



EASTERTIDE

Sunday, May 16



SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Live stream Worship 10:30 am
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Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
According to his great mercy,
he has caused us to be born again to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

I Peter 1:3

One of the great things about the church calendar is that it appropriately extends Christian celebrations over longer periods of time than we are accustomed. For example, instead of ending our Christmas feasting after a 24-hour mad rush, the Christmas season begins on Christmas Day and extends for twelve more days—hence the song, “The Twelve Days of Christmas”. It takes more than one day to marvel at the wonder of God becoming one of us in order that he might save us.

Easter is similar. In the church calendar, Easter Sunday is not all there is to Easter. Rather, it inaugurates the beginning of the 7-week Easter season, which extends all the way until Pentecost Sunday on May 20th.

This is formative for us because the resurrection isn’t just something we celebrate for a day and then afterwards return back to our lives as they were before. Instead, the resurrection life that Jesus shares with his people has its beginning on Easter Sunday. From there forward, it stretches out into eternity. After the resurrection, life is never the same again.

In other words, **Easter is to become a new way of life for us.** We need lots of reminders and lots of practice living into this new reality—one day won’t do it justice. Hence, Easter becomes a 49-day period in the life of the church each year.

In this way, the season of Easter is a great gift to us. It helps us to practice and live out the truth that, in Christ, all things are being made new.

So, this morning let us receive afresh the new life God has given to us through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Let us worship!

REFLECTION QUOTES

Revelation portrays the Roman Empire as a system of violent oppression, founded on conquest, maintained by violence and oppression.....

...although the harlot lives well at her clients' expense, she also offers them something—the supposed benefits of Roman rule. This is no doubt the ideology of the pax Romana, vigorously promoted throughout the first century AD, according to which Rome's gift to the world was the peace and security Rome provided within the borders of her empire and thereby the conditions of the Empire's prosperity. Rome, the self-proclaimed eternal city, offered security to her subjects, and her own dazzling wealth seemed a prosperity in which her subjects could share. But Revelation portrays this ideology as a deceitful illusion. It is the wine with which the harlot intoxicates the nations, offered in the cup whose exterior is golden, but which contains abominations.

Richard Bauckham, *The Theology of the Book of Revelation*

Morpheus: The Matrix is everywhere. It is all around us. Even now, in this very room. You can see it when you look out your window or when you turn on your television. You can feel it when you go to work... when you go to church... when you pay your taxes. It is the world that has been pulled over your eyes to blind you from the truth.

Neo: What truth?

Morpheus: That you are a slave, Neo. Like everyone else you were born into bondage. Born into a prison that you cannot smell or taste or touch. A prison for your mind. Unfortunately, no one can be told what the Matrix is. You have to see it for yourself.

Morpheus: This is your last chance. After this, there is no turning back. You take the blue pill - the story ends, you wake up in your bed and believe whatever you want to believe. You take the red pill - you stay in Wonderland and I show you how deep the rabbit-hole goes.

The Matrix

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Seated

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Standing

CALL TO WORSHIP

Is the Father with us?

He is!

Is Christ among us?

He is!

Is the Spirit here?

He is!

This is our God!

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Doxology



5 Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;

9 praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;

8 praise Him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host:

13 praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

24 Ghost. Praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

29 Praise Fa-ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

36 A - men, a - men, a - me - n!

Seated

LECTIO SACRA

Isaiah 52:1-12 (NIV)

Awake, awake, Zion,
 clothe yourself with strength!
 Put on your garments of splendor,
 Jerusalem, the holy city.
 The uncircumcised and defiled
 will not enter you again.

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The small symbols you will see throughout these pages correspond to a "Key to Liturgy" available [here](#)



Anglican Church of Kenya

Text in **bold** is read together by the entire congregation. Plain text is read by one of the worship service leaders

Our worship begins each week with a call to worship. We are gathered here today because God, our Creator, desires to have a relationship with us. Whether we realize it or not, he is the one calling us to himself—today and every day.

Thomas Ken, 1674
 "Old Hundreth"



"Lectio Sacra" means "sacred reading." It has been the practice of the church for thousands of years to have portions of the bible read during worship services. The assumption behind this practice is that we are people who need to be shaped by all of God's word.

Shake off your dust;
rise up, sit enthroned, Jerusalem.
Free yourself from the chains on your neck,
Daughter Zion, now a captive.

For this is what the Lord says:
"You were sold for nothing,
and without money you will be redeemed."
For this is what the Sovereign Lord says:
"At first my people went down to Egypt to live;
lately, Assyria has oppressed them.

"And now what do I have here?" declares the Lord.
"For my people have been taken away for nothing,
and those who rule them mock,"
declares the Lord.
"And all day long
my name is constantly blasphemed.
Therefore my people will know my name;
therefore in that day they will know
that it is I who foretold it.
Yes, it is I."

