

*Welcome to Grace Church*

## **Trinity Sunday**

Holy Eucharist

May 30, 2021

10:00 a.m. at Crissey Farm  
and on Zoom



## **GRACE CHURCH**

an Episcopal Community in the Southern Berkshires

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*Step into Grace where strangers become friends.  
We are an open and affirming church. Every one of every age,  
race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, gender  
identity, physical or mental ability, or economic status  
is invited to join us as together we live out the Gospel message  
of love, forgiveness, service, and justice. No matter where you are  
in your spiritual journey—you are welcome here.*

*A chime rings and the people gather in silence.*

## PRELUDE

# The Word of God

*All stand as able*

## OPENING HYMN

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*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty*

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
\*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.  
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God’s kingdom now and forever.**  
**Amen.**

**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

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

O God our mystery, you bring us to life, call us to freedom, and move between us with love. May we so participate in the dance of your trinity, that our lives may resonate with you, now and for ever.  
*Amen.*

*All sit.*

**THE FIRST READING**

Isaiah 6:1-8

*A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean

lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated.*

**PSALM 29:1-2, 4, 9-11**

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,\*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name;\*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;\*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord\*  
all are crying, “Glory!”
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;\*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people;\*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

*All stand as able.*

**THE GOSPEL**

John 3:1-17

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we

know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows when it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

*All sit.*

**THE SERMON**

*The Rev. Libby Wade*

## NICENE CREED

*All stand as able.*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, either silently or aloud.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

On this Memorial Day Weekend, I offer the following prayer:

Lord God, in whom there is life and light: Accept our thanks for those who died for us, our prayers for those who mourn, our praise for the hope you have given us. Refresh our hearts with dedication to heroic ideas, with appreciation for the honesty of the just, with obedience to upright laws. Forgive us when our patriotism is hollow, when our nationalism is arrogant, when our allegiance is halfhearted. Stir within us thanksgiving for all we have inherited, vigilance for the freedoms of all people, and willingness to sacrifice for fellow citizens. Comfort us with the joy that Christ died for all, bringing life and immortality to light for all who believe in him. Amen.

### THE CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence.*

*Minister and People*

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

## THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant*      The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People*          **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of God by sharing a physically distanced sign of Christ's peace.*

*All sit.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

*Let us pray together:*

**O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord *Amen.***

## The Holy Communion

### A GRATITUDE MOMENT

Please take a few moments to think of one thing during the past week for which you thank God. If you wish to share your gratitude moment with the congregation, please come to the microphone.

*All stand as able.*

### THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Celebrant*      Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

**MHSO 114**

*We see the Lord*

*Sung by Cantor*

*The people stand as able after the Altar is prepared.*

*Celebrant* All things come from you, O Lord.

*People* **And of your own have we given you.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Eucharistic Prayer A

*Book of Common Prayer*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People say the Sanctus together*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to

evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*The Celebrant continues*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread and a period of silence is kept, then all say:*

**We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one  
bread.**

*Precautions have been taken to ensure the safe distribution of the bread. Gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please let the priest know if you prefer these. At this time, we will share only the bread, not the wine. To receive communion, please come to the head of the aisle (maintaining physical distance between household groups and wearing your mask). The priest will drop the wafer into your cupped hands. Step at least six feet away to either side before removing your mask to consume the wafer. Replace your mask and return to your seat. If you would rather receive a blessing instead, please come forward and cross your hands over your chest. If you would prefer to have communion brought to you, please inform the usher and remain seated.*

*If you are participating in this service virtually, you can't physically receive the communion bread, but you can spiritually receive Christ's body. You are invited to pray this Prayer for Spiritual Communion:*

Lord Jesus, as you promised to be with us in the bread and wine that is your body and blood, grant that we may receive you spiritually today into our hearts, minds, and souls. Stay with us; be our companion in the way; kindle our hearts and awaken hope that we may know you and have confidence in your loving care, now and forever. Amen.

### **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

*Let us break bread together*

Instrumental

*All stand as able.*

### **THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and people*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **A PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN**

*Celebrant and people*

**Most generous and loving God, we thank you for the gift of children. With each child you refresh your promises to all of us. Through each child you remind us to take care of all you have created.**

**We pray your blessing on each child today. Teach them to love courage and to trust you. Help them see you at work in your world.**

**Help them speak words of love, peace, and friendship. Turn their faces in kindness toward their neighbors, and fill each one with confidence in your steadfast love. This we ask in the name of your child, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

The Father, who created you, calls you his beloved.  
The Christ, who redeemed you, is with you in love.  
The Spirit, who enlightens you, gives you strength.  
The Holy Three are ever loving and guiding you.  
May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.  
Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN**

**WLP 746**

*God the sculptor of the mountains*

1. God the sculp-tor of the moun-tains, God the mil-ler of the sand,  
2. God the nui-sance to the Pha-raoh, God the cleav-er of the sea,  
3. God the un-ex-pect-ed in-fant, God the calm, de-ter-mined youth,  
4. God the dress-er of the vine-yard, God the plant-er of the wheat,

The musical score consists of three staves: a vocal line in the treble clef, a piano accompaniment in the right hand in the treble clef, and a piano accompaniment in the left hand in the bass clef. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 3/8. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the vocal line.

