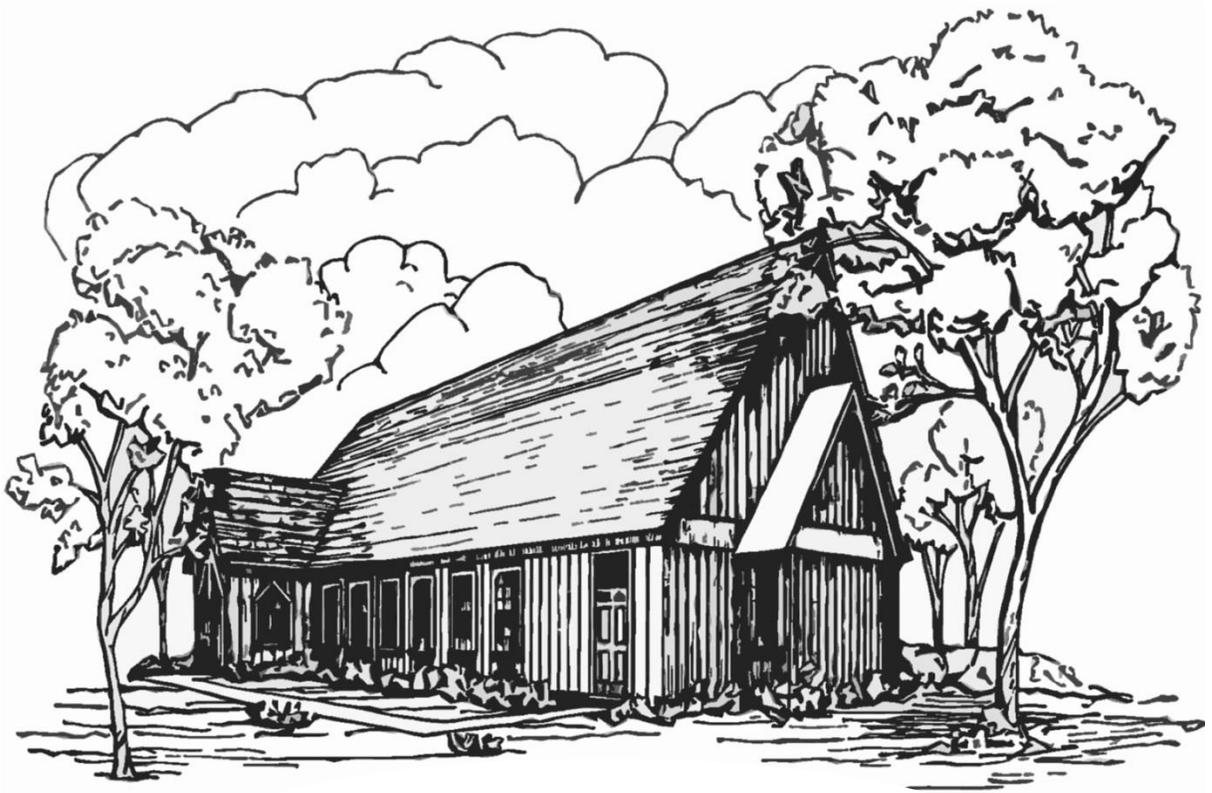




GRACE

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SILOAM SPRINGS, AR



SUNDAY ~ 9:00 A.M.

*To all who are weary
and need rest*

*To all who are friendless
and desire friendship*

*To all who believe in God
and wish to worship Him*

*To all who are grateful
and would give thanks*

*To all who hunger for prayer
and wish to pray*

*To all who know sin
and need the Saviour*

*Grace Episcopal Church opens wide its doors and
in the Name of the Lord Jesus bids*

Welcome.

∞ WELCOME TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH ∞

Episcopalians are followers of Jesus Christ. We say that God was uniquely present in the life of Jesus of Nazareth. One word we use to describe this belief is that God was “incarnate” in Jesus, that is, God’s own self was present in Jesus’ very body. Following his death, his disciples found that Christ still lived in their midst. Thus, they found themselves connected to God as they discovered themselves to be part of Christ’s resurrected body. And that is still the case today. We Episcopalians say that human beings are united to God through Christ.

