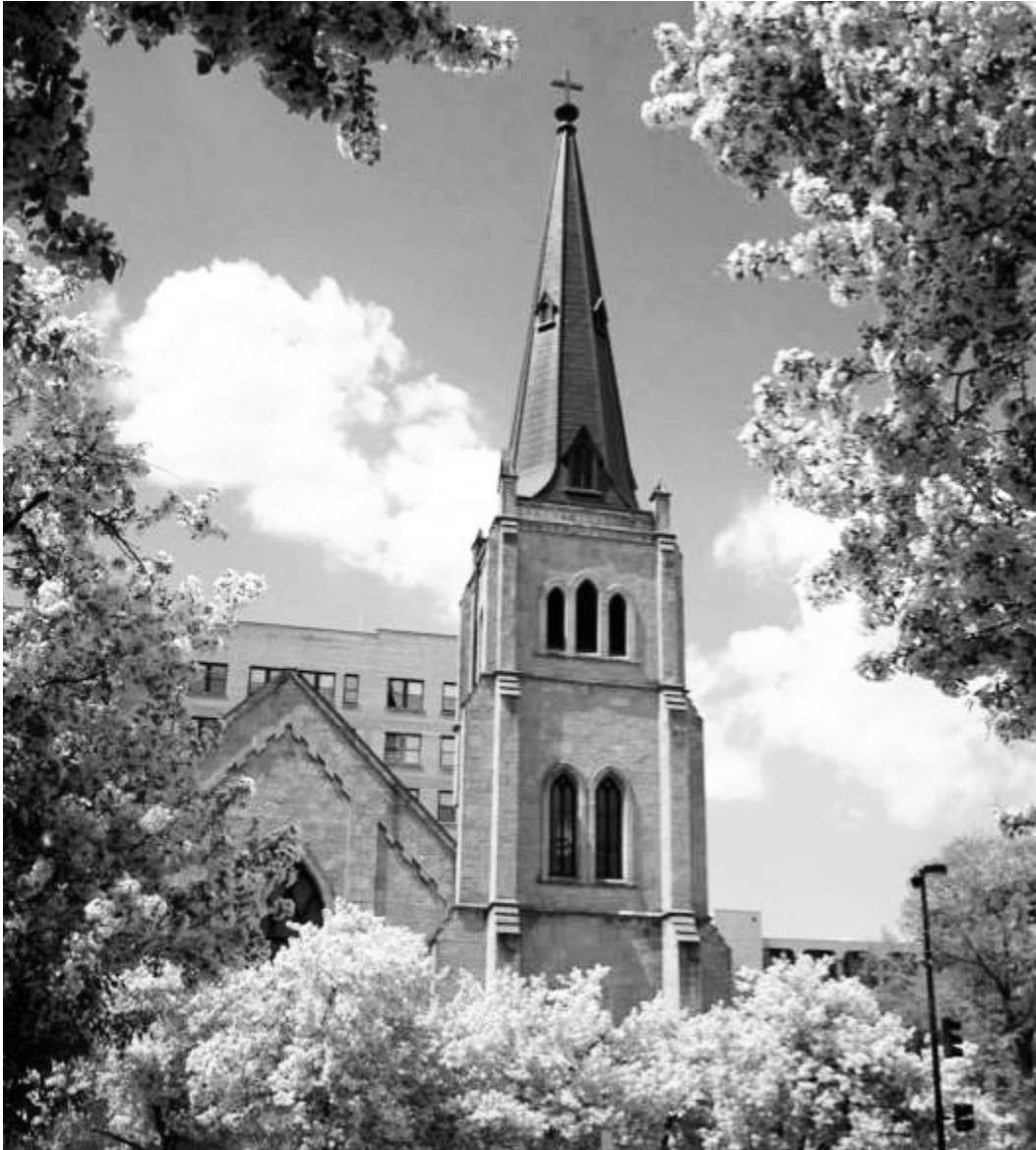


# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*April 28th, 2024*



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# HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I 8:00AM

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*The text for the service may be found on p. 323 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP).  
Texts for the readings can be found in the 10:00am Rite II pages of this leaflet, and The Passion  
leaflet provided.*

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## THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude** Sarabande on "Land of Rest"  
*Gerald Near (b. 1942)*

