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# ASCENSION

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

1 June 2025

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Seventh Sunday of Easter

# Welcome to Grace!

## Opening Voluntary - Praise to the Lord The Almighty

arr. John Dixon

The Procession

Hymn #214

*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!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707–1788), alt. Music: *Llanfair*, Robert Williams (1781–1821)

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## The Word of God

A Song of Praise S-236

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord  
God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;  
glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you  
for the ra - diance of your ho - ly Name; we will

praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Glo - ry to you \_\_\_\_\_ in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; \_\_\_\_\_ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

*Descant*

5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be -

5. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of

depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_

you. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Fa - ther,

— Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will

Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and

high-ly ex - alt you Glo - ry to you! \_\_\_\_\_

high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

## **The Collect**

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

## **The First Lesson**

### **Acts 1:1-11**

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

## **The Psalm**

**Psalm 47** (*read responsively by half verse*)

***Omnes gentes, plaudite***

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; \*  
**shout to God with a cry of joy.**
- 2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; \*  
**he is the great King over all the earth.**
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, \*  
**and the nations under our feet.**
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, \*  
**the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, \*  
**the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.**
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; \*  
**sing praises to our King, sing praises.**
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; \*  
**sing praises with all your skill.**
- 8 God reigns over the nations; \*  
**God sits upon his holy throne.**
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered together \*  
**with the people of the God of Abraham.**
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, \*  
**and he is highly exalted.**

## The Second Lesson

### Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Gospel Hymn LEVAS #198

### *Love lifted me*

1. I was sink - ing deep in sin, Far from the peace - ful shore,\_\_\_\_  
 2. All my heart to Him I give, Ev - er to Him I'll cling,\_\_\_\_  
 3. Souls in dan - ger, look a - bove, Je - sus com - plete - ly saves;\_\_\_\_

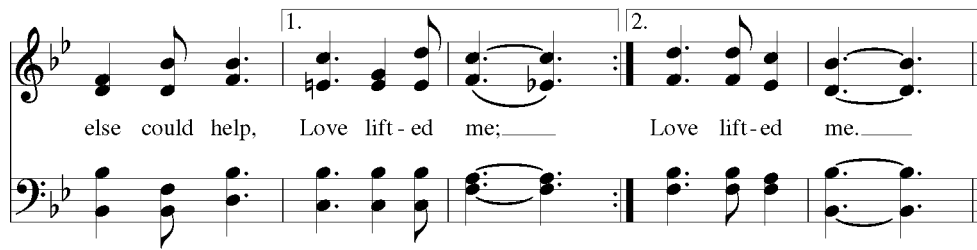
1. Ver - y deep - ly stained with - in, Sink - ing to rise no more;\_\_\_\_  
 2. In His bless - ed pres - ence live, Ev - er His prais - es sing.\_\_\_\_  
 3. He will lift you by His love Out of the an - gry waves.\_\_\_\_

1. But the mas - ter of the sea Heard my de - spair - ing cry,\_\_\_\_  
 2. Love so might - y and so true Mer - its my soul's best songs;\_\_\_\_  
 3. He's the mas - ter of the sea, Bil - lows His will o - bey;\_\_\_\_

1. From the wa - ters lift - ed me- Now safe am I.\_\_\_\_  
 2. Faith - ful, lov - ing ser - vice, too, To Him be - longs.\_\_\_\_  
 3. He your sav - ior wants to be- Be saved to - day.\_\_\_\_

Love lift - ed me,\_\_\_\_ Love lift - ed me,\_\_\_\_

Love lift - ed e - ven me, Love lift - ed e ven me, When noth - ing



Words: James Rowe (1865–1933) Music: Howard E. Smith (1863–1918)

## The Holy Gospel

### Luke 24:44-53

Jesus said to his disciples, "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." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 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. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

### The Sermon

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**The Peace**

**Announcements**

### A SENDING FORTH BLESSING

Blessed Holy One, you are the author of life and salvation, your word speaks all blessing, you hold the generations close to your heart. Bless Jodi, Dylan and Ava as they go forth into the next chapter of their lives. Fill them, hold them, challenge them, set them free to risk love that they may grow into the full stature of Christ.