We take that relationship seriously. When we worship we are called to see the risen Christ in the persons around us. In our daily lives we are called to see the risen Christ in family, acquaintances, and co-workers. Ultimately, we are called to seek and serve Christ in all persons, to strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being.

Our church is not a community of like-minded people. We do not exist for ourselves alone. Instead, we are a people set apart to be the personal presence and witness of God to the world. We struggle with many issues and we disagree with one another, but we still gather each week to hear the story of God’s love for us, to ask forgiveness from one another and God, and to offer our lives up to God.

In our teaching, we learn the grace to live with questions that cannot be answered with certainty. In our worship we are nourished for life’s journey. In our faith we trust that God is working through every one of us, and that one day God’s very self will be evident in all creation. This is the good news that we proclaim, and we believe that it is the good news that leads us to lives of peace, self control, and hope for the future. We invite everyone to join us in that journey.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m., Christian Formation 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday 12:10 p.m.

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☞ THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST ☞

ACCORDING TO RITE TWO OF THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER (PG. 355)

Trinity Sunday

31 May, 2015 ~ 9:00 a.m. Service

☞ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ☞

The Prelude:

❖ *Please stand* ❖

Hymn 362: "Holy, holy, holy Lord God almighty"

Nicaea

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
*2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

(Hymn Continues Next Page)

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.
 Amen.**

The Presider says

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.

Trisagion S-102 - is sung three times...*all standing*

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

❖ *Please stand or kneel for the Collect of the Day* ❖

Collect of the Day

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

❖ *Please be seated for the readings* ❖

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 13 – The Song of the Three Young Men

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.

Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.

Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-17

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

❖ *All stand for the Gospel reading* ❖

Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

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

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

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

The Rev. Stanley McKinnon

Nicene Creed

(BCP Pg. 358)

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

Trinity Sunday

Presider

Holy Trinity, One God, the whole world is filled with your glory: Hear the prayers of your children as we say: Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name; worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.

Leader

Abba! Father! You have filled your Church with your Spirit and adopted us as your own children: Inspire us to speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen. Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name;

People **worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.**

Jesus, the Son of God who was lifted up to give the whole world eternal life: Send the spirit of your compassion and understanding unto the leaders of our nation and all others in authority, that they may be led by the Spirit of God in the ways of justice and peace. Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name;

People **worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.**

Ever present and energizing Spirit, your presence sustains the world and brings all life into being: Protect, comfort, and heal all who live with illness, threat, poverty or oppression throughout the world, that they may enjoy the goodness of your blessing. Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name;

People **worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.**

Glorious Trinity, One God, enable our community to be born from above, born of water and Spirit, that we may manifest your loving compassion and peace toward all. Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name;

People **worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.**

Your children, O God, have not received a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but we have received a spirit of adoption, through which we ask for your aid:

Hear our prayers for those we now name silently or aloud.

Accept our praise and thanksgiving for those we now name silently or aloud.

Embrace with your eternal life those who have died, especially those we now name silently or aloud.

For you did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Ascribe due honor to God's holy Name;

People **worship the Most High in the beauty of holiness.**

Presider

Let our prayers and praises fill your temple, O Father, as you send forth your Spirit into the world to empower your children to do the deeds of your Son and to be signs of your divine presence, in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

(Pg. 360)

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Presider and People

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.

The Presider stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

❖ *The members of the community greet one another in peace
and then sit for the announcements* ❖

✠ THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION ✠

❖ *To receive Holy Communion, please come forward and kneel or stand, filling in the altar rail from either the far right to the center, or the center to the left. If preferred, you may request a gluten free wafer when receiving Communion; simply hold one hand turned over. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, cross your arms over your chest. Once you have received you may exit to the side and return to your pew.* ❖

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

❖ *Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Priest or Presider* ❖

Anthem at the Offertory:

*O Virtus Sapientiae,
quae circuiens circuiisti comprehendendo
omnia in una via, quae habet vitam,
tres alas habens,
quarum una in altum volat,
et altera de terra sudat,
et tertia undique volat.
Laus tibi sit, sicut te decet,
O Sapientia.*

