



# Grace Anglican CHURCH

Easter Sunday  
April 5, 2026  
10:00 AM  
**HE IS RISEN!**

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## Welcome to Grace Anglican Church

### CONCERNING EASTER

**The word *Easter* is of Saxon origin, “*Eastra*”, the goddess of spring, in whose honor sacrifices were offered about Passover time each year. By the eighth century Anglo-Saxons had adopted the name to designate the celebration of Christ’s resurrection.**

**In the early Church, Easter was the day on which many baptisms were conducted, although baptisms were conducted throughout the year.**

**A result of the Council of Nicaea in 325 was the decree that Easter should be celebrated on the first Sunday after the vernal full moon and never on the fourteenth of Nisan.**

**Because of different calculations, the time of the Eastern Orthodox Church’s celebration varies in relation to that of the Western Church, and can be as much as five weeks later.**

*“Grace Anglican Church is a welcoming, Christ centered Church, committed to the truth and authority of Scripture, dedicated to service, and developing a vibrant and spiritually strong congregation.”*

**Holy Communion** is open to all who are believers in Jesus Christ and have been baptized. Children are welcome to receive communion at their parent’s discretion. If you participate by Zoom and need communion elements, please call the office and leave a message.

For **infants**, we have a Nursery. For **toddlers & Elementary schoolers**, we have an Activity Room. Children in these rooms are accompanied by adults. They start in the Sanctuary and will be brought into the Sanctuary to receive a blessing during the Eucharist. **Middle and High School-aged children** should remain in the Sanctuary and sit with an adult throughout the Service.

#### **ZOOM Connection Instructions:**

*You can connect either by video (computer) or by telephone.*

*The Meeting ID is **886444634***

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**Processional Hymn 217 – Christ the Lord is Risen Today -Verses 1 - 4**

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| 1 Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!<br>Sons of men and angels say, Alleluia!<br>Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!<br>Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia! | 3 Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!<br>Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!<br>Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!<br>Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!         |
| 2 Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!<br>Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!<br>Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!<br>Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!         | 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!<br>Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!<br>Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!<br>Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia! |

**The Acclamation** *(Standing)*

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*People: 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.*

**The Summary of the Law** *(Standing)*

*Celebrant:* Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ, Who on that glorious Easter morning rose from the dead, says: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets." *Matthew 22:37-40*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**The Collect** *(Remain Standing)*

*Celebrant:* Almighty Father, Who through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may, by Your life-giving Spirit, be delivered from sin and raised from death; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**The Lessons** *(Seated)*

***Old Testament - Exodus 14:10-14, 21-31***

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord. | *People: Thanks be to God.*

***The Psalm – Psalm 118:14-17, 22-24 (Read by whole verse) (Seated)***

- 14 The LORD is my strength and my defense; He has become my salvation.  
15 ***Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: “The LORD’S right hand has done mighty things!***  
16 The LORD’S right hand is lifted high; the LORD’S right hand has done mighty things!”  
17 ***I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.***  
22 ***The Stone the builders rejected has become the Cornerstone;***  
23 the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.  
24 ***The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.***

***\*Hymn 623 - Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.***

***New Testament - Colossians 3:1-4 (Seated)***

Reader: The Word of the Lord. | ***People: Thanks be to God.***

***The Gospel (Standing)***

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

***Matthew 28:1-10***

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.  
People: *Praise to You, Lord Christ.*

***Special Music – Hymn 215 Alleluia! Alleluia! Verses 1-2 (Remain standing)***

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| 1. Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav’n and voices raise; Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise. He Who on the cross as Savior for the world’s salvation bled, Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead. | 2. Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born, glorious life, and life immortal, on this resurrection morn; Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by His mighty enterprise, we with Him to life eternal by His resurrection rise. |
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***The Sermon - The Rev. Steven A. Savia***

***The Nicene Creed (Standing)***

***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, Who 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.***

**The Prayers of God's People** *(Seated or kneeling)*

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world. Almighty and ever living God, Your Holy Word instructs us to offer prayers and supplications. We humbly ask You mercifully to receive our prayers. May Your Holy Spirit continually inspire the universal Church in truth, unity, and love; and grant that all who confess Your holy Name may agree in the truth of Your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Reader: Lord, in Your mercy / *People: **Hear our prayer.***

Reader: We pray for the nations of the world, a world troubled with turmoil, conflict, violence, wars, disasters, and hatred. We pray they may be moved in the way of peace and righteousness for the sake of all people. We pray that our nation's leaders would seek and be guided by You, that Your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue.

