



Circa early 1400s AD

LET GOD ARISE

GRACE CHURCH

17 May 2026

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Ascension Sunday

Welcome to Grace!

Opening Voluntary - *Look, ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious*

William Owen

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)

The Liturgy begins on page 355.

The Word of God

A Song of Praise

Hymn #180

1 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! Tell it out with
2 Come, ye sad and fear - ful - heart - ed, with glad smile and
*3 Come, with high and ho - ly hymn - ing, hail our Lord's tri -
4 He is ris - en, he is ris - en! He hath o - pened
joy - ful voice: he has burst his three days' pris - on;
ra - dian - t brow! Death's long sha - dows have de - part - ed;
um - phant day; not one dark - some cloud is dim - ming
hea - ven's gate: we are free from sin's dark pris - on,
let the whole wide earth re - joice: death is con - quered,
Je - sus' woes are o - ver now, and the pas - sion
yon - der glo - rious morn - ing ray, break - ing o'er the
ris - en to a ho - lier state; and a bright - er
we are free, Christ has won the vic - to - ry.
that he bore— sin and pain can vex no more.
pur - ple east, sym - bol of our Eas - ter feast.
Eas - ter beam on our long - ing eyes shall stream.

Title: Canticle 2, A Song of Praise: *Benedictus es, Domine*

Music: Plainsong, Tone 8; adapt. Bruce E. Ford (b. 1947); acc. Jackson Hill (b. 1941)

The Collect

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 First Lesson

Acts 1:6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "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."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Psalm

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36 (*read responsively by half verse*)

Exsurgat Deus

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; *
let those who hate him flee before him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; *
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; *
let them also be merry and joyful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;
exalt him who rides upon the heavens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!
- 5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, *
God in his holy habitation!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; *
but the rebels shall live in dry places.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your people, *
when you marched through the wilderness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, *
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; *
you refreshed the land when it was weary.
- 10 Your people found their home in it; *
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.
- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; *
sing praises to the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; *
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; *
his majesty is over Israel;
his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! *
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!
Blessed be God!

The Second Lesson

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Hymn LEVAS #220

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

1. We are _____ climb - ing _____ Ja - cob's _____ lad - der, _____
 2. Ev' - ry _____ round goes _____ high - er, _____ high - er, _____
 3. Sin - ner _____ do you _____ love your _____ Je - sus? _____
 4. If you _____ love Him _____ why not _____ serve Him, _____

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 2. Ev' - ry _____ round goes _____ high - er, _____ high - er; _____
 3. Sin - ner _____ do you _____ love your _____ Je - sus? _____
 4. If you _____ love Him _____ why not _____ serve Him; _____

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 2. Ev' - ry _____ round goes _____ high - er, _____ high - er, _____
 3. Sin - ner _____ do you _____ love your _____ Je - sus? _____
 4. If you _____ love Him _____ why not _____ serve Him, _____

1. Sol - diers _____ of the _____ cross. _____
 2. Sol - diers _____ of the _____ cross. _____
 3. Sol - diers _____ of the _____ cross. _____
 4. Sol - diers _____ of the _____ cross. _____

Words: Traditional Music: Negro Spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer (b. 1935)

The Holy Gospel

Priest: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.*

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ*

John 17:1-11

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed - page 358

Prayers of the People Form VI - page 392

The Peace
Announcements (*Please notify the rector beforehand*)
Offertory - *Fairest Lord Jesus*
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 A - page 361
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

A - men, A - men,

A - men, A - men, A - men.

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

Fraction Anthem LEVAS #154

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness
of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and
see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Fine

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965), alt.

Music: *Bunessan*, Gaelic melody; harm. Alec Wyton (b. 1921)

Communion Hymns

I'll Fly away

1. Some glad morn - ing when this life is o'er, I'll fly a -
2. When the shad - ows of this life have gone, fly a -
3. Just a few more wea - ry days and then, fly a-way,

way; fly a-way; To a home on God's ce - les - tial shore, I'll
Like a bird from pris - on bars has flown, fly a-way,
To a land where joys shall nev - er end,

Refrain

fly a - way. I'll fly a-way, O glo-ry, I'll
fly a-way. fly a-way, fly a-way, fly a-way,

fly a - way; in the morn - ing; When I die, hal - le - lu - jah, by and by,
 I'll fly a - way, fly a - way, fly a - way. I'll fly a - way!

Optional choral ending
ff

Words: Albert E. Brumley Music: Albert E. Brumley

Hymn LEVAS #18

Swing Low Sweet Chariot

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, Com - ing for to car - ry me home.

Fine

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, Com - ing for to car - ry me home.

1. I looked o - ver Jor - dan, and what did I see
 2. If you get there be - fore I do,
 3. The bright - est day that ev - er I saw
 4. I'm some - times up and some - times down,

1. Com - ing for to car - ry me home. A band of an - gels
 2. Com - ing for to car - ry me home. Tell all my friends I'm
 3. Com - ing for to car - ry me home. When Je - sus wash'd my
 4. Com - ing for to car - ry me home. But still my soul feels

D.C.

1. com-ing af - ter me, Com-ing for to car - ry me home. O,
 2. com - ing too, Com-ing for to car - ry me home. O,
 3. sins a - way, Com-ing for to car - ry me home. O,
 4. heaven - ly bound, Com-ing for to car - ry me home. O,

Words: Frank Mason North (1850-1935), alt.