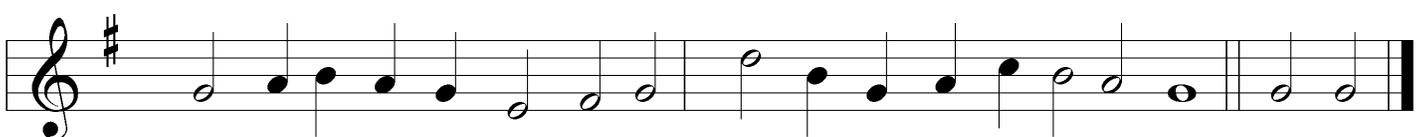
O strength of Wisdom,
who, circling, circled,
enclosing all in one life-giving
path,
three wings you have:
one soars to the heights,
one distills its essence upon
the earth,
and the third is everywhere.
Praise to you, as is fitting,
O Wisdom.

--- Hildegard von Bingen (1098-1179)

❖ *Please stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar* ❖



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;



praise him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

❖ *Please remain standing* ❖

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A (Pg. 362)

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

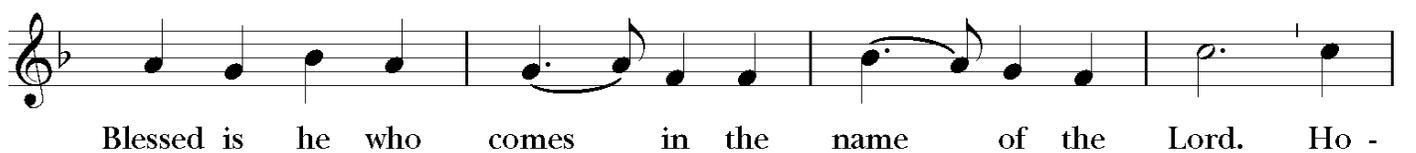
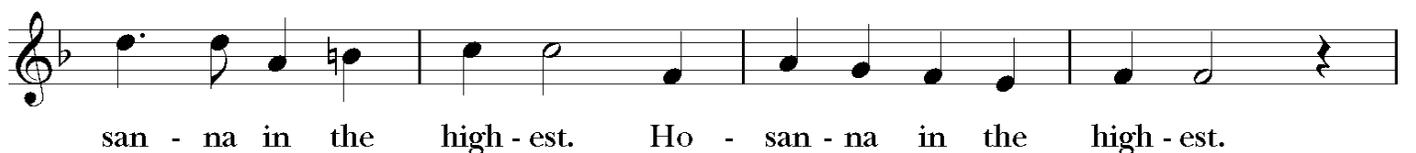
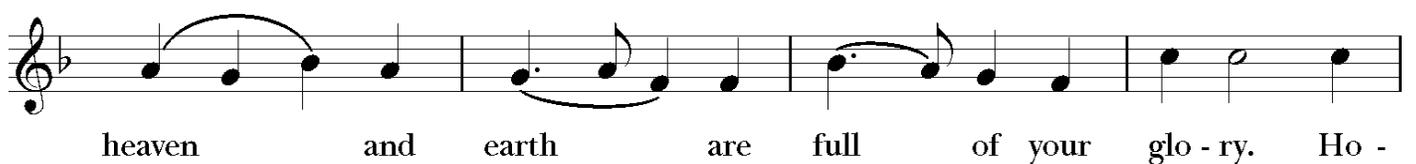
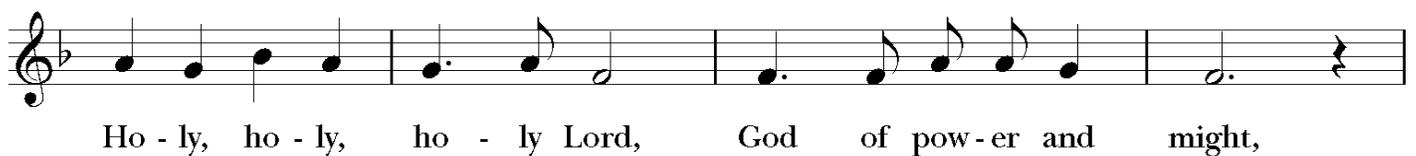
The Presider continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being: and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-125 *sung together...*



❖ *Please remain standing* ❖

The Presider continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “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, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Presider and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say...

