

Third Sunday of Easter

Grace Episcopal Church

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The Rev. Joseph N. Davis, Vicar
Deanie Moore, Director of Music

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Please keep silence in the church before the service and turn off all cell phones.

Prelude

Procession “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing” Hymn 205

Easter Acclamation BCP, p. 355

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Collect for Purity BCP, p. 355

Gloria in Excelsis Hymnal, S280

The Collect of the Day BCP, p. 224

First Reading Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalms 116:1-3, 10-17 BCP p. 599

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:17-23

Sequence “Come, risen Lord” Hymn 306

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel Luke 24:13-35

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Joseph N. Davis

Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

[The Prayers of the People](#)

[Form V, BCP p. 389](#)

The Peace

BCP, p. 360

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Music

The Great Thanksgiving

[Eucharistic Prayer A](#)

[BCP, p. 361](#)

Sanctus

BCP p. 362; Hymnal S124

The Lord's Prayer

BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Christ Our Passover

Hymnal S152

Invitation to Communion

Prayer for those who cannot receive the sacrament in person

*Dear Lord, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come into my heart in the power of your Holy Spirit.
I unite myself to you and embrace you with all the affections
of my soul. Let me never be separated from you.
May I live and die in your love.*

Post Communion Music

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Easter Blessing

[Recession](#) [“Shepherd of Souls”](#) [Hymn 343](#)

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

All baptized persons are normally invited to receive communion. Due to our national health emergency, in-person worship has been suspended for a time, but personal worship and communion with Christ are as important as ever. Through the grace of baptism, we are one in Christ. We celebrate the gift of communion with him and in him whenever we pray together, whether we are together physically or not. Whenever we participate by prayer in a Eucharistic celebration, God's grace brings us into the one, eternal offering of the Son to the Father on the cross. The benefit to us and the blessings poured out upon the world are beyond our knowledge.

Here are words from the Book of Common Prayer which could be adapted to our situation today:

If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, [or natural disaster, or pandemic,] is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth. (BCP, 457)

Announcements

In-person worship is suspended through April 30. I don't see how we could be ready to gather in groups of more than 7 or 8 by May 3. You are encouraged to look for updates on our Facebook page and by email. Please join us for next week's live-streamed celebration of the Eucharist at 10:00 a.m. at [Facebook.com/GraceChurchSH](https://www.facebook.com/GraceChurchSH). We may soon start live-streaming also through Youtube.

A Note to Visitors

If you are a visitor, we thank you joining us this Sunday. We would like to answer any questions you have about our service or about membership in Grace Church. Our church is vital to our relationship with God and is especially important in this time of physical separation from one another and serious health crisis for our community, nation, and world. Reach out to us at the email addresses listed below. Please "like" and click "follow" on our Facebook page to receive updates, announcements, and posts of all types.

[Giving to Grace Church](#)

Though we are for a time not gathering in person at the church, our giving to God and his Church is just as important now as always. You may make a contribution to Grace Church by mail or by scanning the code below with your smartphone. There is also a link to [online giving at our website](#). To make offerings to the church's general fund, select "offering plate income" in the dropdown menu. If you are under financial stress now for any reason, the gift of your prayers and presence is much appreciated in itself.



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It is the Mission of Grace Episcopal Church to bring glory to God, build the spirituality of our people, and bring Christ to our community.