

Fourth Sunday of Easter



Grace Episcopal Church is a community that invites and supports everyone to live out the teachings, love, and actions of Jesus Christ.

Sunday, April 21, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Welcome! Thank you for joining us in worship today as we learn the faith, love the Lord, and live the faith together. We hope you will find liturgy that lifts the spirit, sacraments that feed the soul, and preaching that stretches the mind. Much of our service can be found in the blue *Book of Common Prayer* (BCP) indicated with page number below, and songs are found in the red *1982 Hymnal*. At times, the BCP indicates when to stand or kneel. You may do so as you feel comfortable.

The Word of God

Processional Hymn The King of Love #645

Opening Acclamation BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Pascha Nostrum (Hymnal, "S" Service Music section at the beginning) S-48



Collect of the Day BCP p. 225

The Lessons

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (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."

The Word of the Lord.

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.

A Reading from the First Letter of 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

#664

The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. (10:11-18)

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.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon	The Rev. Anne Schnaare
The Nicene Creed	BCP p. 358
The Prayers of the People (Form VI)	BCP p. 392
Confession of Sin	BCP p. 360
The Peace	
Announcements	
Offertory The King of Love My Shepherd Is	Raymond Haan, b. 1938
Doxology	#380 vs 3

The Holy Communion

All baptized Christians regardless of age or denomination are invited to receive the Sacrament.

Once invited forward by the usher, you may either stand or kneel at the altar rail.

Receiving the bread: extend your hands out flat in front of you to receive the bread. Let the priest know if you would prefer a gluten free wafer.

Receiving the wine:

a. *If you prefer to drink from the common cup – after consuming the blessed bread, please grasp the base of the chalice and guide it to your lips.*

b. *If you desire to receive by intinction (dipping) – leave the wafer in your hand (don't consume it immediately). The Eucharistic Minister will pick the wafer up from your hand, dip it in the wine, and hand it back to you.*

c. *We believe in the real presence of Christ in both the bread and the wine. Therefore, to receive only the bread is to fully participate in the Sacrament. If, for any reason, you desire not to receive the wine, you may either step back from the rail once you have received the bread or fold your arms across your chest once you have received the bread, and this will signal to the Eucharistic Minister that you do not desire to receive the wine.*

Receiving a blessing: If you desire a spoken blessing instead of the Sacramental bread and wine, please fold your arms across your chest as sign for the priest to offer you a blessing.

The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A BCP p. 361

Sanctus S-130 (<i>Hymnal, "S" Service Music section</i>)	Franz Peter Schubert, 1797-1828
Memorial Acclamation	BCP p. 363
The Lord's Prayer S-119 (<i>Hymnal, Service Music section</i>)	BCP p. 364
The Breaking of the Bread	BCP p. 364
Fraction Anthem S-164 (<i>Hymnal, Service Music section</i>)	Franz Schubert, 1797-1828
A Prayer for Spiritual Communion	
<i>In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and, since some of us cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.</i>	
Distribution of Communion	
Communion Music Savior, Teach Me Day by Day	Raymond Weidner, b. 1947
Savior, teach me, day by day, Thine own lesson to obey; Better lesson ne'er can be: Loving him who first loved me. With a childlike heart of love, At thy bidding may I move; Prompt to serve and follow thee, Loving him who first loved me.	
Text: Jane Leeson, 1842	
Communion Hymn Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service	#610
Post Communion Prayer	BCP p. 366
Blessing	
Dismissal	BCP p. 366
Closing Hymn Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us	#708
Postlude	
Toccata on Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow	Michael Burkhardt, b. 1957

Please join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments following the service.

Serving Today

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Anne Schnaare

Lay Readers: Maureen Birnie

Acolyte:

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Anne Marie Warner, Andy Saur

Ushers: Patty Hunnewell

Video Operator: Steve Birnie

Altar Guild: Patty Hunnewell

Vestry Rep:

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Announcement Reminder: All bulletin announcements are due to Mary Baas (mcb@marnek.com) by **NOON** on Wednesday.

Calendar

Sunday, April 21

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Holy Eucharist
11:30 am Adult Formation
6:00 pm Young Adult Gathering

Wednesday, April 24

7:15 am Morning Prayer

Thursday, April 25

6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Monday, April 22

4:30 pm Community Engagement Mtg

Sunday, April 28

9:00 am Choir Rehearsal
10:00 am Holy Eucharist
11:30 am Adult Formation
12:30 pm Vestry Meeting

Tuesday, April 23

10:00 am Staff Meeting

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Easter Flowers

Joy Bushi

In memory of our husband, dad, and grandfather, the Rev. Muthyala Benjamin Diwakar.

Jayden Gerrity

In loving memory of Grandma Ginny Ferris.

Barbara Harris

In loving memory of Herman Harris, William and Jessie Mitchell, and Ozie Quarterman.

Greg, Andrew, and Spencer Palmer and Families

To the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, Boris F. Palmer and Elynore M. Palmer, and our brother, Bradley Duncan Palmer.

Martha Porter

In loving memory of Charles Francis Porter, Alice Porter Landis, Charles Thoren Porter, and Margaret Porter.

The Schnaare Family

In thanksgiving for Grace Church's people and ministries.

Doug and Susan Townshend

In thankfulness for our grandchildren Artley, Kathlyn, and Leo Townshend

In loving memory of our daughter, Katie Townshend Deneke.

Steve and Maureen Birnie

With gratitude for our daughter, Lillie and in memory of Eleanor and Paul McCarthy

Steve and Liz Batdorf

In loving memory of Carol Batdorf, and Rene Jean Ortlieb

Bradley Belrose

Kurt & Anita Berends

John & Punky Edison

Megan Harding

Kate & Jeff Koeze

The Lexow Family