

Welcome to Grace Church
The Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024

10:00 a.m. at Berkshire South and on Zoom



*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.*

PRELUDE

Ubi caritas

Ola Gjeli (b. 1978)

The Word of God

OPENING HYMN

H 304

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

Words: Brian Wren (b. 1936), alt.
 Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk melody; adapt./harm. Annabel Morris
 Buchanan (1889-1983)

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever.**
 AMEN.

EASTER TROPARION **Kievan Chant | sing 3 times**
Christ is risen from the dead

Christ is ris - en from the dead, tram - pling down death by
 death, and on those in the tombs be - stow - ing life.

Words: Byzantine Rites possibly 2d cent. (1 Cor. 15:20)
 Music: Obikhod chant (permission of St. Gregory of Nyssa, San Francisco)

COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

THE FIRST READING

Acts 4:5-12

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

`the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who
trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days
of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

THE SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have

boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

H 664

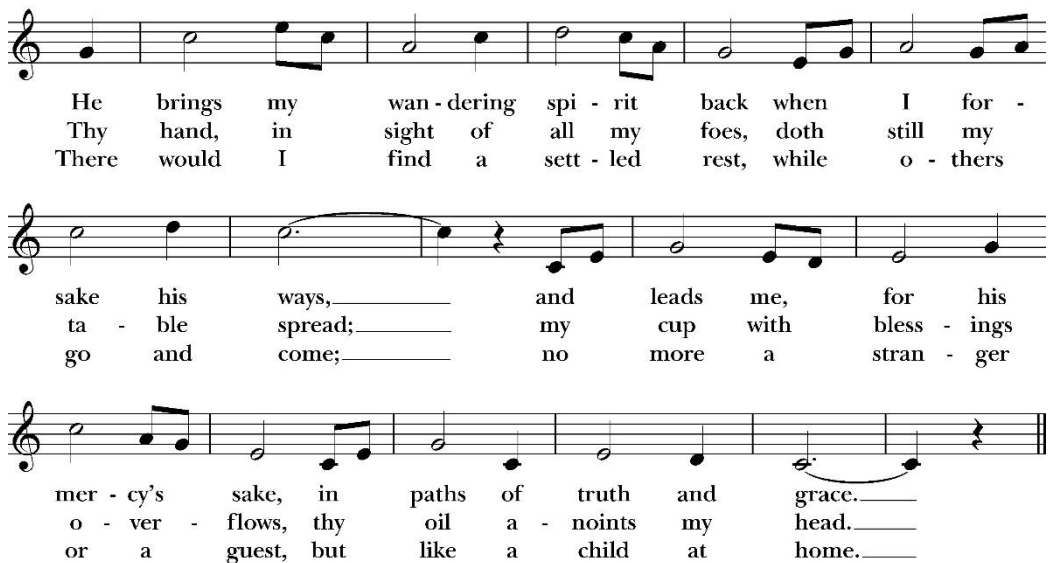
My Shepherd will supply my need

Vs 1, 2 before the Gospel; Vs 3 after

1 My Shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je - ho - vah
2 When I walk through the shades of death, thy pres - ence
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me

is his Name; _____ in pas - tures fresh he
is my stay; _____ one word of thy sup -
all my days; _____ oh, may thy house be

makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.____
port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.____
mine a - bode and all my work be praise.____



He brings my wan-dering spi-rit back when I for -
 Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my
 There would I find a sett-led rest, while o - thers
 sake his ways, _____ and leads me, for his
 ta - ble spread; _____ my cup with bless - ings
 go and come; _____ no more a stran - ger
 mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace. _____
 o - ver - flows, thy oil a - noints my head. _____
 or a guest, but like a child at home. _____

Words: Robert S. Bridges (1844-1930)k alt., after Joachim Neander (1650-1680)
 Music: *Michael*, Hebert Howells (1892-1983); hymn tune named for Howell's son
 who died at age 10.

THE GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

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

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

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this

fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Betsy Fisher

THE NICENE CREED

**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
Book of Common Prayer, Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who
are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Doug our Bishop; and
for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in God's Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in
your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A GRATITUDE MOMENT

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.

The Holy Communion



OFFERTORY HYMN

Christ the Lord is risen again H 184



1 Christ the Lord is risen a - gain! Christ has bro - ken ev - ery chain!
 2 He who gave for us his life, who for us en - dured the strife,
 3 He who bore all pain and loss com - fort - less up - on the cross



Now through all the world it rings that the Lamb is King of kings.
 takes our sin and guilt a - way that with an - gels we may say:
 is ex - alt - ed now to save, wrest - ing vic - tory from the grave.

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
 Al - le - lu - ia!



al - le - lu - ia! Christ, our Pas - chal Lamb in - deed,



Christ, to - day your peo - ple feed. Al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Michael Weiss's (1480-1534) tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-188), alt.

Music: *Christ ist erstanden*, melody from *Geistliche Lieder*, 1533

Celebrant All things come from you, O Lord.
People **And of your own have we given you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Enriching Our Worship

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People **And also with you**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:



SANCTUS

S128

The musical score is written on five staves of a single treble clef. The lyrics are: 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.

William Mathias (1934-1992)

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.



As our Savior Christ has taught us we now say,

**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 FRACTION ANTHEM

Christ our Passover

S 155

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.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.
People **Thanks be to God**

All Are Welcome at God's Table

Gluten-free bread is available. Please let the priest know if you would prefer this. If you would rather receive a blessing instead of communion, please come forward and cross your hands over your chest. And lastly, if you need communion brought to you, just let the usher know. All are welcome at God's feast.

The Grace Healing Team is in the back of the room during Communion to offer the laying on of hands and a prayer for healing to anyone who desires it for themselves or another.

