

Welcome

We are pleased to have you worship with us this morning! Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the church hall following worship.

Nursery care and Sunday School up to age 12 is available in the parish hall. Children will rejoin their parents after the Peace.

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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Feeding you, body, mind and soul

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: MAY 3, 2015



Wine grapes growing in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario (Source: Wikimedia Commons)

Prelude: *Come Christians, Join to Sing* arr. McDonald

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn 457 *Thou art the way: by thee alone*

Opening Acclamation and Prayer

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Gloria in excelsis Hymnal S-278

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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Response: **And also with you.**

Acts 8:26-40

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 22:25-31

My praise is of him in the great assembly; *
I will perform my vows in the presence of
those who worship him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: *
"May your heart live for ever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the LORD, *
and all the families of the nations
shall bow before him.

For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
he rules over the nations.

To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow
down in worship; *
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

My soul shall live for him;
my descendants shall serve him; *
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.

They shall come and make known
to a people yet unborn *
the saving deeds that he has done.

1 John 4:7-21

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 205, v. 3 *Good Christians all*

John 15:1-8

First response: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Second response: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Susan Langle

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: 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 the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rector on Vacation

The Rector will be away Tuesday, April 28-Sunday, May 3. He will return to the office tomorrow morning. Please welcome the Rev. Susan Langle as our preacher and celebrant today!

Another Take-a-Tote Grant!

Thanks to the Bishop's Charitable Assistance Grant, the Take-a-Tote program has received another \$2,000 to help feed 50 hungry children weekly at the Mill Brook School. The Grant is offered by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester.

Ascension Day

Holy Eucharist for the principal feast of Ascension Day is on Thursday, May 14 at 6pm. Exactly 40 days after Easter, Jesus rises up into heaven before sending his Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

Parent's Meeting

Please stay after worship on Sunday, May 17 for a parents' meeting. Our Sunday School year will close Memorial Day weekend. We want to hear from all of you about how to plan for next fall.

How could we make our Sunday-morning programs even better for our kids? How could we best serve our 12 confirmed youth? We need your input for summertime planning, so please come!

We will do our best to provide food as well as child care to encourage your participation. Let us know if you will attend.

Camp & Scholarships

Get ready for Summer Camp! The Barbara C. Harris Camp Center of Greenfield, NH has offerings for summer spiritual growth for kids of all ages. "Camperships" available to help with the cost. Details: www.bchcenter.org/camp-programs

BY THE NUMBERS

Date	Att.	Pledge	Plate
3/29	98	\$2,551	\$44
4/5	177	\$2,852	\$222
4/12	29	\$728	\$0
4/19	73	\$1,970	\$37
4/26	57	\$1,223	\$21

COMING UP

5/9	9am	Leadership Inst.
5/10	9am	Comm. Life
5/24	11am	Vestry Forum
5/31	11am	Parish Cookout
6/4		Corpus Christi

PRAYER NEEDS

Anglican Cycle of Prayer
Ngbo in Nigeria

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
St. Paul's Church, Lancaster

Birthdays this Week
Beth Lavoie, Bud Ess and Elizabeth Moser

Prayer Requests
The Mulleavey family, the DeLuca family, Judy Wood, Larry, Mike, Lucinda and Stephanie Croce

For the departed
Jan Yeaton

TAKE-A-TOTE

Ramen noodles can be purchased individually or by the carton. Why not bring in several packages this week. Let's add some protein: we pack tuna fish pouches and the easy to serve single serve cups of light tuna each week.

BOOK GROUP

Tues., June 9, 6pm at Gibson's
To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee

SAVE THE DATES

May 15 Dinner

Stuffed Peppers, rolls, string beans, apple crisp

Annual Cookout

Sunday, May 31

Pork Fest

Sunday, August 16