



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 17, 2026

GRACE NOTES – May 17, 2026

AFTER ASCENSION. Today is the Sunday after Jesus's ascension, which occurred forty days after his resurrection. The ascension is when Jesus's physical body entered the heavenly dimension.

PENTECOST. Next Sunday we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. 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. **OH, and WEAR RED!** For Pentecost it's fun to wear a fiery red, so we commend it to you!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE?

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SAVE IT! Check out your bulletin insert and save the date for our 20th Anniversary!

VESTRY UPDATE. Our church is in a very healthy financial place, and we are receiving great reports on the administrative improvements like an online payroll processor, Quick Books online with Dede Wishing as our new bookkeeper, and better credit card reporting processes for staff. Our new Vestry members, Sarah Potter and Kristina Pzechoski, have joined us. We approved the Missions Team's proposed budget allocation for various ministries as Cara Rumbaugh explained at the Annual Meeting. The vestry approved an in-depth inspection of the building to help with our future planning for the physical property. Mike Kildoo is advancing to the next stage of the process for ordination to the Diaconate and Ryan Wise being ordained as a Deacon in June. We have been working on Ethan's draft of a new Mission and Vision Statement, which will be seen quite soon.

SOFTBALL. Please join us for softball this summer! It's a great opportunity to connect with others in the congregation and community. The season runs from May 7th-July 25th. Games will be played every Thursday at

6pm. The league is open to all men and women, 14 years and older! Reach out to Wes (wesleyschools@gmail.com) if interested.

ZELIENOPE PLANT. Our Diocese has planted a parish in Zelienville, led by our own Ryan Wise. Find out more about the plant here: htzelienville.org

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

-GAC's 20th Anniversary Party: Oct 24.

-Ryan Wise's diaconal ordination: June 6.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY. The following Sundays there will be no Children's liturgy: May 24 and June 14th will be the last class for this school year.

MONTHLY MISSIONS. Reuben and Lydia Henriquez serve in Papua New Guinea, where they are establishing a home in a remote village. They will be serving the Ganj people long-term by assisting in creation of a written language, literacy materials, and ultimately the first translation of the Bible in their own language. This summer Reuben and Lydia anticipate welcoming their 2nd child and are taking their first furlough in the US in 3 years. Please pray for safety in their travels, health for Lydia and baby, and refreshment and connection for the whole family.

INFANT CARE ROOM. The library is available as a dedicated space to care for your infants during the service. The livestream is available in this space during evening services.

NURSERY. We offer nursery for children (infants to three-year-olds) downstairs.

THE CASA YOUTH MINISTRY is on Tuesday nights at 7pm at Holy Trinity.

WAYS TO GIVE AT GRACE

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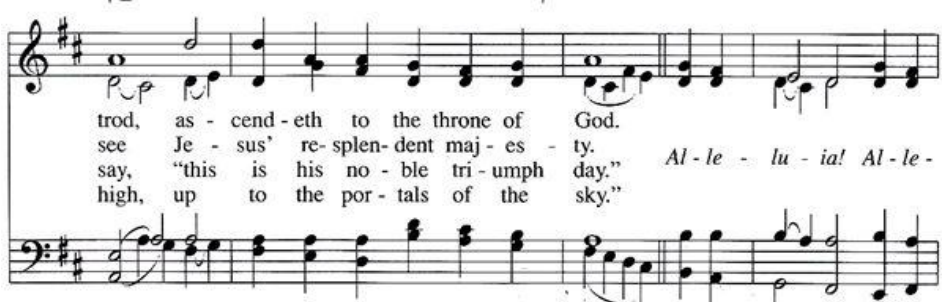
Processional Hymn: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing Words: Venerable Bede, 730 Tune: Lassst Uns



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 Epistle Lesson: I Peter 4:12-19 (ESV)

Reader. A reading from the first Epistle of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian,

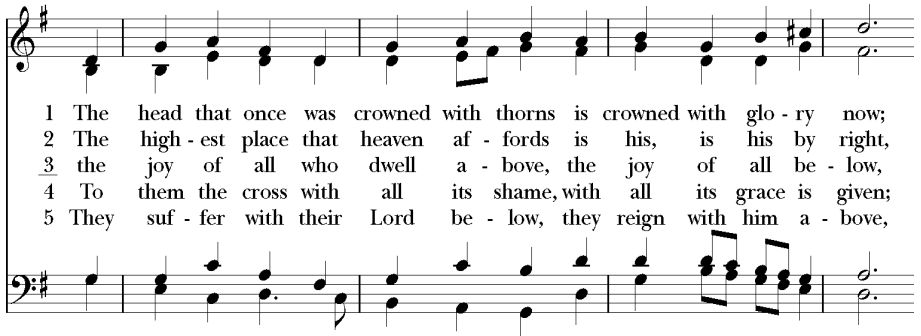
let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" ¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good.

