



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide
Anglican Communion.

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025

Before the Service — Speak quietly to God

During the Service — Let God speak to you

After the Service — Speak to one another

LITURGICAL SEASON EXPLAINED

The season after Easter Day until Pentecost is called the **Easter Season** or **Eastertide** and lasts 50 days. The central theme of Eastertide is the resurrection of Jesus and the promise of new life, hope and redemption. This is the most joyful season in the Christian calendar, the mood is bright and triumphant. The scripture readings focus on the appearances of the risen Christ and the beginnings of the Christian community with the missionary work of the apostles. The liturgical color is white, symbolizing joy and purity.

TO JOIN SERVICES ONLINE OR BY PHONE

To join the 8:30 service online, visit our website at gracechurchmtclemens.org and follow the links.

To join the 8:30 service by phone, call 312-626-6799

8:30 AM Service: Meeting ID: 881 8016 9300 Password: 246040

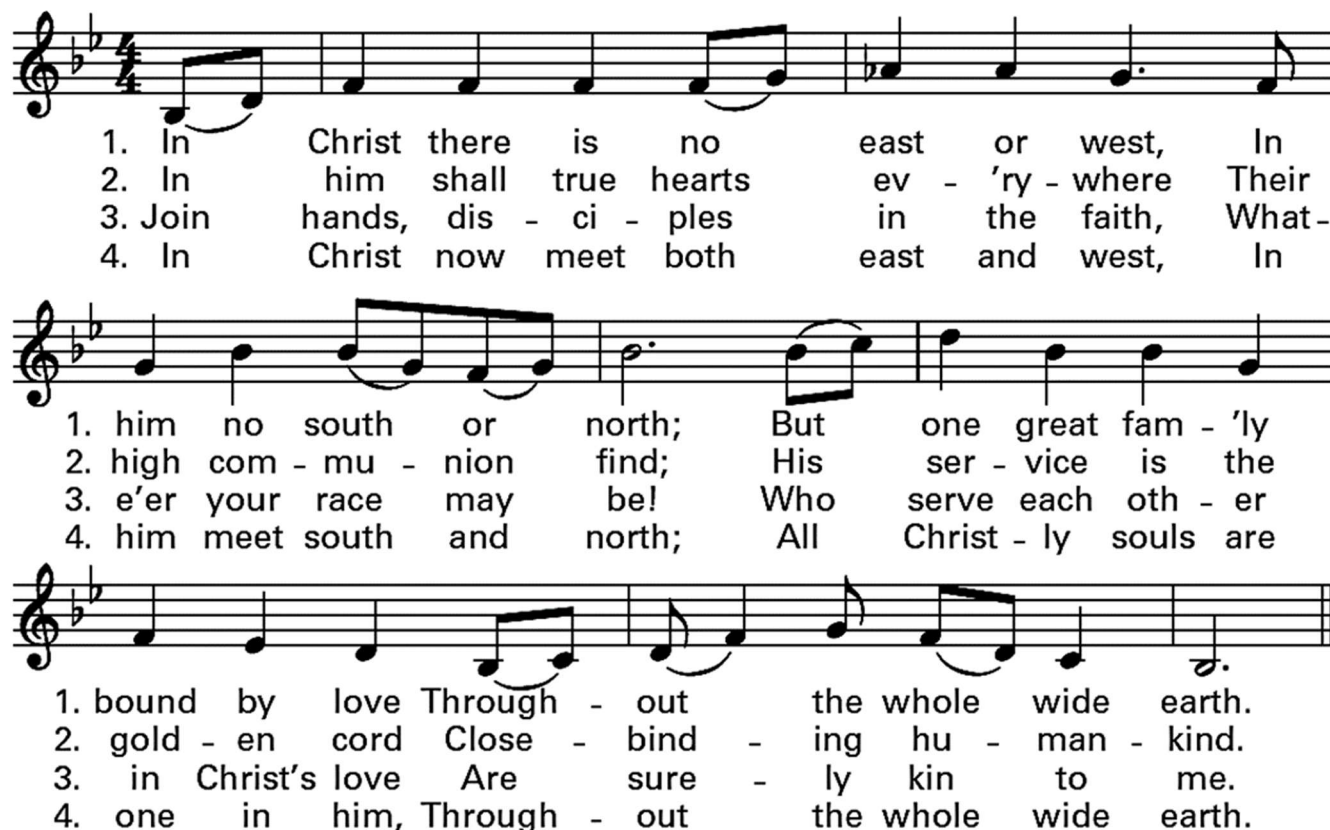
Follow the link on our website to watch the 10:30 service on YouTube.