Music: Gardiner, from *Sacred Melodies*, 1815; arr. William Gardiner (1770-1853)

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

Hymn WLP #787 (Sung Twice)
We are Marching in the Light of God

We are march - ing in the light of God, we are
 march - ing in the light of God, We are march - ing in the
 we are march - ing in the light of God.
 light of God, we are march - ing in the light of, the
 we are march - ing in the light of God.
 We are march - ing
 light of God. We are march - ing, march - ing, we are
 light of God. We are march - ing, march - ing, we are

Oo we are march - ing in the light of God
 march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of, the
 march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of, God.

We are march - ing
 light of God. We are march - ing, march - ing we are

Oo
 march - ing, march - ing, we are march - ing in the light of God.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) in the vocal line. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, often mirroring the vocal melody.

Words: South African; Spanish words, Bernardo Murray (b. 1965)

Music: *Siyahamba*, South African

The Sending Forth - page 366
Closing Voluntary - Rejoice the Lord of Life Ascends

arr. Steve Grant

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** 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.
- **Daughters of the King:** If you are interested in learning more about Daughters of the King, we will begin a class on **Saturday, June 13th at 10 a.m.** in the Library. It will run for 8 weeks. For more information contact Debbie Hand at handrab@yahoo.com or Barbara Renaud at barbrenaud@yahoo.com.
- **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, or see her.
- **Saturday Servants** will meet **May 23rd, and 30th**. Volunteers are needed. We also need donations of grape jam, creamy peanut butter and waters. If you are interested in helping contact Tracey Lidlow at tjlidlow@gmail.com.
- **June Prayer Class:** Sundays **June 7, 14, and 21st at 9:15 a.m.** in Fr. Jack's study. We will be discussing the modern classic *Help Thanks Wow* by Anne Lamott.
- **Wednesday Night Supper:** **Wednesday May 20th at 5:30 p.m.** please scan the Grace QR Code for the link or call church office if you would like to attend this dinner.
- **Guys's Gathering at Grace** will be **Thursday, May 21st at 6 p.m.**
- **Summer Food For Kids** will begin on **May 22nd**. We meet at **12pm** to deliver meals and books to children in neighborhoods around the church. We welcome any donations of books for children and teenagers! If you are interested or have any questions, please talk to Sharon.
- **WWW:** During May WWW will be reading *Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Tish Harrison Warren. Join us in the parlor on Tuesday evenings from **6:30 –8 p.m.** All are welcome at the table.
- **Pentecost Sunday** is next **Sunday, May 24th, Wear Red.**
- **EYC End of the Year Party:** **Sunday, May 24th**
- **Veterans Drive:** St. Catherine's Guild and Guys Gathering at Grace will begin collecting items for the Richard Campbell Veterans Home Drive **Sunday, May 24th**. Those items may be placed in the tote in the labeled tote in the cloister. See may newsletter for a list of items.
- **Memorial day** is **Monday, May 25th**, the church office will be closed this day.
- **Grief Support** will meet **Thursday, May 28th at 10 a.m.**

• THE GRACE CODE

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- Wednesday Night Supper
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Stewardship Report

As of 4/30/2026

YTD 2026 Revenue \$159,743

YTD 2026 Expenses \$159,331

YTD 2026 Surplus \$412

SAVE THE DATE

Save The Date: NEXT SUNDAY! Grace will have a **Whitsun Ale drop in** on Pentecost Sunday, **May 24th, 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.

Melissa Langford's Ordination to the diaconate will be **Saturday, May 30th at 11 a.m.** at Trinity Cathedral in Columbia.

Episcopal Christianity Class: Sundays in July and August at 9:15 a.m. in Fr. Jack's study, for those who would like to be baptized on All Saints Sunday, or confirmed, or who want to study the faith and talk about interesting things.

SAVE THE DATE: Grace Annual BBQ is **October 10, 2026.**

VBS: we are gearing up for VBS! **Every Wednesday night in July** beginning on July 8, we will have VBS **from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**, and the whole church is invited! If you are interested in serving in any capacity at VBS this year, please make sure you talk to Sharon so we can make sure you are Safe Church certified.

Weekly Meetings

Fiber, Friends, and Fellowship: Starting May 5th FFF will begin meeting every Tuesday from 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Women, Wine, and Wisdom meets every Tuesday from 6:30 - 8 p.m.

The Ladies' Prayer Group meets every Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Those who serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Mike Magaha

Second Counter: Tracey Lidlow

Lector: Susan Whatley

Lector: Danny Ehlert

Intercessor: Jodie Webb

Chalice 1: Joey Oppermann

Chalice 2: Brett Dixon

1st Crucifer: Nathanael Burden

Server/Gospel Bearer: Brett Dixon

Ushers: Cory Trotter, Maxwell Jeffers

Linen Guild: Susan Carpenter

Altar Guild: Jodie Webb, Cindy Hopkins, Susan Whatley

Organist/Choirmaster: Steve Grant

Organist Emeritus: Bill Scott

Expectant Parents

Donovan and Erin Colman
Joey and Asheton Benson



Congratulations to Brent and Kirri Kinley on the birth of their baby girl, Lucille Kathleen Kinley (Lucy) Born on May 8, 6lbs 2oz 19in.

Those with birthdays this week

Barbara Davis
Barbara Renaud
Kathryn Heeney
Finley Mathis
Lisa Bodenheimer
David deHoll
Susan Carpenter
Erin Hughes

Baptismal Newbirth Day

17 October
01 June
21 June
01 January
01 January
10 February

Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

John Taylor 17 May
Ava Camak 19 May
Jim Harris 19 May
Christopher Wilford 22 May

Altar Flowers

Flowers are given in praise to the Lord for our newest blessing, Lucille Kathleen Kinley (Lucy). Born on May 8, 6lbs 2oz 19in. Praise be to God—with love Brent, Kirri, and Campbell

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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Monday - Thursday

8:10 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.