### Opening Acclamation

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

### Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

**First Reading:** Acts (8:26-40)

**Psalm 22** BCP 612

**Second Reading:** 1 John (4:7-21)

**The Gospel** John (15:1-8)

**Please join us in the Cornelia Vilas Hall for coffee and conversations after the 8:00 am service.**

## Homily

**The Nicene Creed** BCP 326

**Prayers of the People** BCP 328

## Sharing of the Peace

## Offertory

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Lord's Prayer** BCP 336

**Breaking of the Bread** BCP 337

## The Communion

**Prayer after Communion** BCP 339

## Easter Blessing & Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

**People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## Postlude

# HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II 10:00AM

*This service bulletin is provided to guide you through our worship, which begins on page 355 of the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). Hymns and chants are listed with the “#” symbol and can be found in the blue book, The Hymnal 1982. Books can be found in the pew rack.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Prelude** Sarabande on “Land of Rest” *Gerald Near (b. 1942)*

*The people stand as they are able.*

**Processional Hymn #379** “God is Love, let heaven adore him” *Abbot’s Leigh*

### Easter Acclamation

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**People** The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Celebrant: 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.

**Hymnal S278** “Gloria” *William Mathias*

### Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: 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 people sit.*

### First Reading

*A reading from 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 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 22:24-30**

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810 – 1876)

(Grace Choir)

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

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

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: \*

“May your heart live for ever!”

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

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

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; \*

he rules over the nations.

- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
 all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;  
 my descendants shall serve him; \*  
 they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
 the saving deeds that he has done.

## **Second Reading**

*A reading from the first letter of 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.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as they are able.*

**Gospel Hymn #513**

"Like the murmur of the dove's song"

*Bridegroom*

**Gospel***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (15:1–8)***People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.****[Rite I: Glory be to thee, O Lord.]**

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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.****[Rite I: Praise be to thee, O Christ.]***The people sit.***The Sermon****Nicene Creed**

BCP 358

**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.

### Prayers of the People

We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity. Jesus, light of the world, bring the light and peace of your gospel to the nations ...

Jesus, companion and friend

**hear our prayer.**

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry ... and nourish us all with your word.

Jesus, companion and friend

**hear our prayer.**

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow you in the way ...

Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life.

Jesus, companion and friend

**hear our prayer.**

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick, especially Sid, Francis, Pat, Ed, Judy, Geri, Jon, Caryne, Chris, Paul and Holly.

Jesus, companion and friend

**hear our prayer.**

Jesus, the resurrection and the life, we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in you, and for those who have died. Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, companion and friend

**hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

**The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Announcements**

**Offertory Music**

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

Words: J.M.C. Crum (1872-1958)

Music: Traditional French, arr. Alan Bullard (born 1947)

(Grace Choir)

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again, like what that springs up green.

In the grave they laid him, Love whom we had slain,  
thinking that he never would awake again,  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
quick from the dead our risen Lord is seen:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
then your touch can call us back to life again;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green!

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

*The people stand as they are able as the offerings are presented.*

**The Great Thanksgiving**

Eucharistic Prayer B

(BCP 367)

**Hymnal #S120**

“Lift up your hearts”

*Sursum corda*



**Hymnal #S128**

“Sanctus”

*William Mathias**Then the celebrant continues...***The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy Name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,  
 on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those  
 who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power, and the glory,  
 for ever and ever. Amen.

**The****Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept. We welcome all baptized Christians to receive communion. If you would prefer not to receive, you may come forward, crossing your arms on your chest to indicate your desire for a blessing.*

*Communion will be distributed from the aisle. The host will be placed in your hands; please step away from the clergy to consume the host and to receive the wine. We discourage you from intincting.*

*Prayers for healing are offered in the chapel during communion.*

**Fraction Anthem Hymnal S154***David Hurd***Communion Music**

“Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

*Robert J. Powell  
(b. 1932)***Communion Hymn #304** “I come with joy to meet my Lord”*Land of Rest***Postcommunion Prayer**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*Silence*

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.**

**Blessing**

Celebrant: Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

**People: The maker of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Blessed be the Name of the Lord;

**People: From this time forth for evermore.**

Celebrant: The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**Dismissal**

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ, alleluia, alleluia.

**People: Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Processional Hymn #529** “In Christ there is no East or West”

*McKee*

**Postlude**

Postlude on “Abbot’s Leigh”

*Robert J. Powell*

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## WHAT’S HAPPENING *at & around* GRACE CHURCH

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### **Welcoming New Members for Pentecost - May 19th**

The Feast of Pentecost is on May 19. It is an especially appropriate day to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism. If you or a family member is interested in receiving baptism, please contact Fr. Jonathan to make arrangements. We will also be recognizing new members. If you would like to be included in this recognition, please contact Fr. Jonathan.