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OPENING HYMN #529: In Christ There Is No East Or West



1. In Christ there is no east or west, In
2. In him shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where Their
3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples in the faith, What -
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In

1. him no south or north; But one great fam - 'ly
2. high com - mu - nion find; His ser - vice is the
3. e'er your race may be! Who serve each oth - er
4. him meet south and north; All Christ - ly souls are

1. bound by love Through - out the whole wide earth.
2. gold - en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
3. in Christ's love Are sure - ly kin to me.
4. one in him, Through - out the whole wide earth.

ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

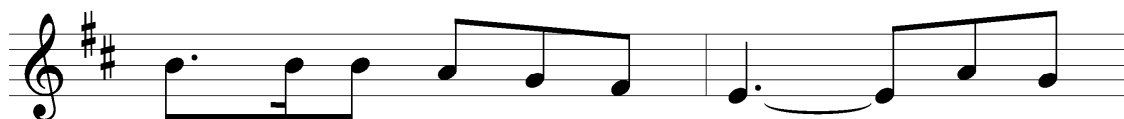
Celebrant continues:

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.**

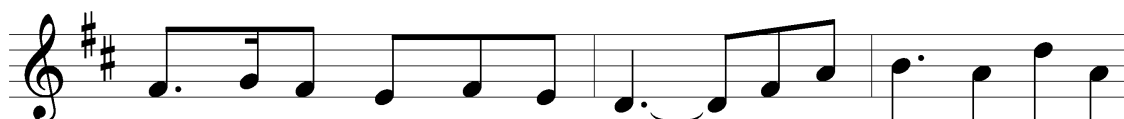
GLORIA: Psalm 95



Sing a song to the Lord's ho - ly name. May the



won - ders of God be pro - claimed. Sing a



song to the Lord, now ac - claim. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Ho - ly is God's name!

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

*This Week's Readers: 8:30 Karen Davenport 10:30 Scot Lau & Gay Gillespie
Next Sunday's Readers: 8:30 Cheryle Kahl 10:30 Tom Stotz & Selia Tuten*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING Acts 16:9-15

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE Psalm 67 – *Deus misereatur*

*Verses read alternately by the reader and people, breaking at the **

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us,*

show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

²Let your ways be known upon earth,*

your saving health among all nations.

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;*

let all the peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,*

**for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;*

let all the peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has brought forth her increase;*

may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

⁷May God give us his blessing,*

and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

SECOND READING Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Reader A reading from the Book of Revelation.

In the spirit the angel carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN: Come, Follow Me And Live

The musical notation is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the fourth staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Come, fol - low me and live; do not be a - fraid. Be -
lieve and trust in me; your faith will give you strength. Leave
all your fears be - hind you; let your heart be free, for
I will be your guide. Oh, come and fol - low me.

GOSPEL

John 14:23-29

The Rev. Steve Steinberger-Domienik

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

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

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord.

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

HOMILY

The Rev. Steve Steinberger-Domienik

THE APOSTLES' CREED

*This is an ancient baptismal creed, but using the words "I give my heart,"
a truer translation of the Latin word "credo" than "I believe."*

**I give my heart to God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I give my heart to Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, and descended to the
dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is
seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the
living and the dead. I give my heart to the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic
and apostolic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The People stand or kneel

Leader Christ is risen—alleluia! In the confidence of the Resurrection, we now
pray in our Savior's name for all of God's people throughout the world,
saying: Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death,

***People* And Christ will give you life!**

Leader Bring newness and change to your church, O God, that we might serve you with courage and grace. Awake, O Church, rise from death,

People **And Christ will give you life!**

Leader Bring newness and change to your world, O God, that all might know the goodness of your love. Awake, O World, rise from death,

