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# HE BREATHED ON THEM

**GRACE CHURCH**

12 April 2026

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Second Sunday of Easter

# Welcome to Grace!

Opening Voluntary - *Toccara in A*

Carson Cooman

The Procession

Hymn #490

*I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.  
I want to look at Je-sus.  
I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and  
When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je-sus.  
show me the way to the Fa-ther.  
shall know the joy of Je-sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The

night and the day are both a-like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

*mf.*

*a tempo*

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Words: Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

Music: Houston, Kathleen Thomerson (b. 1934)

The Liturgy begins on page 355.

## The Word of God

A Song of Praise S-278

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
 might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
 on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For

you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the  
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of  
 God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*

Music: William Mathias (b. 1934)

## The Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The First Lesson

### Acts 2:14a,22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,  
 for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;  
 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
 moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
 or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;  
 you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,  
 nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

## The Psalm

**Psalm 16** (*read responsively by half verse*)

**Conserva me, Domine**

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
**I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."**
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
**upon those who are noble among the people.**
- 3 But those who run after other gods \*  
**shall have their troubles multiplied.**
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
**nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
**it is you who uphold my lot.**
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
**indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; \*  
**my heart teaches me, night after night.**
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; \*  
**because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
**my body also shall rest in hope.**
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
**nor let your holy one see the Pit.**
- 11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
**in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

## The Second Lesson

**1 Peter 1:3-9**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*Breath on me Breath of God*

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,  
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
 un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.  
 till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
 but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835-1889), alt.

Music: *Nova Vita*, Lister R. Peace (1885-1969)**The Holy Gospel****Priest:** *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.***People:** *Glory to you, Lord Christ***John 20:19-31**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**Priest:**        *The Gospel of the Lord.*  
**People:**        *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon**

**The Nicene Creed** - page 358  
**Prayers of the People Form I** - page 383  
**Confession of Sin and Absolution** - page 360

**The Peace**

**Announcements** (*Please notify the rector before hand*)

**Offertory** - *Christ is Alive*

Jane Holstein

**Hymn**

*We Give Thee but Thine Own*

1. We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
2. May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive,  
3. The cap - tive to re - lease, To God the lost to bring,  
4. And we be - lieve Thy Word, Tho' dim our faith may be;

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first - fruits give.  
To teach the way of life and peace, It is a Christ - like thing.  
What - e'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it un - to Thee.

**The Holy Communion**

**Eucharistic Prayer D** - page 372

# Sanctus WLP 858

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, heaven 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

# The Great Amen LEVAS 233

Musical score for 'The Great Amen' in 4/4 time, key of G major. The score consists of two systems. The first system features a vocal line with lyrics 'A - men, A - men,' and a piano accompaniment. The second system features a vocal line with lyrics 'A - men, A - men, A - men.' and a piano accompaniment.

Words: Traditional

Music: Negro Spiritual; ar. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935)

# Fraction Anthem LEVAS #154

Musical score for 'Fraction Anthem' in 3/2 time, key of B-flat major. The score consists of three systems. The first system features a vocal line with lyrics 'Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness' and a piano accompaniment. The second system features a vocal line with lyrics 'of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and' and a piano accompaniment. The third system features a vocal line with lyrics 'see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.' and a piano accompaniment. The score ends with a double bar line and the word 'Fine' above it.

Words: Psalm 34

Music: James E. Moore, Jr.

*The Church's One Foundation*

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,  
 4 Mid toil and tri - bu - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war  
 5 Yet she on earth hath un - ion with God, the Three in One,

1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:  
 2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
 3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;  
 4 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for ev - er - more;  
 5 and mys - tic sweet com - mun - ion with those whose rest is won.

1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
 2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
 3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
 4 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blessed,  
 5 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
 2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.  
 3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
 4 and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.  
 5 like them, the meek and low - ly, on high may dwell with thee.

Words: Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)

Music: *Aurelia*, Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1818-1876)

# Hymn #524

## *I Love thy Kingdom Love*

1 I love thy king-dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode, the  
2 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers a - scend; to  
3 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways, her  
4 Je - sus, thou friend di - vine, our Sa - vior and our King, thy  
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given the

1 Church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.  
2 her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.  
3 sweet com - mun - ion, so - lemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.  
4 hand from ev - ery snare and foe shall great de - liv - erance bring.  
5 bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

Words: Timothy Dwight (1725-1817)

Music: *St. Thomas (Williams)*, melody Aaron Williams (1731-1776); harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

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

The Procession

Hymn #556 VS 1-5,7  
*Rejoice ye Pure in Heart*

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing! Your  
 2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of earth, pour  
 3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias loud; while  
 4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go, from  
 5 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar - ray, as

1 glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
 2 out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
 3 an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like wreaths of in - cense cloud.  
 4 youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe.  
 5 war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till dawns the gold - en day.

*Refrain*

Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks, and sing.  
 re - joice, re - joice,

\*6 At last the march shall end;  
 the wearied ones shall rest;  
 the pilgrims find their Father's house,  
 Jerusalem the blest.

*Refrain*

\*7 Then on, ye pure in heart!  
 Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
 Your glorious banner wave on high  
 the cross of Christ your King.

*Refrain*

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)

Music: Marion, Arthur Henry Messiter (1834-1916)

**The Sending Forth** - page 366

**Closing Voluntary** - *La Rejouissance*

G.F. Handle

On April 19th we will have a men-only choir in the service at 10:30 a.m. If you would like to sing in this choir please move forward to the choir loft during the passing of the Peace. Guest don't have to wear a robe and can return to their seats as we sing the Doxology. The choir anthem will be "God of our Fathers", a well know hymn.