How beautiful on the mountains
are the feet of those who bring good news,
who proclaim peace,
who bring good tidings,
who proclaim salvation,
who say to Zion,
"Your God reigns!"
Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices;
together they shout for joy.
When the Lord returns to Zion,
they will see it with their own eyes.
Burst into songs of joy together,
you ruins of Jerusalem,
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord will lay bare his holy arm
in the sight of all the nations,
and all the ends of the earth will see
the salvation of our God.

Depart, depart, go out from there!
Touch no unclean thing!
Come out from it and be pure,
you who carry the articles of the Lord's house.
But you will not leave in haste
or go in flight;

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for the Lord will go before you,
the God of Israel will be your rear guard.
Depart, depart, go out from there!
Touch no unclean thing!
Come out from it and be pure,
you who carry the articles of the Lord's house.
But you will not leave in haste
or go in flight;
for the Lord will go before you,
the God of Israel will be your rear guard.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*lyrics: Johannes G. Olearius,
music: Benjamin P Smith-
Chenovick, Jess Alldredge*

Musical interludes are included
in our service in order to provide
space for reflection and worship.



INTERLUDE

Comfort, Comfort You My People

Standing

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father.
In Your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone.
And so uphold us by Your Spirit
that we may live and serve You in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of Your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(You are invited to confess your sins silently.)



RECEIVING OF GRACE

Surely, he took up our pain
and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.
**But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.**

We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way.

**And the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.**

May the peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

By His Wounds

By his wounds, his wounds, will we be healed.
And for our trans-gres-sions, his pas-sion, has made us well.
Let us come a-gain and feed on him, our Lord E-man-u-el!

Traditional American Folk
Melody
Isaac Wardell
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Praise To The Lord the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy
4. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is
King of cre-a-tion!
won-drous-ly reign-eth;
work and de-fend thee;
in me a-dore Him!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy
Shel-ter, thee un-der His wings, yea, so
Sure-ly His good-ness and mer-cy here
All that hath life and breath, come now with
health and sal-va-tion!
gent-ly sus-tain-eth!
dai-ly sus-tain-eth thee;
prais-es be-fore Him;
All ye who hear, now to His tem-ple draw near;
Hast thou not seen how thy de-sires e'er have been
Pon-der a-new what the Al-might-y can do,
Let the A-men sound from His peo-ple a-gain,
Praise Him in glad a-dor-a-tion,
Grant-ed in what He or-dain-eth?
If with His love He be-friend thee.
Glad-ly for aye we a-dore Him.

Joachim Neander 1680,
"Lobe den Herren" 1665
trans. Catherine Winkworth,
1863

Spirit Of God

words: George Croly, 1854
music: Karl Digerness, 2006

Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
Teach me to feel that Thou art al - ways nigh;
Hast Thou not bid me love Thee, God and King?
Teach me to love Thee as Thine an - gels love,
Wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move
No sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear.
All, all Thine own, soul, heart and strength and mind.
One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;
Stoop to my weak - ness might-y as Thou art;
No an - gel vi - sion, no o - p'ning skies;
To check the ris - ing doubt, the re - bel sigh;
I see Thy cross; there teach me to cling;
The pre - sence of Thy de - scend - ded Dove,
And make me love Thee as I ought to love.
But take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
O let me seek Thee, and O let me find!
My heart an al - tar, and Thy love the flame. (repeat line)

Prayer for Those

Searching for the Truth

Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer for Those

Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.



Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

Seated

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Share with us your visit and prayer requests.](#)

PASSING THE PEACE

As recipients of God's grace, we gladly receive peace from him. In response to his grace, we also extend that grace to one another. Traditionally, Christians have greeted one another during this time in the service with the phrase, "May the peace of Christ be with you" and receive back the greeting "And also with you."

GOSPEL LESSON

Red Pill People

Revelation 18

Rev. John Haralson

Sermons can be streamed and downloaded at graceseatle.org/resources.

SERMON TEXT

[18:1] After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven. He had great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his splendor. [2] With a mighty voice he shouted:

“Fallen! Fallen is Babylon the Great!”

She has become a dwelling for demons
and a haunt for every impure spirit,
a haunt for every unclean bird,
a haunt for every unclean and detestable animal.

[3] For all the nations have drunk
the maddening wine of her adulteries.
The kings of the earth committed adultery with her,
and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries.”

[4] Then I heard another voice from heaven say:

“Come out of her, my people,
so that you will not share in her sins,
so that you will not receive any of her plagues;

[5] for her sins are piled up to heaven,
and God has remembered her crimes.

[6] Give back to her as she has given;
pay her back double for what she has done.
Pour her a double portion from her own cup.

[7] Give her as much torment and grief
as the glory and luxury she gave herself.