### **Diocesan Special Convention this Saturday, May 4th**

The joint convention of the three dioceses of Wisconsin will take place May 4 at HoChunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells in Baraboo. The convention begins at 10:00 am with Eucharist (Bishop Lee will be preaching). Please pray for the Episcopal Church in Wisconsin as we discern our future. Fr. Jonathan will be offering an opportunity to learn more about the proposed reunification after the 10:00 service today in the nave. If you would like to learn more, grab some a snack at coffee hour and come join us! Information about the proposal, including Constitution and Canons, is available on the Wisconsin Episcopal website: <https://episcopalwisconsin.info>

**Happy Birthday to...**

<i>Joyce Pollock</i>	<i>April 29</i>
<i>Matthew Wilber</i>	<i>April 29</i>
<i>Bryan Wenc</i>	<i>May 1</i>
<i>Wolfgang Werk</i>	<i>May 1</i>
<i>Olwen Hansen-Blake</i>	<i>May 2</i>

**Happy Anniversary to...**

<i>Conrad &amp; Marlys Bauman</i>	<i>April 13</i>
<i>Louise &amp; Ed Cunningham</i>	<i>April 18</i>
<i>Denise &amp; Russ Anderson</i>	<i>April 28</i>

**Seeking Altar Guild Volunteers**

*What is Altar Guild?* Liturgy begins and ends with the work of the Altar Guild. We prepare the Eucharist and sanctuary for each service. As an Altar Guild member, you are preparing the bread and wine, the chalices, and the altar for Sunday's Eucharist. We invite you to give it a try. Consider joining on your own, or with a friend or partner. Contact Lynn Felhofer (felhofer.lynn@gmail.com)

**Grace Library Books to Find New Readers at Nashotah House**

Attention all book lovers! Due to the arrival of a new ministry in the former Grace library, the books that resided there have been boxed up. However, before they are donated, we would like to offer you the opportunity to look through them one more time. We have selected some books that could be given away in our Little Free Library, and the rest will be donated to Nashotah House and its seminarians. If you're interested in looking at the books, please contact the Parish Office this week by emailing or calling Kristen at admin@gracechurchmadison.org or (608)255-5147.

**Weekly Calendar 4/28-5/4****Sunday, April 28th**

8 am Holy Eucharist Rite I

8:45 am Coffee Hour I (*Vilas Hall*)9:30 am Children's Church (*Lower Level*)

10 am Holy Eucharist Rite II

11 am Coffee Hour II  
(*Vilas Hall*)6 pm Hymn Sing (*Zoom*)**Wednesday, May 1st**12:10 pm Eucharist (*Chapel*)7:00 pm Evening Prayer (*Chapel*)

*\*Diocesan Convention will be held on Saturday, May 4th. Fr. Jonathan will be out of the office from May 2nd-May 4th.*

**Land Acknowledgement to the Ho-Chunk People**

We honor and acknowledge the Ho-Chunk people, the traditional custodians of this land, and pay our respects to the Ho-Chunk elders, past, present, and future, who call this land on which we gather their home. We appreciate their wisdom, their culture, and their presence among us today as the host people of this land. We lament the injustices done to the original inhabitants and the injustices done to this land in the centuries since. We seek the courage and wisdom to heal the wounds of the past and build a better future together, in deep solidarity.

**8:00am Service Minister**

*Lector:* Jim Miller

**10:00am Service Ministers**

*Acolytes:* Steph, Eileen, Nellie, Matthew

*Altar Guild:* Adelaide Fiske, Barb Karlen

*Lectors:* Andrea Wegrzynowicz, Suzy Buenger

*Eucharistic Ministers:* Roger Mukasa, Kabura Mukasa

*Healing Prayer:* Lin Jenkins, Pat Werk

*Tellers:* Jeremy Schuurmans, Rebecca Szymkowski

*Ushers:* Sue Byram, Ann Kruger, Abbey Webster

*Nursery:* Renee, Lindsey

**To Parents of Our Children,**

RELAX! God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in His House. All are welcome here at Grace! Sit toward the front where it is easier to see and hear. Quietly explain the parts of the service, sing the hymns, pray and voice the responses together. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying YOU! If you have to leave with your child, feel free to do so. But please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to Me." Remember that the way we welcome children in Church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, to Christ, and to one another. Let them know they are at home here.

**Are you interested in learning more about Grace?**

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