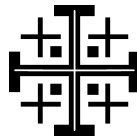




THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 28, 2024 AT 10:30 A.M.



Welcome to Grace Episcopal Cathedral!

If you're new here, there's more information for you on the back of this service bulletin.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE: Noël Nouvelet Thème et Quatre Variations

Guy Miaille (1930-2022)

PROCESSION HYMN 204: Now the Green Blade Riseth

NOËL NOUVELET

The service begins on page 355 in the red Book of Common Prayer.

ACCLAMATION *Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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 GLORIA: Hymnal S278 (*Found in the front section of the blue book*)
Sung by the congregation.

William Mathias (934-92)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

Congregation is seated.

THE FIRST READING: Acts 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 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.

After the reading, Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 22:24-30 BCP 612 Dominus regit me

Sung by the Cathedral Choir

THE SECOND READING: 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.

After the reading, Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able.

HYMN 449: O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High **vv. 1, 3-5**

DEO GRACIAS

THE GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

Before the Gospel, *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said, "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."

After the Gospel, Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED, *BCP 358 Standing as able.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us make our needs known to the God of Love, who abides in us, and we in him.

Grant that your Church, constant in her faith and love of you, will find unity in all her branches, through the strength of Christ, the true vine. We offer prayer today for Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Spokane, Washington, and the retired clergy in our diocese. May your love to continue to be perfected in them.

For the Vestry members of Grace Cathedral being commissioned today, we ask the wisdom and insight of your Holy Spirit be upon them as leaders in our midst.

Today we pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; and Cathleen, our own Bishop, as they lead us in love, by word and deed, so that we may be generous in our love of all God's creation.

Enlighten in the world those who earnestly seek your truths, and by your spirit, lead each to fullness of life in you. Bless those known to us who are preparing for confirmation and reaffirmation. Prepare also your church, so we may be ready to seek and serve Christ in them, joining with them in prayer and fellowship.

Have mercy on us as we wrestle with grief and loss. May we find comfort in your peace and presence. We pray also for those who have gone before us. In our Permanent Flower Memorial, we remember Lloyd Sugg, Bowman Russell, Mary George, Gregory McGrew, Georgia Gibbs and Josephine Neff, and pray that they may be made perfect in your eternal kingdom.

For those in our midst and our community with needs, spoken and unspoken, we pray your comfort and peace. For Kay, Richard, Rick, Linda, Kitty, Jan, and Janet. May your presence be made known in the lifting of their burdens.

We offer our prayers through Jesus Christ, the true vine and the source of our life and strength.

Celebrant: On this day, Loving God, you have touched us with love. Send us now to be your "touch-of-love" for another, and may the healing and life of Jesus Christ's love flow through each of us. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Congregation is seated.*

RECOGNITION OF BAPTISMAL MINISTRY: Commissioning of Vestry members

OFFERTORY SENTENCE: Beloved, let us love another because love is from God. And by this we know we abide in him and he in us, if we have love for one another.

ONLINE GIVING: Visit www.GiveToGrace.org or you can scan this QR code now, or visit www.GiveToGrace.org. Thank you!



OFFERTORY ANTHEM: I Am the Vine

Allen Pote (b. 1945)

The Cathedral Choir

I am the vine and you are the branches, abide in me and I will abide in you.
Then you will bear much fruit for without me you can do nothing.

As the Father has loved me, so I love you. Go then and love one another.