In her heart she boasts,
‘I sit enthroned as queen.

I am not a widow;
I will never mourn.’

[8] Therefore in one day her plagues will overtake her:
death, mourning and famine.

She will be consumed by fire,
for mighty is the Lord God who judges her.

[9] “When the kings of the earth who committed adultery with her and shared her luxury see the smoke of her burning, they will weep and mourn over her. [10] Terrified at her torment, they will stand far off and cry:

“Woe! Woe to you, great city,
you mighty city of Babylon!
In one hour your doom has come!”

[11] “The merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her because no one buys their cargoes anymore— [12] cargoes of gold, silver, precious stones and pearls; fine linen, purple, silk and scarlet cloth; every sort of citron wood, and articles of every kind made of ivory, costly wood, bronze, iron and marble; [13] cargoes of cinnamon and spice, of incense, myrrh and frankincense, of wine and olive oil, of fine flour and wheat; cattle and sheep; horses and carriages; and human beings sold as slaves.

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[14] "They will say, 'The fruit you longed for is gone from you. All your luxury and splendor have vanished, never to be recovered.' [15] The merchants who sold these things and gained their wealth from her will stand far off, terrified at her torment. They will weep and mourn [16] and cry out:

"Woe! Woe to you, great city,
dressed in fine linen, purple and scarlet,
and glittering with gold, precious stones and pearls!
[17] In one hour such great wealth has been brought to ruin!"

"Every sea captain, and all who travel by ship, the sailors, and all who earn their living from the sea, will stand far off. [18] When they see the smoke of her burning, they will exclaim, 'Was there ever a city like this great city?' [19] They will throw dust on their heads, and with weeping and mourning cry out:

"Woe! Woe to you, great city,
where all who had ships on the sea
became rich through her wealth!
In one hour she has been brought to ruin!"

[20] "Rejoice over her, you heavens!
Rejoice, you people of God!
Rejoice, apostles and prophets!
For God has judged her
with the judgment she imposed on you."

[21] Then a mighty angel picked up a boulder the size of a large millstone and threw it into the sea, and said:

"With such violence
the great city of Babylon will be thrown down,
never to be found again.

[22] The music of harpists and musicians, pipers and trumpeters,
will never be heard in you again.

No worker of any trade
will ever be found in you again.

The sound of a millstone
will never be heard in you again.

[23] The light of a lamp
will never shine in you again.

The voice of bridegroom and bride
will never be heard in you again.

Your merchants were the world's important people.

By your magic spell all the nations were led astray.

[24] In her was found the blood of prophets and of God's holy people,
of all who have been slaughtered on the earth."

OFFERING

To give to the Grace General Fund, you can give several ways:



- To give via text message, text GODISLOVE to 206.859.9405.
(This will take you to our on-line giving page)
- To give via the Grace app, look up "Grace Church Seattle" on the App Store or Google Play and click the giving tab within the app.
- Give via Venmo (Give to @graceseattle.org; all transactions are private)
- Give via PayPal (Give to bookkeeper@graceseattle.org)
- To gift stock, contact our bookkeeper@graceseattle.org
- Mail to check to:
Grace Church Seattle
400 E Pine St, #215
Seattle, WA 98122

To give to the Serving the City Fund or Deacons Fund, you can give several ways:

- For text, online, and app giving, specify "Serving the City" "Deacons Fund" in the "Fund" field.
- For all other giving, Indicate "Serving the City" or "Deacons Fund" in the memo or comments field.

MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Standing

THE LORD'S PRAYER



And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold 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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.**



Prayer for Receiving Communion

Lord Jesus, your perfect life, death, and resurrection are the source of all blessing in this life and the life to come. As I eat this bread and drink this cup, renew me in the joy and glory of knowing and serving you. I come to this table on the basis of your merit only and not my own. As you have completely and fully offered yourself for me, I now completely and fully offer myself to you as a living sacrifice. Amen.

Communion wafer ingredients: wheat flour, water, vegetable shortening (soybean oil, cottonseed oil).

Gluten-free wafer ingredients: Flour mix (garbanzo bean, tapioca, sorghum, fava beans, potato starch), water, canola oil, salt.

Words: Gloria Patri, 2nd Century
Music: Karl Digerness
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THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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Introduction to the Lord's Table

You are invited to come to the church (1300 E Aloha Street, Seattle WA, 98102) from 12:00 to 12:30pm to safely receive the communion elements.

The Words of Institution

Gloria Patri

3 Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther, glo-ry be to the Son,
5 Glo-ry be to the Spi - rit, Three in One. As it
7 was in the be - gin - ing it will be for - ev - er A - men,
A - men, A - men.

BENEDICTION

All our problems
We send to the cross of Christ.
All our sins
We send to the cross of Christ.
All the devil's works
We send to the cross of Christ.
All our hopes
We set on the risen Christ.



