



GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH

where GOD'S FREE GRACE roots us,
renews us, and reaches through us.

THE SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION



A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

May 21, 2023

GRACE NOTES – May 21

AFTER ASCENSION. Today is the Sunday after Jesus's ascension, which occurred forty days after his resurrection. The ascension marks the occasion when Jesus's physical presence entered the heavenly dimension, but he vowed to both send his Holy Spirit to us as well as return again for us. Today we sing about and hear about the ascension of Jesus.

PENTECOST. Next Sunday we recall the when the Holy Spirit invested himself within the whole church – and he's been with us ever since. We pray for the reverberations of that same Spirit to be with us now, convincing us of the Gospel and giving us strength to battle sin and live for Christ within the world.

WEAR RED! It's a fun tradition to wear red on Pentecost, as a visual reminder of the fire that descended on the original Pentecost. So if you want to, wear red!

BRING THE DESSERT YOU'RE MOST PROUD OF. After worship next Sunday, we'll feast on our best desserts and share them with each other. Please bring a dessert to share and place it in the over-flow room before worship. Also, if you can't make one, or you're not really a baker, please just purchase one for people to enjoy 😊.

CHILDREN SINGING. Today, our young children will be singing for us and to the glory of God during the collection of the offering. During the last verse of their hymn, you'll be asked to join in the song. We're so grateful for them and their angelic voices. Thanks to Steve Matson for organizing this!

SUMMER SOFTBALL. In mid-May, various churches will begin playing Summer Softball. Want to play? Interested? Contact David Beck at davidmichaelbeck2@gmail.com. Next games:

-Tuesday 5/23 Grace Anglican vs. GC Alliance at Alliance Field (1285 South Center Street Ext)

-Thursday 5/25 Grace Anglican vs. Center Church at Harrisville Field (429 South Main Street, Harrisville, PA)

CASA BONFIRE & BBQ: Our last Casa on May 23rd is at the Jefferis' home (8 Timber Ln) from 7-9pm. Join us as we end the year with a bonfire & BBQ!

PLEASE NOTE:

- **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** ends after 5/21.

REDEEMER ANGLICAN, our plant in Franklin PA, moved their service time. They now worship at First Baptist's fellowship hall at 11AM. Please visit and support this new plant as it more deeply establishes itself.

+HOUSEKEEPING ITEMS+

KIDS AFTER WORSHIP. Please look after your kids after worship services. We make sure during Christian education (at 4pm), nursery, and children's liturgy that your kids have times to connect and be ministered to, but after the services we entrust them back to you. Please help us by staying near your beloved children. Thank you for your help.

THE BALCONY IS RESERVED for those who prefer social distancing.

CASA is our youth ministry (6th – 12th grades) and it takes place at Holy Trinity on Tuesday evenings from 7-9pm. Please join us!

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Processional Hymn: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Words: Venerable Bede, 730 Tune: Lasst Uns

1. A hymn of glo - ry let us sing; new songs thro'- out the world shall
2. The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the Mount of Ol - ives
3. To whom the an - gels, draw - ing nigh: "Why stand and gaze up - on the
4. "A - gain shall ye be - hold him so as ye to - day have seen him

ring: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -
stand; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! and with his fol - low - ers they
sky?" Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! "This is the Sav - ior," thus they
go, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! in glo - rious pomp as - cend - ing

trod, as - cend - eth to the throne of God.
see Je - sus' re - splen - dent maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
say, "this is his no - ble tri - umph day." Al - le - lu - ia!
high, up to the por - tals of the sky."

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Minister. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Answer. The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Minister. Let us pray.

The Collect for Purity, said by all

ALmighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Summary of the Law

HEAR what our Lord Jesus Christ says. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it; You shall love your neighbor as your self. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. -MATTHEW 22:37-40.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ALmighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of your laws, and in the works of your commandments; that, through your most mighty protection, both here and always, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with your spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

The Collect for the Sunday after Ascension

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The New Testament Lesson: Acts 1:6-14 (ESV)

Reader. A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"⁷ He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."⁹ And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.¹⁰ And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes,¹¹ and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who

was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away.

¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James.¹⁴ All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

Reader. The Word of the Lord.

Answer. Thanks be to God

*Children (ages 3-6) may be taken to children's liturgy & retrieved at the peace

Sequence Hymn: And Have the Bright Immensities

*Vs 1 is sung before the Gospel lesson: vs 2 is sung after it.

1. And have the bright im - men - si - ties Re - ceived our ris - en Lord,
2. The heav'n that hides Him from our sight Knows nei - ther near nor far;

Where light years frame the Ple - ia - des And point O - ri - on's sword?
A lit - tle can - dle sheds its light As sure - ly as a star.

Do flam - ing suns His foot - steps trace Thro' cor - ri - dors sub - lime,
And where His lov - ing peo - ple meet To share the gift di - vine,

The Lord of in - ter - stel - lar space And con - quer - or of time?
There stands He with un - hur - rying feet; There heav'n - ly splen - dors shine.

