



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

9 Harrington Avenue, Westwood, New Jersey

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024 10:00 AM

The Holy Eucharist

THE WORD OF GOD

- *The service is Rite II with Eucharistic Prayer D* •
- *All stand as are able.* •

Hymn 304..... *Land of Rest*

Opening Acclamation.....BCP Page 355

Collect for PurityBCP Page 355

Gloria in excelsis Deo BCP Page 356, Hymnal S-280

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

• *All may be seated for the readings and Psalm* •

The First Reading: Acts 8:26-40 (see readings insert)

Psalm 22:24-30..... (see readings insert)

The Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21 (see readings insert)

• *All stand as are able* •

Hymn 183 *Victimae Paschali laudes*

The Holy Gospel: John 15:1-8 (see readings insert)

• *All may be seated* •

The Sermon The Rev. Deacon Leonard Roberts

• *All stand as are able* •

The Nicene Creed BCP Page 358

The Prayers of the People..... BCP Page 387

The Peace BCP Page 360

• *After the Peace, all may be seated for announcements.* •

THE HOLY COMMUNION

As the Altar is prepared, the Choir sings Christ the Lord Is Risen Again, arr. Carl Schalk (1929-2021)

*Christ the Lord is risen again;
Christ has broken death's strong chain.
Hark, the angels shout for joy,
Singing evermore on high: Alleluia!*

*He whose path no records tell
Hath descended into hell;
He the strong man armed hath bound
And in highest heaven is crowned.
Alleluia!*

*He who gave for us his life,
Who for us endured the strife,
Is our Paschal Lamb today.
We, too, sing for joy and say: Alleluia!*

*Thou our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, today Thy people feed;
Take our sins and guilt away
That we all may sing for aye: Alleluia!*

• *All stand as are able* •

The Great Thanksgiving –

Sursum Corda..... BCP Page 372, Hymnal S-120
Sanctus & Benedictus..... BCP Page 373, Hymnal S-130

• *All stand or kneel as are able.* •

The Eucharistic Prayer continues BCP Page 373
The Lord's Prayer..... BCP Page 364, Hymnal S-119

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei..... Hymnal S-164
The Invitation BCP Page 364

Reception of Holy Communion

All baptized persons are welcome and encouraged to receive Christ's Body and Blood at this altar. If for any reason you are unable or do not wish to receive communion, you are still welcome to come to the altar rail to receive a blessing and indicate this preference by crossing your arms over your chest. If you are physically unable to come forward, please notify an usher and the Sacrament will be brought to you.

Hymn 487 *The Call*
Post Communion Prayer..... BCP Page 365

• *All stand as are able* •

The Priest blesses the people with the following Easter blessing.

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow upon you the riches of his blessing. *Amen.*

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. *Amen.*

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Hymn 529 *McKee*
The Dismissal..... BCP Page 366, Hymnal S-175

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