

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2024

Grace: 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, without music (p. 323/340)

(1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays)

All Saints Chapel: 9:00 a.m. (2nd/4th Sundays)

Grace: 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 2



Remember to silence all cell phones.

Prelude *Echo Fantasia*

Samuel Scheidt

Processional Hymn #427

When morning guilds the skies

Opening Acclamation

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Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Collect for Purity

Hymnal S-280

Gloria

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Reading

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (8:26-40).

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they

came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

A responsive reading from the Psalms (22:24-30).

²⁴My praise is of him in the great assembly; *

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

²⁵The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *

"May your heart live for ever!"

²⁶All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, *

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

²⁷For kingship belongs to the LORD; *

he rules over the nations.

²⁸To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; *

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

²⁹My soul shall live for him;

my descendants shall serve him; *

they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

³⁰They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn *

the saving deeds that he has done.

The Epistle

A reading from the First Letter of John (1 John 4:7-21).

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Pre-Gospel Hymn #529 (v. 1-2)

In Christ there is no East or West

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (15:1-8).

Glorify to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Post-Gospel Hymn #529 (v.3)

In Christ there is no East or West

The Homily

The Very Rev. Miles Smith

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People - Form III

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During the Easter season the Confession may be omitted

The Peace

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem *Praised be the Lord*

Maurice Green

Presentation Hymn 380 (vs. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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Sanctus

Hymnal S-125

The Lord's Prayer

The Breaking of the Bread

On receiving Communion: All are welcome to the Lord's table, kneeling or standing. Those not baptized but desiring to participate may cross their arms upon their chest and receive a blessing from the priest. Any baptized Christian may receive Communion in one of three ways: (1) In "one-kind", i.e. receiving the bread or the wine alone, declining either by crossing your arms upon your chest. (2) In "both kinds", i.e. eating the bread and then drinking from the chalice, or (3) holding your bread and then intincting (carefully dipping) the bread into the wine before eating. To receive wheat bread extend both hands together. To receive gluten-free bread please extend one hand only. If you have severe celiac disease it is best to consult with the priest before the service. If you need the Sacrament brought to your pew then please notify an usher.

Fraction Anthem

S-164

Communion Hymns #213

Come away to the skies

#304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn #296

We know that Christ is raised

Greetings & Announcements

Dismissal

Postlude *Trumpet Voluntary*

Gordon Young

This Week in the Parish

Welcome to our guests!

We are happy you are visiting Grace Church. Please sign a guest card and leave it in the offering plate. Introduce yourself to our Clergy after the service and join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall. We look forward to meeting you - Thank you!

Serving this Morning

Officiant: The Very Reverend Miles Smith
Music Director/Organist – Joel VanderZee

Reader – Merle Young

Chalicer – Cathy Bodkin

Ushers – Stephanie Shellenberger & Bill Adams

Sunday School Volunteer – Breck Scalise

Nursery Staff – Michelle Mentor

Vestry on Duty – Barbara Crawford & Wess Mitchell

Altar Guild – Dot Proffitt, Lizzie McCowen & Margaret Anderson

Altar Flowers

Please sign up for Sunday service flowers given in memory of or thanksgiving for a loved one or event. You can sign up on the sheet posted in the narthex, call the church office or email

ParishAdministrator@gracekeswick.org. Make checks payable to Grace Church, with *Altar Flowers* in the memo line (\$75.00 per Sunday). Please feel free to share the dedication and cost of flowers that are for the same Sunday.