## Grace Notes

- **Welcome Visitors:** Please take a moment to fill out the visitor card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate. We are glad you chose to worship with us today.
- **WWW** invites you to join us on **Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.** in the parlor as we discuss *I Guess I Haven't Learned That Yet* by Shauna Niequist. Together, we'll explore themes of growth, faith, and learning to live differently when the old ways no longer fit. All are welcome! Come as you are and join the Conversation.
- **WWW** is asking for YOUR help in our efforts to collect diapers, wipes, and feminine hygiene products support the Anderson County Diaper Bank. Donations may be placed in the cloister. We are grateful to **Louise Knisley** for coordinating collection and delivery on our behalf.
- **BRIDGE CARD GROUP FORMING** – If you are interested in playing (either learning or playing) please contact Debbie Hand at 316-617-2409 or via email at [handrab@yahoo.com](mailto:handrab@yahoo.com).
- **Guy's Gathering at Grace** will be **Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.**
- **AV System Volunteers Needed:** We are in need of someone to run the AV system and streaming on Sunday mornings. If you are interested contact the Church office or Bill Scott at [scottwn2003@yahoo.com](mailto:scottwn2003@yahoo.com) or (864) 314-9712.
- **Saturday Servants** will meet **May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>**. Volunteers are needed. We also need donations of grape jam and peanut butter. See newsletter for more information.
- **Save The Date:** Grace will have a **Whitsunday Ale drop in** on Pentecost Sunday, **May 24<sup>th</sup>, from 4 - 7 p.m.** at the home of Brett and Rebecca Dixon, 389 Graham Rd, Anderson SC 29625. Bring a dish to share and enjoy some of Brett Dixon's home brewed ale.
- **SAVE THE DATE:** Grace Annual BBQ is **October 10, 2026**.
- **IMPORTANT – KEY ENTRY TO THE BUILDING WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE.** The Episcopal Diocese of Upper South Carolina has mandated Safe Church training and compliance measures to enhance Safety and help prevent abuse. As a result, we will be implementing keypad access and issuing controlled access codes as part of this requirement effective **April 13, 2026**. In order to gain access to the building after April 13<sup>th</sup>, you will need to complete the required Safe Church Training modules and receive a keypad access code. Please contact the office for further information if you need regular access to the building after business hours.
- **Daughters of the King** are collecting chicken lunch pouches to out in Blessing Bags for the unhoused. Please place any donations in the tote in the cloister.
- **EYC Baking Day** is **Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**
- **EYC Bake Sale** is **Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**.
- **Grace Life** would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to our Easter breakfast, from set-up, serving, and clean up to bring a dish. We could not have done it without your help. Thank you again.
- **Grace Life** is forming a committee to help with church events and creative new ways to enrich parish life. All are welcome to join. If interested contact Cyndi Dougherty (631) 766-3619 text, email [cyndidoug458@gmail.com](mailto:cyndidoug458@gmail.com), or see her.
- **Upcoming Diocesan Event:** This is a free event for parishioners to learn about lay ministry! If you are interested in signing up please see the sign up link on the Grace Website or Grace QR. \*Lay ministry refers to the service, leadership, and pastoral care performed by baptized, non-ordained members of a church, representing a collaborative "Priesthood of all believers." It's a call to serve both inside and outside the church walls. \*Come discover your own gifts, discern where you feel called to lead, and develop practical action plans to turn a sense of calling into active ministry. Get equipped with tools, clarity and confidence for ministry leadership to further the kingdom of God.

## **Those who serve**

**Vestry-in-Charge:** Kirri Kinley

**Second Counter:** Mike Magaha

**Lector:** Kathy Bostater

**Lector:** Danny Ehlert

**Intercessor:** Abby Burden

**Chalice 1:** Bill Scott

**Chalice 2:** Cory Trotter

**1st Crucifer:** Cory Trotter

**Server/Gospel Bearer:** Lacreacia Bilbrey

**Ushers:** Nathanael Burden, Christopher Wilford

**Linen Guild:** Barbara Renaud

**Altar Guild:** Janet Rippy, Kathy Bostater

**Organist/Choirmaster:** Steve Grant

**Organist Emeritus:** Bill Scott



### **Stewardship Report**

*As of 2/28/2026*

YTD 2026 Revenue \$81,478

YTD 2026 Expenses \$78,214

YTD 2026 Surplus \$3,264

## **Those with birthdays this week**

Charlotte Wilford  
Al Sloan  
Suzanne Curlis  
Janet Rippy  
Parker Bates

## **Baptismal Newbirth Day**

13 April  
15 November  
4 April  
1 September

## **Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week**

Linda Foley	12 April
Conrad Foster	12 April
Charlotte Wilford	13 April
Kirri Kinley	14 April
Nancy Maxwell	16 April
Madeline Rishovd	16 April

### **Expectant Parents**

Brent and Kirri Kinley  
Donovan and Erin Colman

## **Vestry Members**

Kirri Kinley - 2024-2026  
Mike Magaha - 2024-2026  
Debbie Hand, Sr. Warden - 2024-2026  
Henry Todd - 2025-2026  
Jodie Webb, Jr. Warden - 2025-2027  
Bill Scott - 2025-2027  
Cyndi Dougherty - 2025-2027  
Heiko Erlenkeuser - 2025-2027  
Buddy Bilbrey - 2026-2028  
Jamie Ward, Clerk - 2026-2028  
JoCarol Titmas - 2026-2028  
Tracey Lidlow - 2026-2028

## **Delegates to the Convention**

Janet Rippy  
Debbie Hand  
Bill Scott  
Jamie Ward  
Jodie Webb 1st alternate  
Carol Miller 2nd alternate  
JoCarol Titmas 3rd alternate

## **Grace Church Endowment**

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