People **And Christ will give you life!**

Leader Bring newness and change to our nation, O God, that each person might share with and honor the other. Awake, O People, rise from death,

People **And Christ will give you life!**

Leader Bring newness and change for the poor of the earth, O God, for the victims of warfare and natural disasters, and for refugees around the world, especially in Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, Haiti, and Sudan. Awake, O Downcast, rise from death,

People **And Christ will give you life!**

Leader Bring newness and change to our community, O God, as we pray for the children in our lives and in our world. Grant us calm strength and patient wisdom that we may teach them to love whatever is just, true, and good. Awake, O Family, rise from death,

People **And Christ will give you life!**

Leader Bring newness and change for the sick and the suffering, especially those on our prayer list which is located near the back of this bulletin. Are there others?

That they might know your saving help. Awake, O Sorrowful, rise from death,

People **And Christ will give you life!**

Leader Bring newness and change to even the departed, O God, that they might forever grow in your likeness. Awake, O Saints, rise from death,

People **And Christ will give you life!**

Leader Bring newness and change to our hearts, O God, that we might grow larger in faith and hope. Awake, O Soul, rise from death,

People **And Christ will give you life!**

Leader Awake, O Sleeper, rise from death, for Christ has burst forth from the tomb, making all things new. Rise and live, says the Lord. This day God has made for life and all joy!

People **Alleluia, amen!**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Hear our prayers, O God, for whom we pray, and give us peace in this time of our paschal rejoicing; in your risen Son, Jesus, our exalted one. **AMEN.**

THE PEACE

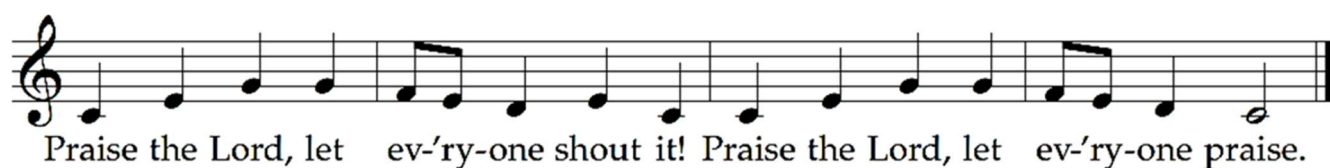
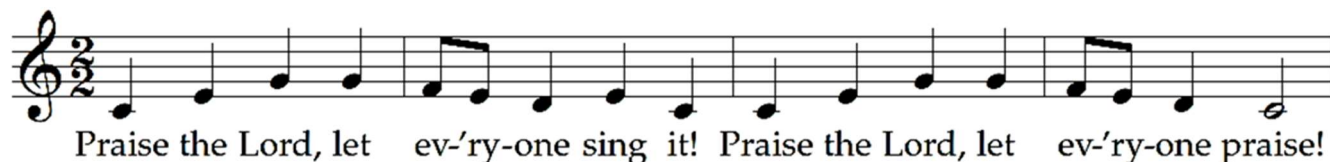
Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