God the jewel-er of the heav-ens, God the pot-ter of the land:  
 God the pil-lar of the dark-ness, God the bea-con of the free:  
 God the ta-ble turn-ing pro-phet, God the res-ur-rect-ed Truth:  
 God the reap-er of the har-vest, God the source of all we eat:

you are womb of all cre - a - tion, we are form - less; shape us now.  
 you are gate of all de - liv' - rance, we are sight - less; lead us now.  
 you are pres-ent ev-ery mo - ment, we are search-ing; meet us now.  
 you are host at ev-ery ta - ble, we are hun - gry; feed us now.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

## EUCCHARISTIC PARTICIPANTS

<i>WELCOME TEAM</i>	Rick and Sue Gore
<i>LECTOR</i>	Dindy Anderson
<i>INTERCESSOR</i>	Ellis Ericson and Parents
<i>FLOWERS</i>	Pennie Curry
<i>ALTAR GUILD</i>	Cathy Haywood
<i>COUNTERS</i>	Rick Gore

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## GRACE CHURCH INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Please Include in Your Daily Prayers This Week

**Members of the Parish Family:** Anne Andrews, Linda White, Pennie Curry, Mark Anderson, Stacey, Claire and Mark Thomas, Meredith Haider, Linda White, Rosemarie Blakely, Marina Bowens, John Breasted, Jane Brooks, Vonnie Frye, Barbara Gore, Sara Keene, Barbara Turner.

**Others we Love:** Karen LaRocque friend of Sue Gore; Rosalind Haywood, Sue Gore's mother; Deborah McCurdy.

**Those who have died:** Janet Nail, friend of Libby & Jim Wade; Alan Sparks, brother of Debbie Holmes; Charlotte Douglas Mott, mother of the Rev. Pam Mott; Patricia Mary Tuck, mother of the Rev. Michael Tuck; Ruth Crawford; Emily Trespas, friend of Jainee McCarroll and John Ericson; John Grammer, husband of Mary Anne; Rollie Tillman, father of the Rev. Jane Tillman; Bill Alford, brother of Dick Alford; Elinor Hamill; Neil Brandt, brother of Linda White; John Turner, husband of Barbara Turner; Leslie Albert, friend of Margaret Layton and Sarah Sieber; Kathy Happ, sister of Doug and Gary Happ; Locke Larkin, brother-in-law of Maureen Terry; Charles Olegar.

**Our world:** For all victims of violence; for those who suffer from the COVID-19 virus; for those who have died from this virus and those who mourn; for those who provide care and comfort in this pandemic; for all who suffer from the loss of jobs and income in this time; for all who are anxious about their future and our world; for all who offer time and treasure to support those who need to know love; for all who are alone and all who reach out to care.

**The many ministries of our local community and the Diocese of Western Massachusetts:** especially for our partners at St. Paul's, Stockbridge and the Rev. Sam Smith and the Rev. Jane Tillman; Christ Trinity, Sheffield and the Rev. Erik Karas; our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Douglas J. Fisher; and the Mampong Babies' Home in Ghana; St. John's, Millville; Human Resources Committee; The Bishop's Choir School; Spiritual Formation and Leadership Development; MA Conference of the United Church of Christ.

**The Church's wider mission:** La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico

**And we offer thanks:** for all those celebrating a birthday, especially David Hamill, or anniversaries this week.

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# CALENDAR

## ONGOING

Thursdays	Centering Prayer <sup>1</sup>	5:00 PM
June 6	Morning Prayer <sup>1</sup>	10:00 AM
June 13	Holy Eucharist <sup>1 &amp; 2</sup>	10:00 AM
June 20	Festival of Hymns <sup>1</sup>	10:00 AM
June 27	Holy Eucharist <sup>1 &amp; 2</sup>	10:00 AM

*Libby's last Sunday as Interim Rector*

Please visit our website, [www.graceberkshires.org](http://www.graceberkshires.org), for up to date information about in-person gathering and livestreaming of our worship services.

## May

31 Memorial Day

## June

3	Movie Night <sup>1</sup>	6:30 PM
5	Gideon's Garden Planting Day at Gideon's Garden	begins at 10:00 AM
6	Morning Prayer <sup>1</sup>	10:00 AM
	Diocesan Confirmation Service	3:00 PM

*Our own Holly Murray will be received into the Episcopal Church at this service in Wilbraham.*

On Zoom <sup>1</sup> / Crissey Farm <sup>2</sup>

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*If you have an item for our parish calendar, please notify the office at [Office@GraceBerkshires.org](mailto:Office@GraceBerkshires.org) or 644-0022.*

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## GRACE CHURCH VESTRY

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Class of 2022	John Cheek, Cathy Haywood
Class of 2023	Dindy Anderson, Holly Murray
Class of 2024	Anne Andrews, Dutch Pinkston

# *The Five Marks of Mission*

*A unifying commitment of  
The Anglican Communion and  
The Episcopal Church*

The Mission of the Church is the Mission of Christ

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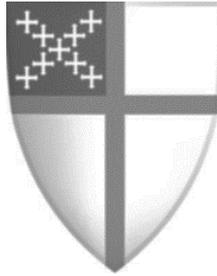
To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom

To teach, baptize and nurture new believers

To respond to human need by loving service

To seek to transform unjust structures of society

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation  
and sustain and renew the life of the earth



*Thank you for attending Grace Church!  
We hope your time with us will help you  
take God's peace and love  
into the week ahead.*

*We look forward to seeing you again next Sunday.*