The Gospel Lesson: John 17:1-11 (ESV)

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

Answer. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

✝ Jesus said, “When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life

to all whom you have given him.³ And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your

own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶“I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. ⁸For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from

you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.

Reader. The Gospel of the Lord.

Answer. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev'd Deacon David Beck, Curate for Parish Life

The Nicene Creed

LET us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

WE believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

WE believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

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

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one in Christ.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

(The People may add their own petitions.)

Let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Confession

ALL who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

General Confession, said by all.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

HEAR the comfortable words from the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.
Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
-MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. -JOHN 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. -1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. -1 JOHN 2:1-2

Minister. The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People. And with your spirit.

Offertory Sentence. You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. **I Peter 2:9.**

Offertory – Jesus Strong and Kind (sung by the children)

1. *Jesus said that if I thirst, I should come to him
No one else can satisfy, I should come to him*

2. *Jesus said if I am weak, I should come to him
No one else can be my strength, I should come to him*

*Chorus: For the Lord is good and faithful, He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus, Jesus strong and kind*

3. *Jesus said that if I fear I should come to him
No one else can be my shield, I should come to him*

EVERYONE SINGS VERSE 4 & CHORUS TOGETHER

4. *Jesus said if I am lost He will come to me
And he showed me on that cross He will come to me (Chorus)*

Doxology (tune: lasst uns erfreuen)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (the 1662 Order)

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with your spirit.

Minister. Lift up your hearts.

Answer. We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Answer. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

IT is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his most glorious resurrection appeared to his Apostles, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also ascend, and reign with him in glory. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name: **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Prayer of Humble Access, said by all, kneeling.

WE do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The People continue to kneel. The minister stands and continues.

ALL praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again. Hear us, merciful Father, and grant that we receiving these gifts from your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." **AMEN.**

Distribution of Communion. All baptized, believing Christians of an understanding age who are admitted to the Sacrament within their own church are encouraged to receive it with us. The New Testament instructs those who come to the Lord's Supper to 'discern' the Body (that is, to understand the Lord's Supper) as well as examine themselves before they commune. Please come down the middle aisle to receive the bread, and then a small cup of communion wine.

Intercessory prayer is available in the hall behind the chapel. This takes place during the distribution of Communion. If you want prayer for healing (physical or otherwise), you can also request anointing with oil (a biblical symbol for healing and restoration)

Knowing You

1. All I once held dear built my life upon; all this world reveres, and wars to own
All I once thought gain I have counted loss spent and worthless now, compared to this

Chorus: Knowing you, Jesus, knowing you; there is no greater thing
You're my all, my perfect rest, You're my joy, my righteousness
And I love you, Lord

2. Now my heart's desire is to know you more to be found in you, and known as yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn; all surpassing gift of righteousness (Chorus)

3. Oh to know the power of your risen life and to know you in your suffering
To become like you in your death my Lord so with You to live, and never die (Chorus)

I am the Bread of Life

Lyrics & Tune: S. Suzanne Toolan, 1966

1. I am the bread of life, He who comes to Me shall not hunger,
He who believes in Me shall not thirst. No one can come to Me, Unless the Father draws him.

Chorus: And I will raise him up, I will raise him up,
And I will raise him up on the last day.

2. The bread that I will give is My flesh for the life of the world,
And he who eats of this bread, He shall live for ever, He shall live for ever.

3. I am the resurrection, And I am the life,
He who believes in Me Even if he dies, He shall live for ever.

The Lord's Prayer, said by all

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,
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, forever and ever. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer, said by all

ALMIGHTY God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you
our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out into the world
in the power of your Spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

The Ascension Blessing

May the Christ who ascended into heaven prepare a place for you; that where he is, you will be also; and may you in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

1 Hail the day that sees him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 There the glo - rious tri - umph waits; Al - le - lu - ia!
 *3 See! he lifts his hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Lord be - yond our mor - tal sight, Al - le - lu - ia!

glo - rious to his na - tive skies; Al - le - lu - ia!
 lift your heads, e - ter - nal gates! Al - le - lu - ia!
 See! he shows the prints of love; Al - le - lu - ia!
 raise our hearts to reach thy height, Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, a - while to mor - tals given, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Wide un - fold the ra - diant scene; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Hark! his gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!
 there thy face un - cloud - ed see, Al - le - lu - ia!

en - ters now the high - est heaven! Al - le - lu - ia!
 take the King of glo - ry in! Al - le - lu - ia!
 bless - ings on his Church be - low, Al - le - lu - ia!
 find our heaven of heavens in thee, Al - le - lu - ia!

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

GRACE'S STAFF

RECTOR - The Rev'd Ethan Magness.

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CHURCH PLANTER - The Rev'd Eric Phillips is working to plant a church in Franklin, PA. Please contact him if you'd like to help or have questions. (choice1080@gmail.com)

CURATE FOR PARISH LIFE. The Rev'd Deacon David Beck trains volunteers, handles the parish schedule, and makes sure worship runs smoothly. He also coordinates hospitality. Curate means a pastor who is learning the craft of pastoring, so David will be shadowing the clergy and learning from them in all areas of ministry (davidmichaelbeck2@gmail.com)

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