Prayer List

Ellen Reed, Doug Wachenfeld, Lauren Wachenfeld, (Margaret Wachenfeld), Neil Horner (Chris Horner), Caryn Stefanchik (Beth Davis), Phil Ianna, Dottie Pratt, George Gaige, my brother-in-law, John Hart (Julie Russell), Jane Remington, Reverend Carol Sims, Pooh Johnson, Patty DuPuis, Wanda Martin, Kelly Martin (Wanda Martin's daughter in law), Anne Slator Coyner, Cathy Corlis (Jill Kavanagh), Steve Manos (Jill Kavanagh), Juanita Taylor (Betsy Baten), Bill McCowen, John Fischer (Margaret Wachenfeld's brother), Nikki Henry (Barbara Crawford), Lily Samuels (granddaughter of Bill & Eleanor Adams), Alison Walden, Hugh Gildea, Rohn Laudenschlager, Shirley Gibson (Dot Proffitt's sister), Mattie Banks (Miles Smith), Thomas Kenneth (Kenny) Taylor III (Betsy Baten), Anne Spencer (Karen Whitcomb), and Pam Elwell (Kathy Trossi's cousin).

After the listed names, you will see the parishioner's name in parenthesis that placed the person on our prayer list. You can address the parishioner as to the wellbeing of their family member or friend. The list is revised monthly.

Sunday, April 28, 2024

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer (All Saints)

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 (Grace Church)

12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour (Team #4)

Monday, April 29, 2024

7:30 p.m. AA Meeting (Parish Hall)

Thursday, May 2, 2024

9:30 a.m. Women's Study Group (Conference Rm)

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 5, 2024 – Discretionary Fund Sunday

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 (Grace Church – no music)

10:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 (Grace Church)

12:00 p.m. Coffee Hour (Team #5)

Note: Miles is away attending the Diocesan Clergy Retreat, Monday, April 29th – Wednesday, May 1st.

Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week

4/28 – Penn DuPuis, Ridge Porter

4/29 – Alden Bigelow, Harry Gamble

4/30 – Vista Grinde

5/1 – Melissa Harrison, Charlotte Mitchell

Announcements

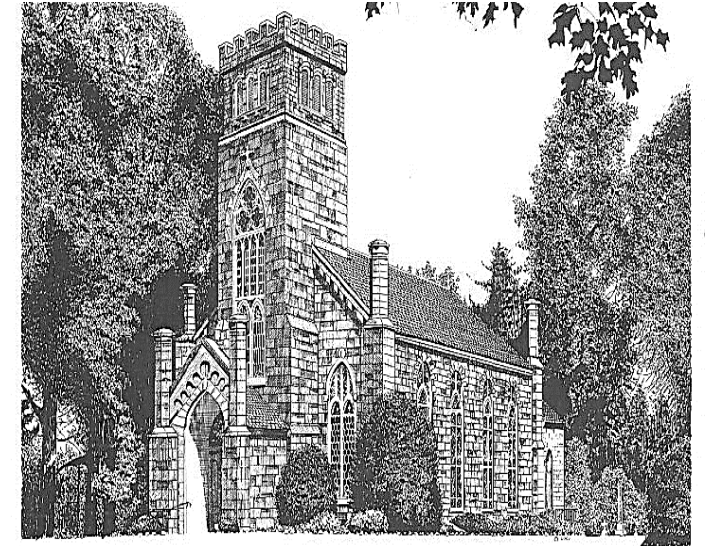
Revised Grace Cemetery Lot Prices: Upon the recommendation of the Cemetery Committee, the Vestry has approved the following price increases for cemetery lots, effective 1 July 2024:

- For current members from \$1000 to \$1500.
- For blood relatives and spouses of current or former members from \$1250 to \$2000
- For people with no affiliation with Grace from \$2500 to \$4000.

The church has also recently repossessed 15 cemetery lots on the north side of the church which are available for sale. If you are interested in purchasing a lot, please contact Dan Dick: dan.dick@comcast.net or 703-403-3321.



SCAN ME



We open wide the doors of this church to all who desire sincerely to worship the Eternal God whom Jesus revealed as our Heavenly Father. Through our worship we endeavor to know Jesus Christ and make Him known through our lives. We offer our church for the cure of souls who doubt and for the persuasion of those who have found faith difficult; for the encouragement of the discouraged; for the consecration of the strong, for the inspiration of all who face life daringly, and for the ever-deepening assurance of the life Eternal.

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