

6th Sunday of Easter

Memorial Observance

A: On this Memorial Day weekend we remember and honor those who have died in the wars and conflicts of our nation. . .

P: Let us Pray.

C: In sure and certain hope of the resurrection to eternal life through our Lord Jesus Christ, we commend to you Almighty God all of those we remember this Memorial Day. We give thanks that you have blessed us by their work and their lives. May these saints of the church inspire us to faithful living and dedicated service. And may they be welcomed by you to an honored place at your Table when you bring us all into your Kingdom on that great last day.

P: Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend those who have given their lives in service to our country. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you,

**C: sheep of your own fold,
lambs of your own flock,
sinners of your own redeeming.**

P: Receive them into the arms of your mercy,

**C: into the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and into the glorious company of all your saints.**

P: The Lord bless them and keep them.

The Lord make his face shine on them and be gracious to them.

The Lord look upon them with favor and give them peace.


P: Rest eternal grant them O Lord

C: and let Light Perpetual shine upon them. Amen. Amen.
And, Amen.

Memorial Hymn

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies


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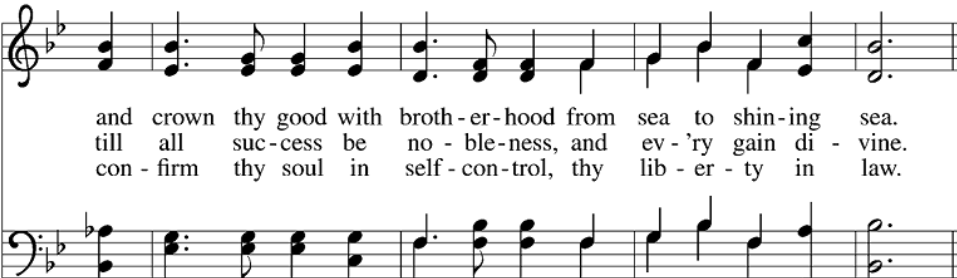
1 O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,
2 O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,
3 O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years



for pur - ple moun - tain maj - es - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain:
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life:
thine al - a - bas - ter cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears:



A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! May God thy gold re - fine,
A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God mend thine ev - 'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth - er - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.
till all suc - cess be no - ble - ness, and ev - 'ry gain di - vine.
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.

Easter Greeting

P: In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

A: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray:

C: Father, in the mystery of your wisdom you determined to raise your Christ to power through suffering, death and resurrection. Also in your wisdom, you send us out to witness to the authority of this Christ in our lives and over all creation through all that we say and do. Send us the Spirit, that we will fully trust in the salvific words and work of Jesus and, without shame, fear or hesitation, truly live as witnesses to Jesus' good news of grace, compassion and hope. In the name of Jesus our savior we pray. Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 53

Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of Yahweh been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with sickness; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. Surely, he has borne our sickness and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by Elohim, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our rebellions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and Yahweh has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his

mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of Yahweh to crush him with sickness. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of Yahweh shall prosper. Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore, I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Reader: The Word of the Lord! **C: Thanks be to God!**

Psalms

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I will bless the Lord at all times;

God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

*Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt God's name together!*

**I sought the Lord, and the Lord answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**

*Those who look to God are radiant,
and their faces will never be ashamed.*

**This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me
and saved me out of all my troubles.**

*The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear God, and delivers them.*

**Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed are those who take refuge in God!**

*Oh, fear the Lord, you God's saints,
for those who fear God have no lack!*

**The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

*Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.*

**What man is there who desires life
and loves many days, that he may see good?**

*Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.*

**Turn away from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.**

*The eyes of the Lord are toward the righteous
and the Lord's ears toward their cry.*

**The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.**

*When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears
and delivers them out of all their troubles.*

**The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.**

*Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers them out of them all.*

**The righteous keeps all their bones;
not one of them is broken.**

*Affliction will slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.*

**The Lord redeems the life of the Lord's servants;
none of those who take refuge in the Lord will be
condemned.**

Second Lesson

1 Peter 4


Christ suffered in flesh, so you need to have the same intention, so that his suffering to end sin will inspire you to suffer the suppression of being dominated by unfaithful desires

and submit to the Will of God for the time you remain alive in the flesh. For you have spent enough time doing the things unfaithful people do: sexual prejudice and abuse, responding to situations with unmeasured passion rather than care-full thoughtfulness, overindulgence, partying too much and putting trust in empty "gods." Others will be surprised that you no longer join them in these activities of excesses, and so they may say disrespectful things about God - they will have to explain themselves to our God who stands ready to judge the living and the dead. . . But the fulfillment of everything has come near. Have a solid evaluative point of view and be level-headed in your prayers. Above all, having intense, wholistic love for one another, for wholistic love covers a plethora of sins. Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. If someone speaks, speak God's Word. If someone serves, serve as out of the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ. To him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

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Children's Sermon

Verse



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give
 thanks to the ris - en Lord; Al - le -
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give - praise to his name.
 Spread the good news o'er all the - earth;
 Je - sus has died and has ris - sen!