If you can't physically receive the communion bread because you are participating in this service virtually, 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

H 646

The King of love my shepherd is

Descant

6 And so through all the length of days thy

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my
 * 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but
 * 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with
 5 Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; thy

6 good - ness fail - eth nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I

1 good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 2 ran - somed soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
 3 yet in love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 4 thee, dear Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my
 5 unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; and oh, what trans - port

6 sing thy praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

1 I am his, and he is mine for ev - er.
 2 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 3 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 4 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.
 5 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth!

6 And so through all the length of days
 thy goodness faileth never:
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house for ever.

Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Psalm 23

Music: *Dominus Regis me*, John B. Dykes (1823-1876); desc. Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. AMEN.

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN

Let us pray.

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 the Christ. AMEN.

BLESSING

Celebrant: Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. AMEN.

CLOSING HYMN *Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing* H 334

1 Praise the Lord, rise up re - joic - ing, wor - ship, thanks, de -
2 Scat - tered flock, one shep - herd shar - ing, lost and lone - ly,
3 Sins for - giv - en, wrongs for - giv - ing, we go forth a -

vo - tion voic - ing; glo - ry be to God on high!
 one voice hear - ing, ears at - ten - tive to your word;
 lert and liv - ing in your Spi - rit, strong and free.

Christ, your cross and pas - sion shar - ing, by this Eu - cha -
 by your Blood new life re - ceiv - ing, in your Bo - dy,
 Part - ners in your new cre - a - tion, seek - ing peace in

rist de - clar - ing yours the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 firm be - liev - ing, we are yours, and you the Lord.
 ev - ery na - tion, may we faith - ful fol - lowers be.

Words: Howard C. A. Gaunt (1902-1983), alt.

Music: *Alles ist an Gottes Segen*, melody att. Johann B. König (1691-1758), alt;
 harm. Johann Löhner (1645-1705), after chorale ver. J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE Fanfare on *With High Delight Let Us Unite*
Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

*Flowers are given today by
Mary Anne Grammer
in loving memory of
John Grammer and Paul Nelson*



GRACE CHURCH INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Please Include in Your Prayers This Week

Members of the Parish Family: Tina Rathbone; David Hamill; Doone Marshall; Abe Streeter; Doreen Hutchinson; Meredith Haider; Linda White; Stacey Thomas, and her children, Claire, Mark, and Johnny; Mark Anderson; Rosemarie Blakely; Barbara Gore; and Barbara Turner.

Others we Love: Robert Rywkin; Dick and Fleming Rutledge; George and Tracey Brooks; Kim and Caren Bunce, Mary Booton's cousins; Tania Guerrero and her baby daughter Eugenia Marie Ayala Guerrero; David Rodriguez Ovalle, Sergio Rodriguez's father; Gordon Sparks, Debbie Holmes' brother; Richard Cherneff; Cynthia Griesing, Holly Murray's mother; Bishop Michael Curry; Diane Ramirez; Sara Miles and her wife Martha; Jerry and Karen Ericson, John Ericson's parents; Kelly & Elijah; James Driscoll; Livia Driscoll; Karen LaRocque friend of Sue Gore; Deborah McCurdy.

Those who have died: Father Joseph Sestito, Alex Moore's uncle; Denise Chandler, Abe Streeter's partner; Shirley Sparks, Debbie Holmes' sister-in-law; Thomas Muraco, beloved friend of John and Lee Cheek; Niall Nordoff; Rev. Emily Richards; Rosalind Haywood, Sue Gore's mother, and Abe Streeter's sister; Jack Fargo, Tom Murray's uncle; Eugene (Geno) Wilson, the Murrays' neighbor; Sandra Fowler, grandmother to Megan Piro; Susan Cabot, Stepmother to Edward Cabot; Claude Sansaricq; Michael Rywkin; Olga Milligan; Richard William Jorgensen; Tom Jacomb; Vincent Pelletier; Mattie Marina Bowens; Justine Harari; Ed Hutchinson; Arlene Symons.

Our world: For the people of Haiti, Gaza, and Palestine, especially all those who have been killed, the people who love them, and all those who lost family and friends in the recent bombing outside of Moscow. May peace, justice, and a new way forward take hold in the hearts of those with authority. For the people of Ukraine and all other places of violence and war, that peace may prevail, and human fear and suffering diminish. For all victims of gun violence and institutionalized racism in this country, and also for those who inflict gun violence on others. For all who are alone, afraid, or despairing. For prisoners, unhoused people, newly arrived immigrants, and all our neighbors, near and far.

The many ministries of our local community, especially for our partners at St. Paul's and the Rev. Samuel Vaught and the Rev. Jane Tillman; Christ Trinity and the Rev. Erik Karas; our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Douglas Fisher; and the Mampong Babies' Home.

WORSHIP LEADERS

ROTA	Today 4/21	Next Sunday 4/28 Morning Prayer On Zoom
WELCOME TEAM	Mary Booton Carol Way	<i>Responders:</i> Sue Gore
ACOLYTE	Louise Peterson	
LECTOR	Holly Murray	Laura Jordhal
INTERCESSOR	Robert Forman	John Cheek
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HEALING TEAM	Ted Cobden Pennie Curry	
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COFFEE HOUR	Anderson / Haider	
COUNTERS	Rick Gore Sarah Sieber	
TRANSPORT	Andrea White	

CALENDAR

Sundays	Worship Service In-person at Berkshire South Community Center and on Zoom	10:00 am
Wednesdays	Contemplative Eucharist In-person at Grace Church Chapel and on Zoom	10:00 am
Thursdays	Centering Prayer In-person at Grace Church Chapel and on Zoom	5:00 pm

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