for relational outreach both within and outside the church. There will be an adult forum to further discuss the results on May 5th. In addition to discussion of the CAT survey, Pastor Amity updated the vestry on new members and parish staffing over the next few weeks. Additionally, Nolan presented his financial report, highlighting the continued revenue from building use, the closure of our outreach account for more efficient interest accrual, and moved to add more funds to our discretionary account which was approved.

## 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.

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## Save-the-Date: Pentecost is on Sunday, May 19!


### CAT Survey Presentation and Discussion on Sunday, May 5

Thank you to everyone who completed The Church Assessment Tool (CAT) survey in January and February! We will present the results and discuss what they mean and how we can apply them to our church life at an Adult Forum on Sunday, May 5th following worship. Please plan to attend. 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)

### Last Easter Storytelling Session on May 12

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. The next (and last) storytelling session of the Easter season is Sunday, May 12.



**Chicago Circle Singing**

2nd Wednesday of every month  
7pm, Grace Place, 637 S. Dearborn  
**RSVP: [chicagocirclesinging.com](http://chicagocirclesinging.com)**

### Chicago Circle Singing Wednesday, May 8

Grace welcomes Chicago Circle Singing on **Wednesday, May 8** from 7-8:30 pm. Davin Young and his leaders draw on improvisational singing tools that invite you into a playful, joyful experience of your voice. No special skill, talent or ability required. You can sign up to attend at [chicagocirclesinging.com](http://chicagocirclesinging.com).