Gospel Acclamation

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Gospel

Luke 24

While the disciples and the women were talking about what happened at the tomb earlier that day, Jesus himself stood among them. . .

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you--that it is part of God's divine plan for me to have fulfilled all that was written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms."

Then Jesus completely opened the minds of all those gathered there to understand the scriptures, and Jesus said to them, "This is what is written - the one who was anointed by God as the Christ suffered and then rose from death on the third day, and repentance for the liberation from sin was proclaimed in his name into all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You, witness this! And, I send the promise of my Father to you. But, sit here in the city until you may be clothed with power from on high."

P: The Gospel of the Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

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1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is light;
that God, in whom they live and his move, is love;
make known to ev-'ry heart his sav-ing grace;

that he who made all na-tions is not will-ing
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre-a-tion
let none whom he has ran-somed fail to greet him,

one soul should per-ish, lost in shades of night.
and died on earth that we might live a-bove.
through your ne-glect, un-fit to see his face.

Refrain

Pub-lish glad tid-ings, tid-ings of peace,

tid-ings of Je-sus, re-demp-tion, and re-lease.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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 Church & Passing of the Peace

Offertory *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* 864

Praise, my soul, the God of heaven;
joyfully your tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praises everlasting ring!

Angels sing in adoration,
in God's presence, face to face.

Sun and moon and all creation,
all who dwell in time and space.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise with us the God of grace!

Offertory Prayer

A: Let us Pray

C: Living God, we praise you for the abundant blessings of this life. In humble recognition of the love you always show to us, we bring these gifts and ourselves as our thanks. Use them and us to bear the fruit of goodness and grace so that your glory will be known to all. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

S 152

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Detailed description: This block contains the first four staves of a musical score. Each staff is in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The first staff has a double bar line in the middle. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

P: It is indeed . . .

S 153

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n 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.

Detailed description: This block contains the second four staves of a musical score. Each staff is in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff has a double bar line at the end.

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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. 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 now and forever. Amen.

Distribution Hymns

658, 661, 676

1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
2 We taste you, ev - er liv - ing bread, and long to
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -

parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst-ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
 I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long-ings as noth - ing else would do.
 the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak in
 2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead the
 3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach the
 4 Oh, fill us with your full - ness, Lord, un -

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan-d'ring and the wa - v'ring feet; oh, feed us, Lord, that
 pre - cious truths which you im - part; and wing our words, that
 til our ver - y hearts o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and



let us seek your stray - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.
 we may feed your hun - g'ring ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

Benediction

Recessional

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- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Dismissal

A: Go in peace, serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

Flowers on the altar are given in memory of Josephine Halada by Art Schroder.



Sunday, May 25

Deadline to RSVP for May Dining Out

Gathering @ Four Brothers

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. No Confirmation Class

9:45 a.m. No Sunday School

10:10 a.m. No Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Worship

Tuesday, May 27

6:30 a.m. Early Birds Bible Study & Breakfast

4:30 p.m. No Confirmation Class

Wednesday, May 28

9:00 a.m. Peacemakers Quilting Group Meeting

7:30 p.m. No Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 29

6:30 p.m. Dining Out Gathering @ Four Brothers in Mahopac

Sunday, June 1

Ascension Sunday

Name Tag Sunday

8:00 a.m. Choir Warmup

8:30 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. No Confirmation Class

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:10 a.m. No Choir Rehearsal

11:00 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Bake Sale to Benefit Cooper Grimm's Eagle

Project



Sunday, June 8th will be a special Day here at Grace! We will have the closing of our Sunday School Program, Distribution of Bibles, Confirmation for our students & a Baptism!

Schedule of Events:

No 8:30 a.m. Service

10:00 a.m. Service - Sunday School Closing, Distribution of Bibles & Confirmation

11:00 a.m. Service - Confirmation & Baptism



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