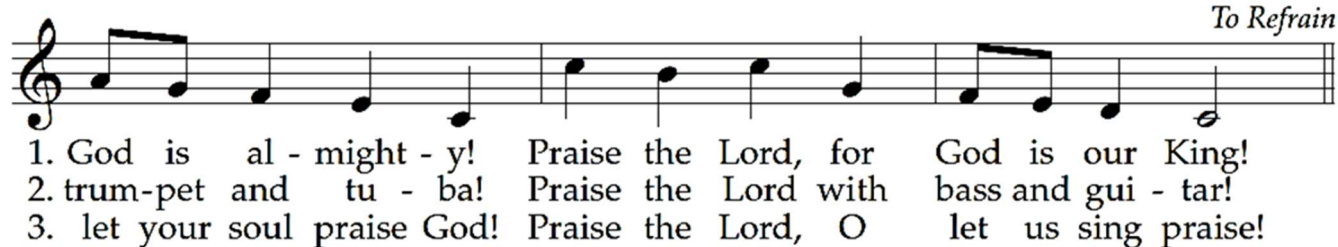
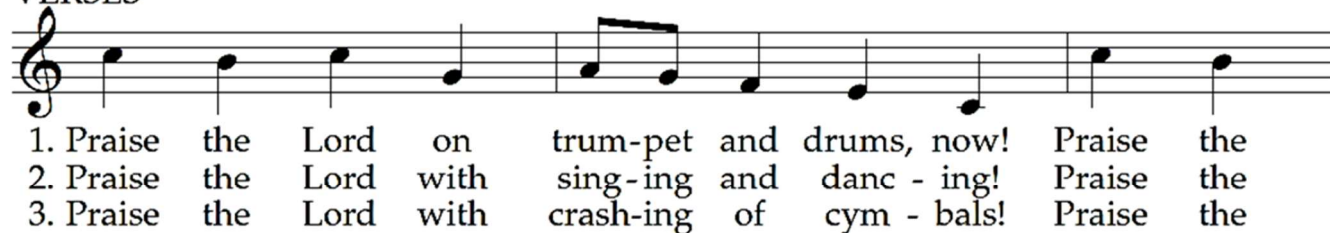
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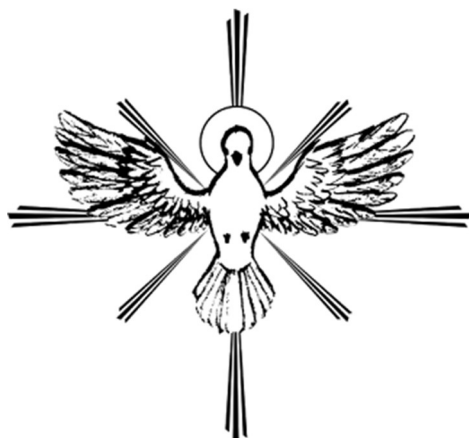
OFFERTORY HYMN: Praise The Lord!



VERSES



DOXOLOGY: Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Please stand as you are able

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People The Lord is risen indeed!

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to our God.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant continues:

Glorious God, we give you thanks and praise, for at his resurrection, Christ burst forth from the tomb to break the tangles of despair and death and to shine forth the divine love once again. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the eternal chorus of all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow - er and might.

5
Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

9
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Celebrant continues:

All-loving and embracing God, we give thanks for Jesus, the risen Lord of life, who rose victorious from the grave and made the whole creation new. He broke bread with sinners, fed the hungry, and healed the oppressed; then he poured out his life in death that we might live in love.

People Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "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, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

People Christ is risen from the dead. Love is come again.

Recalling his life, death, and glorious resurrection, we offer you these gifts of bread and wine as well as our lives, in thanks and praise. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be for us the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Breathe your Spirit upon the whole earth that we may proclaim good news to the entire world and rise together as children of your new creation.

Then bring us to that new heaven, O God, where death and pain are no more, and where you will dwell with us forever.

For it is through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, and by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that all glory and honor are yours, all-loving God, now and forever.
AMEN.

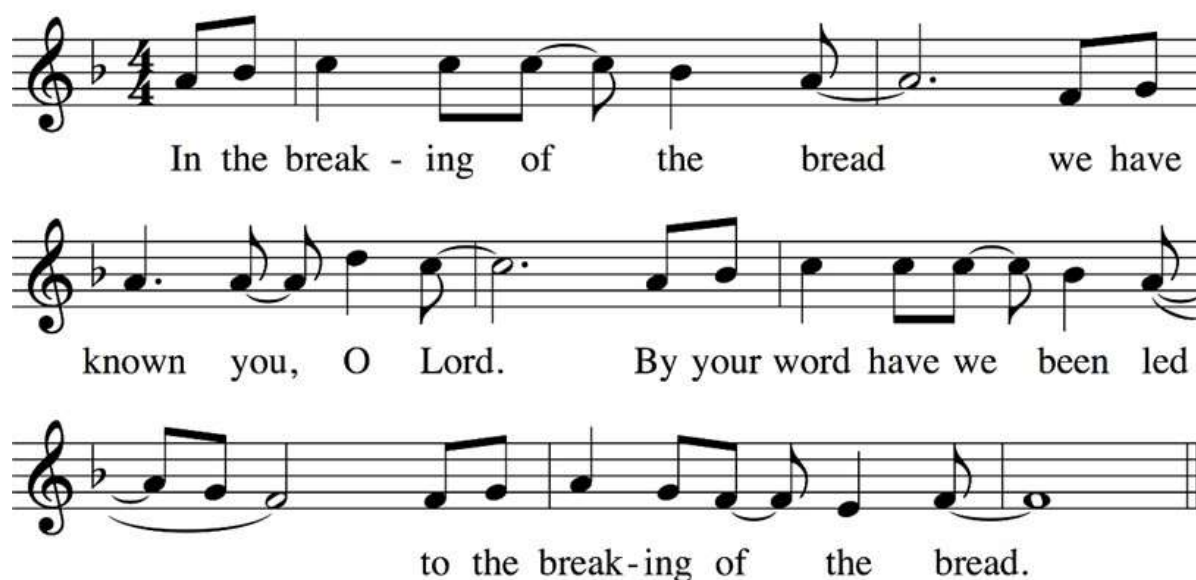
THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant says:

