



**Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024**

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All the people of God speak the text in Bold (that's you!).

Worship leaders speak the text in plain type. *Italics provides explanation or instruction*

You may make the sign of the cross ✠, the sign marked at baptism.

**Stand as you are able*

PRELUDE

Colin Rose

WELCOME

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.** Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

[...] Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

[...] our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Look, here is water! **Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

*HYMN

All Are Welcome

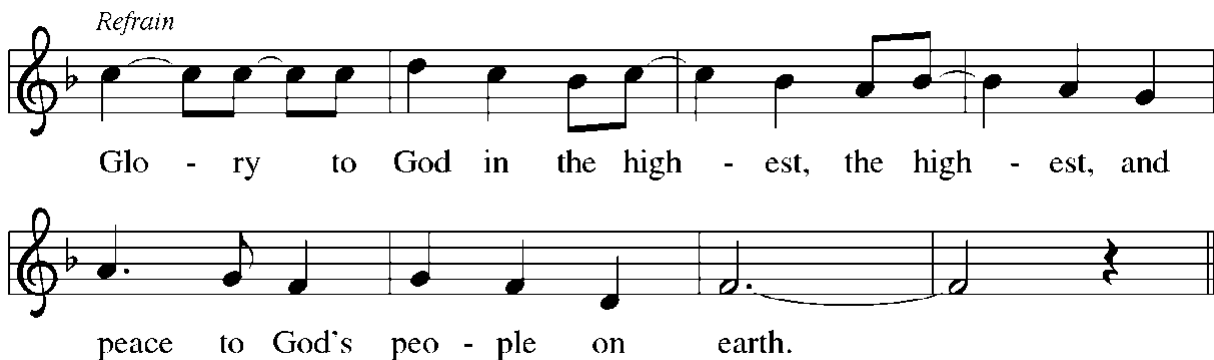
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*GREETING

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

The worship leader will sing the verse, and the congregation will join with the refrain (above) 2x

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: *Acts 8:26-40*

²⁶An 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.) ²⁷So 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 ²⁸and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” ³⁰So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” ³¹He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³²Now 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.

³³In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth.”

³⁴The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” ³⁵Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶As 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?” ³⁸He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹When 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. ⁴⁰But 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.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 22:25-31

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the LORD

²⁶**The poor shall eat and be satisfied,**

Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;

all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸**For dominion belongs to the LORD,**

who rules over the nations.

²⁹Indeed, all who sleep in the earth shall bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust, though they be dead, shall kneel before the LORD.

³⁰**Their descendants shall serve the LORD,**

whom they shall proclaim to generations to come.

³¹They shall proclaim God's deliverance to a people yet unborn,

saying to them, "The LORD has acted!"

SECOND READING: 1 John 4:7-21

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In 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. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So 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. ¹⁷Love 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. ¹⁸There 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. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those 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. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL HYMN



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.
Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL: *John 15:1-8*

The Holy Gospel according to John the 15th Chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide 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. ⁵I 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. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S CHAT

SERMON

The Rev. Abby Ferjak

***HYMN**

Baptized and Set Free

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HOLY BAPTISM

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Today we celebrate the Holy Baptism of August Theodore Pollakowski

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

The financial gifts you give today are used for God’s ministry here at Grace and around the world.

You are invited to give online at gracelutheranscarsdale.org/give. Let us give thanks to God.

“Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.” James 1:17

SPECIAL MUSIC

GLC Choir

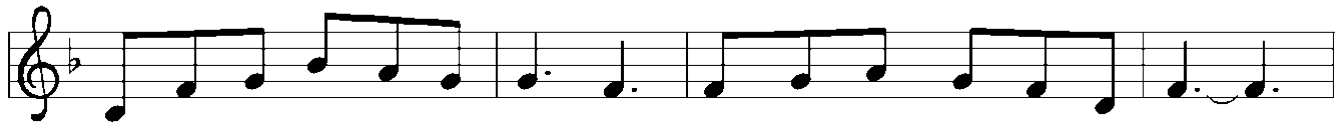
***OFFERING HYMN**

Come to the Table

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Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord’s in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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***OFFERING PRAYER**

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

[...] and join their unending hymn:



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



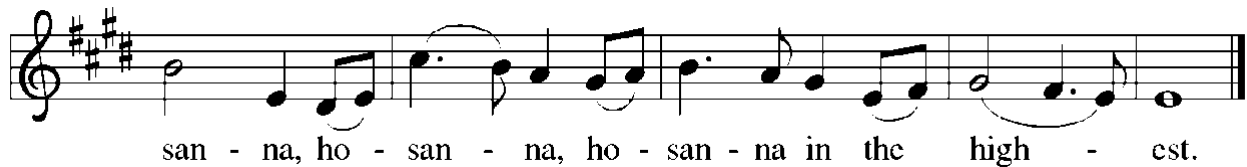
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



[...] as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

[...] Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

[...] burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

[...] now and forever. **Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

God, as a loving mother and as a gracious father you have called us to pray... **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, forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

***POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Today we welcome Cassie Manso, Omni Hornedo, and Tyger, Rose and Charlie O'Rielly

[...] People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ? **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Let us welcome these siblings in Christ to this community of faith. **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

***BLESSING**

***HYMN**

Go, Make Disciples

ELW 540

***SENDING**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Colin Rose

SERVING TODAY

Ministers: The People of Grace Lutheran Church

Pastor: The Rev. Abby Ferjak

Music Director: Colin Rose

Reader: Maureen Palumberi

Assisting Minister: Peter Koch

Let us pray for one another:

Ricardo

Anna

Donna

Elliot

Cheryl

Donna K.

Cindy

Terry

For those in need of God's healing and help:

For the New LIFE School in the Bronx;

HOPE ministries in New Rochelle;

the Westchester County Diaper Bank;

all elected leaders and officials;

all victims of violence;

all victims of natural disasters
THIS WEEK AT GLC

Sunday, April 28

9:15am Sunday School
10:00am Worship
11:00am Coffee Hour
6:00pm AA

Wednesday, May 1

7:15pm AA

Sunday, May 5

9:15am Sunday School
10:00am Worship
11:00am Coffee Hour & Adult Education – *Last RIC Conversation*
5:00pm Grace Kids Club
6:00pm AA

If you would like someone added or removed from the prayer list, please contact
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