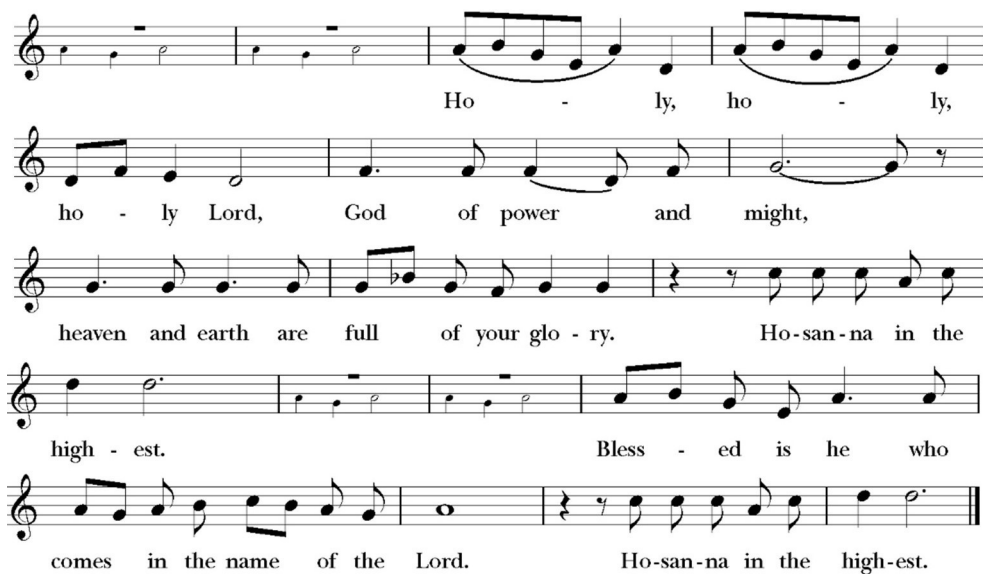
Keep this commandment, for no greater love have you, than to lay down your life for your friends.

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A, *BCP 361*, *standing as able*.

The Sanctus: Hymnal S128

William Mathias (1934-92)

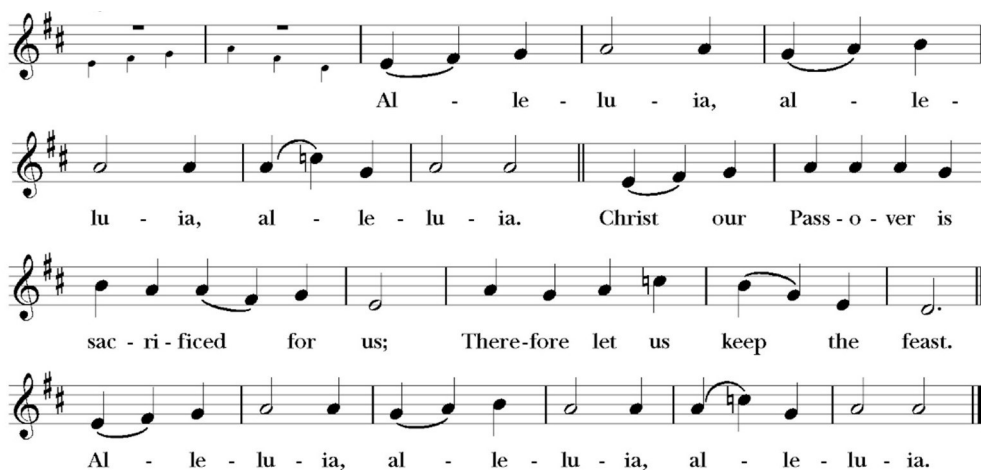


Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER, *BCP 364*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: Fraction Anthem: Hymnal S155

Gerald Near (b. 1942)



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

All are welcome! Communion is available at the altar rail or at the crossing. To receive a blessing from the priest, come forward and cross your arms over your chest. Signal a server if you need to remain in your pew but wish to partake. After receiving communion, Prayer Ministers will be in St. Mary's Chapel for private prayer.

COMMUNION MUSIC: Christ lag in Todesbanden
Please stand as you are able.