And now the blessing of God Almighty; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you now and always. Amen.

**Offertory** - *The Heavens are Telling*

Franz Joseph Haydn

**Hymn 380**



the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's  
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from  
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!  
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.  
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711) Music: Old 100th, melody from Pseaumes Octante trois de David, 1551, alt. ; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561)

## The Holy Communion

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### Sanctus S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus* Music: William Mathias (b. 1934)

### Fraction Anthem S-154

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover Music: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

# Communion Hymns #461

## Alleluia Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the scep - ter, his the throne;  
 \*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now;  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on earth our food, our stay!  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the Lord of lords we own;  
 \*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the scep - ter, his the throne;

1 Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone;  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how:  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to thee from day to day:  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! born of Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne:  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone;

1 Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood;  
 2 though the cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty days were o'er,  
 3 In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me,  
 4 thou with - in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our great High Priest:  
 5 Hark! the songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood;

1 Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 2 shall our hearts for - get his prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 3 where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 4 thou on earth both Priest and Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 5 Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837–1898) Music: *Alleluia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810–1876)



# Hymn #477

## All Praise to Thee

*Descant*

5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord.

1 All praise to thee, for thou, O King di - vine,  
 2 Thou cam'st to us in low - li - ness of thought;  
 3 Let this mind be in us which was in thee,  
 4 Where - fore, by God's e - ter - nal pur - pose, thou  
 5 Let ev - ery tongue con - fess with one ac - cord.

Je - sus Christ is Lord;

1 didst yield the glo - ry that of right was thine,  
 2 by thee the out - cast and the poor were sought;  
 3 who wast a ser - vant that we might be free,  
 4 art high ex - alt - ed o'er all crea - tures now,  
 5 in heaven and earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord;

and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

1 that in our dark - ened hearts thy grace might shine.  
 2 and by thy death was God's sal - va - tion wrought.  
 3 hum - bling thy - self to death on Cal - va - ry.  
 4 and given the Name to which all knees shall bow.  
 5 and God the Fa - ther be by all a - dored.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Words: F. Bland Tucker (1895–1984) Music: Engelberg, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924); desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

## Post Communion Prayer - page 366 The Blessing of the People

# The Procession

## Hymn #216 Christ For the World We Sing

*Refrain*

Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! blest day that art hal - lowed for

ev - er, day when the Christ a - scends, high in the

hea - vens to reign. reign.

1 He who was nailed to the cross is Lord and the  
3 God the Cre - a - tor, the Lord who rul - est the  
5 Spi - rit of life and of power, now flow in us,

ru - ler of na - ture; all things cre -  
earth and the hea - vens, guard us from -  
fount of our be - ing, light that dost

*Repeat Refrain*

a - ted on earth sing to the glo - ry of God:  
harm with - out, cleanse us from e - vil with - in:  
light - en all, life that in all dost a - bide:

2 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the  
4 Je - sus the health of the world, en - light - en our  
6 Praise to the Giv - er of good! Thou Love who art

glo - ry of blos - som; hea - ven her gates un -  
minds, thou Re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -  
au - thor of con - cord, pour out thy balm on our

*Repeat Refrain*

bars, fling - ing her in - crease of light:  
preme, on - ly - be - got - ten of God:  
souls, or - der our ways in thy peace:

*The refrain may be sung once by choir alone and repeated by all. The stanzas may be sung alternately by contrasted groups, or by all.*

Words: Venantius Honorius Fortunatus (540?-600?); tr. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt. Music: *Salve festa dies*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