Reader: Lord, in Your mercy / *People: **Hear our prayer.***

Reader: We pray for all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, especially Steve Wood, our Archbishop; David, Terrell, and Thad our Bishops; Steven our Priest, Mal our Assisting Priest, and Frances our Deacon, that by their lives and teaching, they may proclaim Your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer Your holy Sacraments. And to all Your people give Your heavenly grace, especially to this congregation, that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive Your holy Word, and serve You in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives. This week we pray with churches throughout the Diocese for Anglican Church of the Outer Banks, Nags Head, NC: Rev. Jamie Smith, Rector.

Reader: Lord, in Your mercy / *People: **Hear our prayer.***

Reader: We pray for all those who proclaim the Gospel of Your kingdom at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Reader: Lord, in Your mercy / *People: **Hear our prayer.***

Reader: Look with favor on our students, that their knowledge may increase. Grant them wisdom and understanding in spite of the challenges they face. Bless those who teach, that in mind and spirit they may reach their students in new ways. Grant that in humility of heart they may all look to You, from Whom comes all wisdom and true understanding.

Reader: Lord, in Your mercy / *People: **Hear our prayer.***

Reader: We ask You in your goodness and mercy, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those on our prayer list.

Reader: Lord, in Your mercy / *People: **Hear our prayer.***

Reader: We remember always all Your servants who have departed this life in Your faith as they now live eternally in the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Their faith has become sight. We pray that we follow You in such a way that all who come behind us may find that we were faithful.

Reader: Lord, in Your mercy / *People: **Hear our prayer.***

### **The Confession of Sin** (*Seated or Kneeling*)

Reader: Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*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 Absolution** (*Seated or Kneeling*)

Celebrant: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Who in His great mercy promises forgiveness of sins to all His saints who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to Him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Holy Communion** (*Seated or Kneeling*)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. | *People: **And also with you.***

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. | *People: **We lift them up to the Lord.***

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant: It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; but chiefly we are bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for He is the true Paschal Lamb, Who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; Who by His death has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again has won for us everlasting life.

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

***People: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

Celebrant: All praise and glory is Yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in Your tender mercy, You gave Your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption.

He made there, a full, perfect, and atoning sacrifice, offering, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world. We remember the institution of Your dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and we Your humble servants celebrate and make here before Your divine Majesty the memorial Your Son commanded us to make; remembering His blessed passion and precious death, His mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and His promise to come again.

So now, O merciful Father, in Your great goodness, we ask You to bless and sanctify, with Your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them according to Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His death and passion, may spiritually be partakers of His most blessed Body and Blood.

On the night that He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of Me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of Me."

Therefore, together we proclaim the mystery of our Faith:

***People: Christ HAS died.  
Christ IS risen  
Christ WILL come again.***

Celebrant: And here we offer and present to You, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. We humbly pray that we be filled with Your grace and heavenly benediction, and be made one body with Him, that He may dwell in us, and we in Him. 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 forever. ***Amen.***

And now as our Savior Jesus 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 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.***

Celebrant: These are 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.

**The Post Communion Prayer** *(Standing)*

***People: Almighty and ever living God, we thank You for feeding us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of Your favor and goodness towards us: that we are true members of the mystical body of Your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, in confident expectation, of Your everlasting kingdom. And we humbly ask You, heavenly Father, to assist us with Your grace; that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that You have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.***

**The Blessing** *(Standing)*

Celebrant: The Risen Christ be with you, The Risen Christ be within you; The Risen Christ be behind you and be before you; The Risen Christ be on your right, and on your left; The Risen Christ comfort and restore you; The Risen Christ be beneath and above you; The Risen Christ be with you in quiet and in danger; and may The Risen Christ be in the hearts of all those who love you and be in the mouths of friends and strangers. May Almighty God protect you and keep you, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

**Recessional Hymn – 226 The Day of Resurrection 1 & 3** *(Standing)*

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| 1. The day of resurrection!<br>Earth, tell it out abroad;<br>the Passover of gladness,<br>the Passover of God.<br>From death to life eternal,<br>from earth unto the sky,<br>our Christ hath brought us over,<br>with hymns of victory.        | 3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful!<br>Let earth her song begin!<br>The world resound in triumph,<br>and all that is therein!<br>Let all things seen and unseen<br>their notes of gladness blend,<br>for Christ the Lord hath risen,<br>our joy that hath no end. |
| 2. Our hearts be pure from evil,<br>that we may see aright the Lord in rays<br>eternal of resurrection light;<br>And, list'ning to our Savior, may hear, so<br>calm and plain His own "All Hail!" and,<br>hearing may raise the victor strain. | <i>John of Damascus</i>  |

**Dismissal** *(Standing)*

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world proclaiming the Risen Christ!

People: ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***