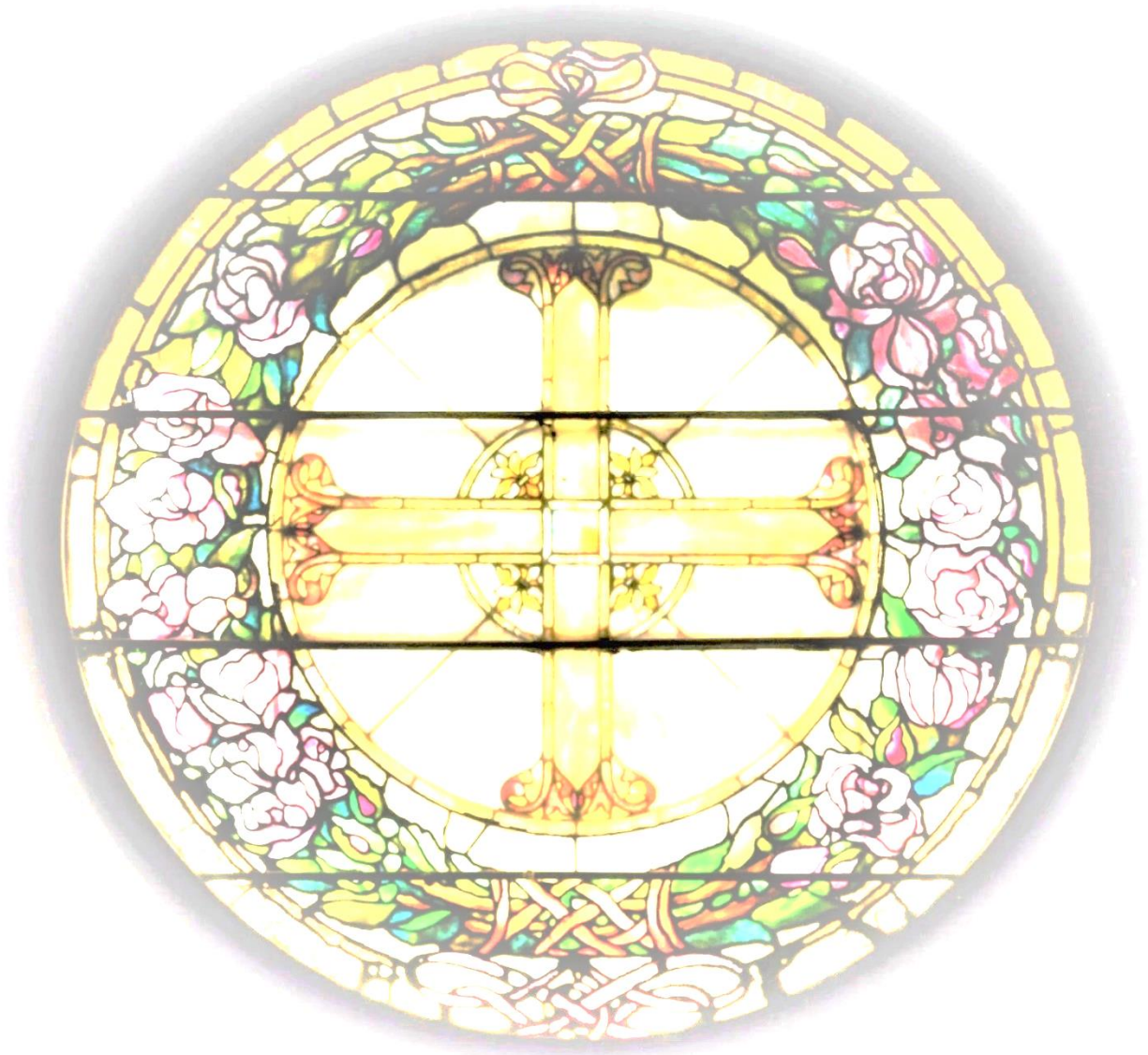


Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024 - 10:00 AM



Grace Church

Millbrook, NY

“Deep Roots, Open Doors”

The Rev. Dr. Matthew Calkins, Rector

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude: Rondo Allegro

M. D'Auenbrugg

Processional Hymn: O love, how deep

1982 Hymnal 448

Baptismal Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer 299

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism:

People **One God and Father of All.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Collect:

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 People may be seated. Children are invited to Sunday School in the choir room. They will rejoin the service after the Peace.

The First Reading:

Acts 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

“Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.”

The eunuch asked Philip, “About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 22:24-30

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek the LORD shall praise him:

"May your heart live for ever!"

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD,

and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD;

he rules over the nations.

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship;

all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him;

my descendants shall serve him;

they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn

the saving deeds that he has done.

Sequence Hymn: Over the chaos of the empty waters

H 177

The Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8

The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Matthew Calkins

Presentation & Examination of the Candidate

BCP 301

The Celebrant says

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Parents and Godparents

I present *Penelope Eve* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present
is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow
into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Baptismal Covenant

BCP 304

The Celebrant then asks the whole congregation to reaffirm their baptismal vows

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidates

BCP 305

The Celebrant then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

The Baptism

BCP 307

Each candidate is presented by name to the Celebrant who then immerses, or pours water upon, the candidate, saying

Penelope, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Then the Priest places a hand on the person's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross using Chrism and saying

Penelope, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. Amen.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon *these* your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised *her* to the new life of grace. Sustain *her*, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give *her* an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen*.