**The Sending Forth - page 366**  
**Closing Voluntary - *The Church's One Foundation***

Arr. Steve Grant

## Grace Notes

- *WWW* is taking a break from regular meetings for the summer, but we'll be gathering for a Summer Social on **June 17th!** Details will be shared by email—if you'd like to be added to the list, contact Beth Lollis at [grace-womenwineandwisdom@gmail.com](mailto:grace-womenwineandwisdom@gmail.com).
- *Fiber Friends and Fellowship* meets **every Tuesday at 10 a.m.** in the Parish Hall.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Grace Church BBQ will be **Oct. 11 2025**
- **Grace Life** is always looking for new members! If you are interested in serving on and with this committee please reach out to Kirri Kinley (843) 384-5213 or [kirrikinley@gmail.com](mailto:kirrikinley@gmail.com)
- Interested in keeping up with what's going on with the **Grace Community Garden**? If you want to receive the weekly Garden Update emails, please email or text Danny Ehlert to be included on the distribution ([danny.ehlert@gmail.com](mailto:danny.ehlert@gmail.com) or (864) 276-2579).
- **Summer Wednesday Night Suppers** are being placed on hold until July. Check back for more information.
- **Summer Food For Kids** began **Friday May, 30th**. If you are interested in participating, meet at the church at 11:45 a.m. All are Welcome! For more information contact Deacon Mary Jeffers at [jeffers6sc@att.net](mailto:jeffers6sc@att.net)
- **Outreach** will meet today **Sunday, June 1st** after the 10:30 liturgy.
- **St. Catherine's Guild** will meet **Monday, June 2nd at noon** in the Parish Hall. This meeting is a Pot Luck Lunch. We look forward to seeing what you bring.
- **Sylvara Communion visit** is **Monday, June 9th at 11 a.m.**
- **Grace Guy's Gathering** is **Thursday, June 19th at 6 p.m.**
- Deacon Mary Jeffers will be providing a **Eucharistic Visitors training** On **Sunday, June 22nd** in the afternoon. Our Eucharistic Visitors are often accompanied by congregation members. If you are interested in exploring either of these roles, please contact Deacon Mary at [jeffers6sc@att.net](mailto:jeffers6sc@att.net).
- **ITS TIME!** The Saint Catherine's Guild Drive for the Veterans will begin today **Sunday, May 25th**, Memorial Day weekend, and will run through **Sunday, June 29th**. We will be partnering with Grace Guys Gathering. Look for the basket in the Cloister to leave your donations for the residents at Richard Campbell Veterans Nursing Home. They appreciate personal care items, such as diabetic and non-skid socks, deodorant, body wash, and body spray/cologne, and they enjoy diabetic and non-diabetic snacks. Little Debbie cakes are a favorite. They would also like Wild Bird Seed. You can also leave checks at the church office. Please make the check to Grace Episcopal Church (Memo: St. Catherine's Guild/ Veterans Drive). Please give generously to these men and women who have served our country in our times of need and now need help from us. Thank you so much for your support!
- **The Grace Episcopal Ministry of Music:** The Grace choir has worked hard this semester and learned many new, and difficult anthems. We will take a much deserved vacation from regular Wednesday practice beginning after Pentecost Sunday. With Rodman, Adie, Brennan, Lucy, and Anna Rose we have 5 choir members under the age of 20.
- **Sounds of Carolina** will have a music camp at Grace **June 23rd – 27th from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

## Those Who Serve

**Vestry-in-Charge:** Cyndi Dougherty

**Second Counter:** Louis LeBrun

**Lector:** Kate Wilford

**Lector:** Tom Pearce

**Intercessor:** Debbie Hand

**Chalice 2:** Bill Scott

**1st Crucifer:** Christopher Wilford

**Server/Gospel Bearer:** Cory Trotter

**Torch Bearers:**

**Ushers:** Brett Dixon, Maxwell Jeffers

**Linen Guild:** Dixie Harris

**Altar Guild:** Pam Herold, Bess Boyer

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Steve Grant

**Organist Emeritus:** Bill Scott

## Those with birthdays this week

Emily Swinford

Craig Bostick

Henry Todd

Bob Maxwell

Sam Baker

Ava Bostick

Jack Taylor

Dan Fleming



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the Ascension...*

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