Johann Bernard Bach (1676-1749)

POSTCOMMUNION HYMN 707: Take My Life, and Let it Be

HOLLINGSIDE

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

PROCESSION HYMN 410: Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: Fantasia on Noël Nouvelet

Norman Warren (b. 1934)

MINISTERS TODAY

Celebrant: The Reverend Jody Carroll, *Canon*

Preacher: The Very Reverend Torey Lightcap, *Dean*

Deacon: The Reverend Carl Edwards

Vergers: Kent Wingerson, Elizabeth Massey

Ushers: Team 4, Dan Rice, *Capt.*

Acolytes: Team 1, Josiah Todwong, *Capt.*

Organist: Dr. Donald Livingston

Eucharistic Ministers: Lynne Horne

Choirmaster: Dr. Eduardo García-Novelli

Sarah Shipman, Sam Todwong

Associate Choirmaster: Zachary Cope

Lector: Marvin Stottlemire

Sound/Lights: Mason Vosburgh

Altar Guild: Group D, Tami Smith, *Capt.*

Livestream: Michael Massey

CATHEDRAL PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Forum: April 28, May 5 & 12—The Gospel of John with Steve Roth
The gospel of John stands apart from the other gospels in both style and prospective in the telling of the earthly and divine life of Christ. You are invited to join in an overview of this intriguing story during Adult Forum, Sundays, 9:30 a.m., in All Saints Hall.

Sunday, May 5: Next Sunday, Bishop Bascom will be joining us for our service which will include confirmations and reaffirmations at the 10:30 service.

The Order of the Daughters of the King, Grace Chapter, will meet at 9:30 a.m., Saturday, May 4, in the Bubb Room. There will be a time of sharing, and our Chaplain, Sharon Highberger, will lead us in some meditation. All women of Grace Cathedral are welcome to visit or join.

The Order of the Daughters of the King is a religious order for women of the Episcopal Church (see Chimes article) and those in communion with the Episcopal church. For more information please contact Jackie Sommers at jdrsommers@gmail.com, Vanessa Hill at hill.vanessa.1924@gmail.com, Jan Buckley at jbuckley1003@yahoo.com, or Sharon Highberger at sharonhighb2@icloud.com.

Grace Cathedral's Outreach Ministry continues to see a significant rise in items for basic living. On Saturday, April 6, 40 loaves of bread were made into peanut butter & jelly sandwiches and distributed by 10 a.m.; 36 Blessing Bags were gone by 10 a.m.; and the Sharing Table was practically empty by 10:30 a.m. The hours for Saturday distributions are from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

During the first quarter of this year the Sharing Table has provided 1,061 items to 147 people. We thank you for your continued generosity toward our neighbors!

Sharing Table Needed items: **EVERYTHING** — Gently used belts, shampoo, deodorant, bar soap/body wash, socks, band-aids, large or travel size toothpaste, dental floss, body lotion, sunscreen, can openers, pain reliever, combs, brushes, feminine products, *Depends* underwear female & male.

Nehemiah Action Assembly, May 6: The Cathedral's Justice Ministry invites you to attend the Nehemiah Action Assembly Monday, May 6, at Washburn University's Lee Arena. Registration begins at 6 p.m. with the Assembly at 7. Violence Reduction, Mental Health Crisis Services and Homelessness in Topeka will be addressed with researched solutions presented to local officials. Show them, by your attendance, that we are serious about correcting injustice in the lives of our neighbors. Our goal is to have 65 Cathedral members in attendance!



THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Sunday, May 19, 2024

We will have **ONE SERVICE ONLY** at 10 a.m.

The color of the day is **RED**



Parish-wide Pentecost Picnic

May 19 following the 10 a.m. service

Hot dogs, drinks and table service will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert and a lawn chair if you'd like to move your picnic outdoors.



In the interest of creating a peaceful and prayerful space for worship, at five minutes before worship begins, or just before the prelude, a bell will ring. This is the signal to refrain from conversation so that you and others may prepare for worship through prayer, meditation and thoughtful silence.

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) = red book Hymnal = blue book

We'd love to connect with you. Please fill out a visitor information card from the pew rack and drop it in the collection box on your way out today.

Sound equipment for the hearing-impaired is available. Inquire with an usher.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the west. Next to the nursery you will find a family restroom with a changing table.

A staffed nursery is available today, down the hallway to your right. You can ask an usher to assist you.

Connect with us and learn more about who we are at www.gracecathedraltopeka.org.

Special Note: *This service will be live-streamed on YouTube and Facebook.*



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