Reader. The Word of the Lord. **Answer.** Thanks be to God

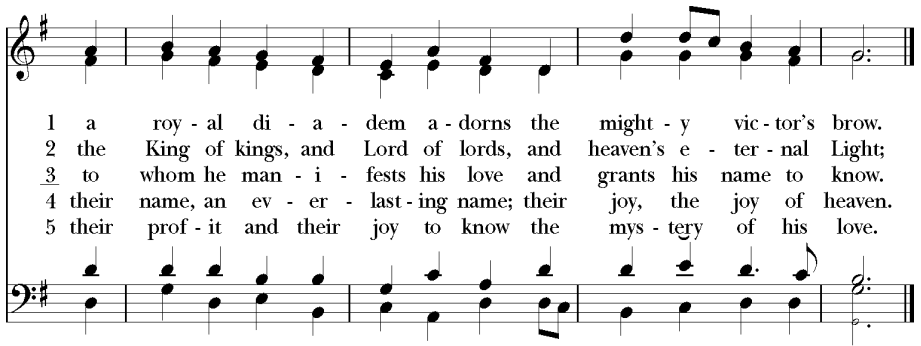
Sequence Hymn: The Head that Once was Crowned

Lyrics: Kelly Tune: Magnus

**Verses 1-3 are sung before the reading of the Gospel, 4-5 after it.



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
2 The high - est place that heaven af - fords is his, is his by right,
3 the joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low,
4 To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace is given;
5 They suf - fer with their Lord be - low, they reign with him a - bove,



1 a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.
2 the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heaven's e - ter - nal Light;
3 to whom he man - i - fests his love and grants his name to know.
4 their name, an ev - er - last - ing name; their joy, the joy of heaven.
5 their prof - it and their joy to know the mys - tery of his love.

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.

✠ 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, ²since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵And 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 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 for Ascension

We offer you, Almighty Father, these our prayers through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our ascended King, who ever lives to make intercession for us.

We lift up our hearts to heavenly places and ask you to inspire us to serve you as your royal priesthood: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let all people acknowledge your kingdom and grant in our troubled and divided world the blessing of your calming peace: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Send down upon us the needful gift of the Spirit and renew your Church with supernatural power from on high: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

May true justice abound and righteousness flourish, that we may war against injustice and wrong. May our rulers and authorities be subject to the risen and ascended King of Kings. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Help the church to more boldly and wisely proclaim the good news of your beloved Son, and grant the unbelieving world the gift of grace to acknowledge him as Lord and Savior: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for Reuben and Lydia Henriquez as they serve the Ganj peoples of Papua New Guinea, along with their labors of translating Scripture into that local language. We pray for safety in their travels, health for Lydia and baby, and refreshment for the whole family. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us offer up our own needs. (spoken prayers are offered). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Let us commend ourselves, and one another, and the entire Body of Christ to Christ our God and King; **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. Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven. -**Matthew 5:16**

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.**

Invitation to 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 requires some understanding of the Supper, instructing those who commune to 'discern' the Body as well as 'examine themselves' (I Cor. 11) before partaking. It is the historic and consistent Anglican practice for young children to be catechized before receiving the Supper (please contact a minister for catechism resources). Please walk down the middle aisle to receive the bread in open hands and then consume it. Drinking the wine directly from the common cup is the customary manner of receiving it, though the bread may be carefully intincted (dipped) into the wine. Small, individual cups of wine are available in the front for those who have health concerns.

Intercessory prayer is available in the back of the church. This takes place during the distribution of Communion. You can come back for prayer for any reason whatsoever. If you want prayer for healing (physical or otherwise), you can also request anointing with oil (a biblical symbol for healing and restoration).

Be Still, My Soul

Words: Schlegel, 1752

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side. Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Leave to thy God to order and provide; In every change, He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart, and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shalt thou better know His love, His heart, who comes to soothe thy sorrow & thy fears
Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay from His own fullness all He takes away.
3. Be still, my soul: begin the song of praise - on earth, believing, to thy Lord on high;
Acknowledge Him in all thy works and ways, so shall He view thee with a well-pleased eye.
Be still, my soul: the Sun of life divine thro' passing clouds shall but more brightly shine

Glory Be to Jesus

Words: Caswell, 1857 Tune: Wem in Leidenstagen

1. Glory be to Jesus, who in bitter pains
Poured for me the life-blood from His sacred veins!
2. Grace and life eternal in that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion, infinitely kind!
3. Blest through endless ages be the precious stream
Which from sin and sorrow did the world redeem!
4. Abel's blood for vengeance pleaded to the skies;
But the blood of Jesus for our pardon cries.
5. Oft as it is sprinkled on our guilty hearts,
Satan in confusion terror struck departs.
6. Oft as earth exulting wafts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing make their glad reply.
7. Lift we, then, our voices, swell the mighty flood,
Louder still and louder praise the precious blood!

Christ Alone (My Hope is Built)

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame but wholly trust in Jesus name
2. When darkness seems to hide His face I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil

Chorus: Christ alone, cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the 'whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way He then is all my hope and stay (*Chorus*)
4. When He shall come with trumpet sound Oh, may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone faultless, stand before the throne (*Chorus*)

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 Christ, who ascended into heaven, prepare an everlasting 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: Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

2 Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

3 Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends their burning eye at mysteries so bright.

4 Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

GRACE'S STAFF

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I'm a ___resident ___college student.

Name: _____ Spouse: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____

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We'd love to meet you at our Welcome Table after the service!