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father in heaven, holy is 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 forever. AMEN.

FRACTIO: Emmaus



In the break - ing of the bread we have
known you, O Lord. By your word have we been led
to the break-ing of the bread.

Celebrant The Gifts of God, for all of us, the holy people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

Communion at Grace is Open to Everyone

Whoever you are, where you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you at God's table. You may choose to receive bread (gluten free wafers available upon request). You may choose to receive wine in the silver chalice or grape juice in the white and blue chalice. You may drink from either cup or intinct (dip) the bread into the chalice. You may refrain from the bread and chalice and just receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN: River of Glory

Refrain

Riv - er of glo - ry, springs of our birth, flood of God's
 rich - es poured on the earth. We are born from the dark-ness
 and clothed in the light! We are bathed in the glo - ry of
 God, bathed in the glo-ry of God!

The musical notation for the Refrain is written on a single staff in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. It features a melody with several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' and a bracket) over the words 'of', 'springs', 'flood', 'rich-es', 'dark-ness', 'light!', 'glo-ry', and 'God!'. The melody ends with a double bar line.

Verses

1. Foun-tain of mer - cy, grace flow-ing free, streams of sal -
 2. Here there is ha - ven, heal - ing and health, joy for the
 3. Bread for our jour - ney God will pro - vide. Hope for all
 4. Dark-ness is ban-ish-ed, night turned a - way. Christ is our

to Refrain

1. va - tion, spill-ing with love from a tree!
 2. ask - ing, love in a - bun-dance of wealth!
 3. a - ges, Je - sus, com - pan - ion and guide!
 4. sun-light, lift - ing and lead - ing our way!

The musical notation for the Verses is written on a single staff in 3/4 time, key of B-flat major. It features a melody with a triplet marking (indicated by a '3' and a bracket) over the word 'mer-cy'. The melody ends with a double bar line. The text 'to Refrain' is written above the final measure of the staff.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People say together:

God of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life

to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

BLESSING

May the strength of God sustain us; may the power of God preserve us; may the hands of God protect us; may the way of God direct us: and may the Almighty bless us this day and always, in the name of the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. **AMEN.**

CLOSING HYMN: Sing Praises, Bless The Living God



1. Sing prais - es, bless the liv - ing God; sing
2. Do not for - get who heals your wounds and
3. God fills the hun - gers of your heart with
4. The Ho - ly One de - fends the cause of
5. All you who do your Mak - er's will, and



prais - es, O my soul. Give bless - ing, hon - or
frees your life from sin, the One who lifts you
nev - er - fail - ing love, re - stores your youth that
all who suf - fer wrong. The God who set our
pray God's will be done, sing praise with heart and



to the One who makes your spir - it whole.
from the pit and gives you life a - gain.
you may rise as ea - gles soar a - bove.
par - ents free still sings a jus - tice song.
mind and soul. O bless the Ho - ly One!

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Our worship is now ended. Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**



The Prayers of this Congregation

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, Our Bishop, Bonnie Anne Perry, Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic, Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop, Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod, Craig A. Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod. Our retired bishop, Wendell Gibbs; our retired community, spouses and companions. Our diocesan household: Committees, commissions, ministries, agencies, priests, deacons, lay leaders, volunteers, and staff members, Steven Steinberger-Domienik. Grace Church Mt. Clemens, Bonao, DR Church of the Pentecost.