Celebrant

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Holy Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: God is Love, let heaven adore him
The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B
Sursum Corda

H 379
BCP 367

The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Preface

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; For our sins he was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself; and, by his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. 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:

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Celebrant and People

Sanctus

S 114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of
Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -
- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Music: From *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*, Healey Willan (1880-1968). By permission of Oxford University Press.

The Celebrant continues with thanksgiving for creation, revelation and the redemption of the world through our Lord Jesus Christ. After thanking God, we remember the Last Supper and Jesus' words to his disciples: "do this for the remembrance of me."

Then the Celebrant continues

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death.

We proclaim his resurrection.

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues with the presentation of bread and wine, from God's creation, praying that the Holy Spirit may descend upon these gifts, making them a Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, and uniting us to Christ in his sacrifice. The celebrant then concludes,

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.*

Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion hymn: (choir) Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life H 487

Postcommunion Prayer BCP 366

Blessing BCP 503

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Recessional Hymn: Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing H 344

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude: Preludium et Fuga in A J. S. Bach

(A note about abbreviations: BCP refers to the red Book of Common Prayer; H refers to the blue 1982 Hymnal and S is the service music section in the front of the Hymnal.)

Participants

Celebrants: The Rev. Dr. Matthew Calkins

The Rev. Alison Quin

Director of Music: Suzanne McDonald

Soloist: Rachel Bazaz

Chalice: ML Ball

Reader: Marion Thompson

Usher: Williams Family

Coffee Hour: Williams Family

Videographer: Alex Freeman

Altar Flowers - To the glory of God.

Remember the Following Parishioners on Our Prayer List: Barbara, Cathy F., Colleen, Dan J., Evelyn, Heather, Jennifer, Joan M., Karen W., Logan, Lou, Marie-Claude, Marc, May, Nalini, Nancy, Parker, Suzanne, Tommy Z., Willem, Yasmin and family.

If you would like prayers said in church on Sunday's and Wednesday's for yourself or someone you know, please contact the office at 845-677-3064 Monday-Friday 9am – 2 pm.

This Week's Prayer Cycle: Monday: Laursen Tuesday: Lawson-Boice
Wednesday: Lindsley Thursday: Maggiacomo Friday: Mander Saturday: Mandy
Sunday: Maning

We welcome all who are with us this morning, and pray that this time of worship and fellowship is inspiring and uplifting for you. Following the service, please join us in the Parish House for coffee and continued fellowship. If you would like to discuss your faith journey, please speak with our Rector, Fr. Matthew Calkins. Contact Info: Cell (203) 216-2287 - Rectory (845) 677-5414 email: calkins@gracemillbrook.org

Baptism at 10 a.m. – We give thanks today for the baptism of Penelope Eve Cabrera. Penelope is the daughter of Samantha Eve Smith and Juan Dedio Cabrera.

Servers for next week and Coffee Hour 5/5/24:

	Reader	Chalice	Usher	Coffee Hour
8 AM-	Elliott Lindsley	Beth Willis		Barbara Rudy
10AM-	Ben York		Ben York	York Family

Good News - Evelyn Garzetta a parishioner and warden at Grace Church is back home and anyone interested in cooking a meal for them please go to this website <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/1vdqlq> or contact the office at 845-677-3064. It will be greatly appreciated.

May 5th - 12:00-2:00 pm – Blessing our Sacred Earth an interfaith celebration of God's creation at Innisfree Garden. If you would like to help, please contact Father Matt.



Sunday, May 5, 12-2PM

Join leaders and members of various faith traditions for a spring interfaith celebration. The event, free and open to all, will include music, readings, and a blessing of fields and seeds.

Farmers, gardeners, and individuals are invited to bring their seeds to be blessed. Walking is required.

Tables overlooking Innisfree Garden will be available for picnicking. VanRoys Food Truck will offer lunch.

Registration for free parking required. Call 845 677-3064, use the link <https://buytickets.at/innisfreegarden/1131256>, or scan the QR code below.



Participating Speakers:

- Rev. Dr. Matthew Calkins and Rev. Alison Quin, Grace Church
- Kate Kerin, Innisfree Garden
- Donna Coane, Schaghticoke First Nation
- Rabbi Michael Fessler, Temple Beth-El
- Ani Lhadrun, Palpung Thubten Choling Monastery
- Badr Usmani, Iman, Masjid Al Noor
- Jen Brown, Poughkeepsie Baha'i Cluster
- Pretha Natesan, Hindu Samaj
- Lorraine Hartin-Gelardi, Dutchess Interfaith Council

Music led by Molly O'Neill Frank, and St. Peter's Church, Lithgow and friends.

Innisfree Garden 362 Tyrrel Road Millbrook, NY 12545
www.innisfreegarden.org

May 11th – 11:00 pm – Bryce Ainsley funeral at Grace Church.

May 12th – 10:00 am – Bishop Shin visitation – **no 8:00 am service that day.** Please plan to attend this service with a special blessing of children and confirmation of youth and adults followed by a festive coffee hour in the Parish Hall.

May 18th & 19th – 12:00 – 4:00 pm – Sacred Sites Open House. Grace Church will participate in this years Sacred Sites Open House with special talks and tours at 12:00 pm and 2:00 pm each day. We will have an organ recital on Sunday at 1:00 pm in the church.

We have added Venmo to our donations. Just scan the code below if you wish to make a donation.

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