SENDING

Let us go forth and serve the world
as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God!

SUNDAYS

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM. Please [pre-register here](#) for in-person worship or join us via [live-stream on YouTube](#). We will celebrate the Lord's Supper each week at the end of the service. For people unable to attend in-person worship, you can pick up communion elements each week in the parking lot between Noon and 12:30 PM.

Grace Kids. Children's worship guide available every week. Limited Nursery (6 months to 36 months) available for parents who [Pre-register for Nursery](#) each week. A family room is also provided in the Upstairs Chapel with a Livestream viewing. For more information, check the Grace Kids Page on our [website](#).

Youth. Youth Community Group (YCG) meets on the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Thursdays of every month at 7 PM. We also meet every first Sunday of the month from 12-12:45 for prayer with parents of adolescents, (6th grade through 12th). For more information, please contact Pastor Jason at jason@graceseattle.org.

Adult Christian Formation. Adult class meets virtually every other Sunday at 9am ([registration required](#)). Current class is "[Race, Whiteness, and the Church](#)".

Pastoral Care. Please contact us if you have needs or if you have resources you would like to offer our community. We can be reached here (pastoralcare@graceseattle.org).

CONNECT

Connect Groups. We have a wide variety of groups: Community Groups, Bible Studies, Prayer Groups, Men's Groups, and Women's Groups. To find a group, or if you are interested in starting one, please contact our Director of Community Formation, Jamie Afshari jamie@graceseattle.org.

SERVE

Congregation. There are many ways to serve in the congregation. Please contact [Sean Hill](#) or go to [our website](#) for more information.

City. Grace partners with a number of great organizations in the city. To find out more, please contact [Jason Davison](#) or go to [our website](#).

GIVE

You can give financially to Grace many ways.

- Our General Fund, which goes to support the mission and worship of our congregation
- Our Deacons Fund, which goes to help those in our congregation and community who are facing unexpected financial need
- Our Serving the City Fund, which goes directly to our efforts to serve the hurting and marginalized in our city

For more information, please go to graceseattle.org/giving

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sound Board Volunteers Needed

Grace is in need of volunteers to help run sound during worship. If you're interested in learning more about operating audio/visual equipment (and picking up some marketable skillz), contact jess@graceseattle.org.

Grace Kids Classes and Teachers: Today was our last day of Grace Kids Classes for the ministry year. Shout out to our Grace Kids Teachers (Brooke Kocher, Stephanie Pommer, Susan Rose, Abby St. Hilaire, and Rebecca Zide) for their amazing work in running a virtual Grace Kids program this year! We are so thankful to each of them!

Transitions, Gratitude, & Sending

Please join us on Sunday, May 23, for coffee and donuts in the courtyard after the service as we thank Jess Alldredge, Jeremy Herring, and Sean Hill for their amazing service to our church. As Jess moves toward his sabbatical and as Sean and Jeremy transition to different jobs, we are so grateful for how they represent the Lord's provision to our congregation. Please join us as we thank them and send them with our blessing to their new adventures.

Summer Interns Arriving!

Nelson & Nicole Hall, who are currently students at Covenant Theological Seminary, will be interning with us this summer. Their first Sunday at Grace will be May 23. Please introduce yourself to them at the service or feel free to email them at nelson@graceseattle.org or nicole@graceseattle.org.

Nursery is now available during the in-person worship service on a limited basis (6 months to 36 months) but does require parents to [Pre-register for Nursery](#) each week. For more information please contact, Linn@graceseattle.org.

415 Lowell-Westlake Project

For the past several months, Lowell Elementary, Union Church, Seattle First Baptist, and Grace Church Seattle have been praying and planning to set up a remote educational site for unsheltered Lowell students who do not have equal access to technology and basic needs. Please prayerfully consider becoming a consistent tutor at least once a week, for a two-hour slot (high school-aged students who need service hours are welcome). Please email union415volunteers@gmail.com for more information.

Moms' Group-Fridays at 10 AM

Join us for a time of connection between moms-both new and seasoned! We generally listen to a podcast prior to group then bring our thoughts to share. Expect a variety of discussion topics relating to motherhood and faith. Drop-ins welcome! Contact jenmartin@fastmail.com with questions or to join.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

5/16 Seventh Sunday of Easter
Grace Kids Virtual Chapel 9 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM
(In-Person & Livestream)

5/23 Day of Pentecost
[Christian Formation Hour](#) 9 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM
(In-Person & Livestream)

5/30 Trinity Sunday
Worship Service 10:30 AM
(In-Person & Livestream)

6/6 Second Sunday after Pentecost
[Christian Formation Hour](#) 9 AM
Worship Service 10:30 AM
(In-Person & Livestream)

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