Presider and People

**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,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

a period of silence is kept, followed by...

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Presider says

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

❖ *Please stand for the Post Communion Prayer* ❖

Postcommunion Prayer

(Pg. 365)

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

The Presider blesses the people, saying

May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace: and
the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn 368: "Holy Father, great Creator"

Regent Square

Descant

4 God the Lord, through ev - ery na - tion let thy won - drous

1 Ho - ly Fa - ther, great Cre - a - tor, source of mer - cy,
2 Ho - ly Je - sus, Lord of glo - ry, whom an - gel - ic
3 Ho - ly Spi - rit, Sanc - ti - fi - er, Come with unc - tion
4 God the Lord, through ev - ery na - tion let thy won - drous

(Hymn Continues Next Page)

mer - cies shine. In the song of thy sal - va - tion

love, and peace, look up - on the Me - di - a - tor,
 hosts pro - claim, while we hear thy won - drous sto - ry,
 from a - bove, touch our hearts with sa - cred fire, —
 mer - cies shine. In the song of thy sal - va - tion

ev - ery tongue and race com - bine. Great Je - ho - vah,

clothe us with his right - eous - ness; heaven - ly Fa - ther,
 meet and wor - ship in thy Name, dear Re - deem - er,
 fill them with the Sa - vior's love. Source of com - fort,
 ev - ery tongue and race com - bine. Great Je - ho - vah,

great Je - ho - vah, form our hearts and make them thine.

heaven - ly Fa - ther, through the Sa - vior hear and bless.
 dear Re - deem - er, in our hearts thy peace pro - claim.
 Source of com - fort, cheer us with the Sa - vior's love.
 great Je - ho - vah, form our hearts and make them thine.

Words: Alexander Viets Griswold (1766-1843), alt. Music: *Regent Square*, Henry Thomas Smart (1813-1879); desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

The Dismissal

Priest Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Postlude



If you are a visitor to Grace Episcopal Church, we welcome you and ask that you make yourself known to us by filling out the visitor card in the pew and placing it in the collection plate or handing it to an usher. We also invite you to sign the guest register before leaving.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

May	31	Frank Blume
June	4	Laticia Harris
	5	Jacob Burnett
	6	Matt Feyerabend

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the 45th wedding anniversary of George and Mary Benjamin.

∞ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ∞

Cary, Bill, Marie & family, Ben & Meredith, Joshua, Jim, Connie, Sue, Susan, Judi, Cindy, John, Lori, Mary, Trey & family, Carol, Patricia, Phil & Rhonda, Luise, Rich & Family, Eli, Mary, Byron, Roger & family.

∞ GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS ∞

THE VINYARD WILL MEET this Thursday, June 4th, at the house of Victoria Bossler (17886 Timber Ridge Dr).

ACOLYTE TRAINING WILL BE HELD next Sunday after the late service. If you are already an acolyte or are interested in becoming trained, please join us!

∞ A NOTE ON TODAY'S READINGS ∞

Welcome to Grace Church! The liturgy today focuses our prayer and celebration on God who acts in history and is revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The first reading today is the account of Isaiah's vision of God enthroned with the heavenly host shouting, "Holy, Holy, Holy." This passage provides the great hymn of the Eucharistic liturgy, celebrating our life within the life of the Holy Trinity.

The second reading is from Paul's Epistle to the Romans. This passage explores the ways the Persons of the Trinity relate to us. It is the Holy Spirit working in us who enables us to pray and to be fellow children of God along with the Son.

The Gospel reading today is Jesus' encounter with Nicodemus, and the Evangelist's discussion of the meaning of Jesus' words. In explaining that salvation depends on being born again by water and the Spirit, Jesus reveals God's three-fold nature as an active one. God the Creator is the Giver of life and the Savior of humankind.

As the Church, the People of God come together to celebrate the Eucharist. Called together by God's Spirit, we encounter the Son in Word and Sacrament revealing the Father and leading us into the life and love of the Holy Trinity.

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