For Nina DiGaetano, Donna Hanes, Katherine Domienik, Karen Blackburn, Jasmine Gardner, Tom & Sandy Krell, Frankie Dion, Sue Schlanbusch, Elliott Belair, Charlotte Kalligeros, Tom Stotz, Jennifer Holland, Joan Walsh, Elizabeth Gage, Teresa Davidson, Jeanne Nowak, Donna Powell, Pamela Sherry, Linda Fields, Michael Woodard, Kent Schwandt, Pat Greenwood, Sara Mattocks, Gene Skladnowski, Sherie Borsa, Joan Donald, Rob Haynes, Andy Jaeger, Tom O'Rourke, Scott Kadets, Brenda Steinberger-Domienik, Laurisa, Jason Zadorski, Pat Ruditis, Jean & Terry Hitchcock, Laura MaryLake, Allen Clay, Mary Anne Jackson, Beth Smith, Charlie Carol, Bill Sobkowicz, Martha Wehba, Carolyn Siewert, Holly Quintero, Ged Youngman, Jody Gorney, Tammy Murphy, Eka & Kiana Bassey, Lee Dillon, Marilee Racine, Joshua R., Suzanne LaMontagne, Gay Gillespie, John Schober, Dan Fox, Susan Fox.

Please note: Names will remain on the prayer list for one month.

In order to add someone or keep someone on the prayer list, please call the office.

Do you know someone who is ill? Please contact the office and we will add them to the prayer list.

The MINISTRIES of GRACE CHURCH
Currently

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays, in person & online 8:30 & 10:30 AM. Visit our website for more information.
Bible Study: Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Guild Room

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Community Suppers:

Wednesdays at 4:00

Sunday Suppers: Sundays at 4:00, November-March

Food Pantry:

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 AM -12 noon, curbside pickup
Serving from 250 - 350 people every month

Fueling Kids' Futures:

Tuesdays at 2:00 PM at Oakley Industries, Inc. Plant 4
35088 Automation Drive Clinton Township, MI 48035
Last packing day for 2024-2025 is June 3, 2025

**All outreach ministries welcome volunteers,
financial donations, or food and clothing donations.**

***Call the office to learn about helping or giving:
586-465-4573***

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFICE HOURS

The new office hours are **Monday** from **10 AM to 3 PM**, **Tuesday** from **10 AM to 1 PM**, and **Thursday** from **10 AM to 4 PM**.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please sign up for altar flowers on the bulletin board in the hallway.

CHOIR

Please join us for choir rehearsals on **Wednesdays** at **6:30 PM** in the sanctuary.
No experience required; just bring your spirited heart and a friend! Thank you!

COFFEE HOUR

Please volunteer to host a coffee hour; the sign-up sheet is in the hallway leading to the sanctuary. The host(s) makes and sets up the coffee and any snacks and then cleans up afterwards. You may also be reimbursed for any money you spend for snacks—just let Marchea (in the office) know! Thank you for sharing in the hospitality ministry of our parish!

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on **Sundays** at **9:30 AM** in the Guild Room for our Bible study. No preparation needed; just come and listen and join in the conversation. Each session is self-contained so you do not have to attend each week; come when you can. We learn a great deal about Scripture, our faith, ourselves, and each other. Hope to see you there!

BOOK CLUB

The next meeting of the book club will be held at Grace Church on **Thursday, July 10** at **6 PM**. We'll be discussing *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk* by Kelly Estes. Join us!

COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT

Every third Friday from **7 to 9 PM**! Bring your family and friends.

MUSIC BINGO

Save the date! Grace Church is hosting Music Bingo on **Thursday, June 12**. Doors open at **6 PM** and the fun begins at **7**. \$20 per person includes one bingo card and a sausage dinner, with additional cards available for purchase. There'll be basket and 50/50 raffles, too. Contact Margaret Morgan at 313-657-9313 or Kristi Carpenter at 586-663-6246 to reserve a space.

HEARTS FORE HOMES

Tickets for the Hearts FORE Homes golf outing on **June 27** are on sale at <https://hearts4homes.org/golf-outing/>. Check it out!

