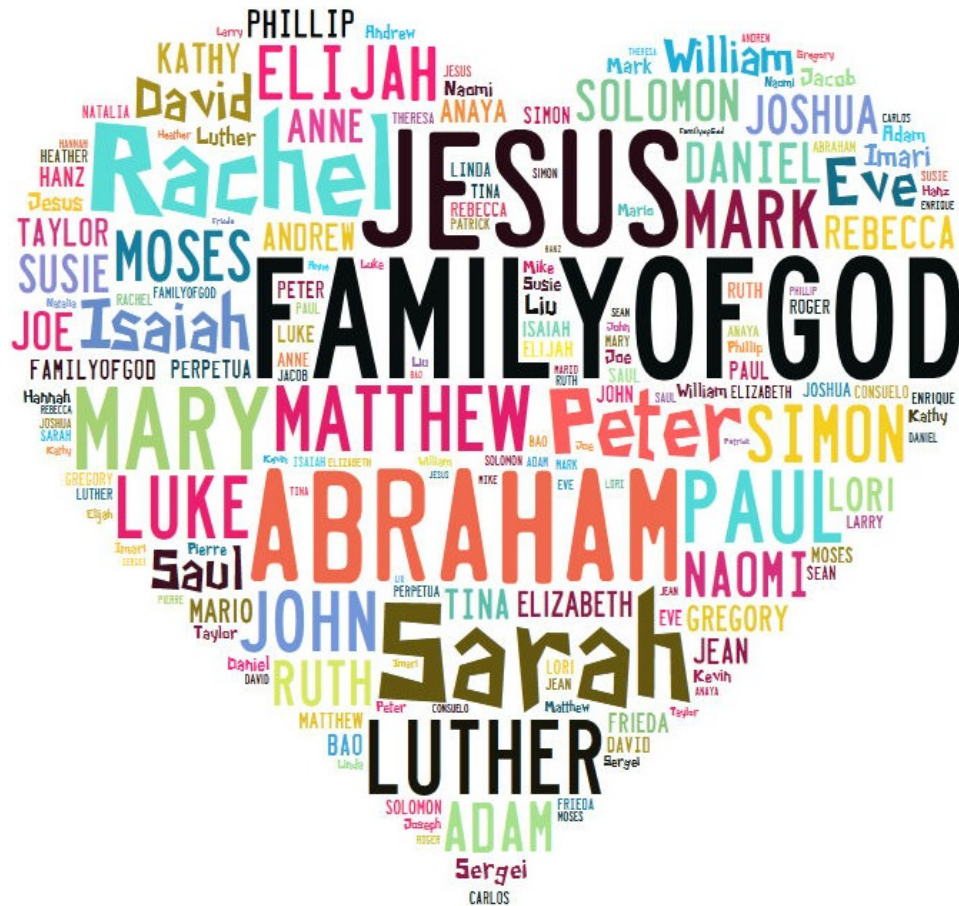


# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH



## FAMILY LITURGY JUNE 29, 2014

### Opening Song

Jesus in the Morning (Praise Him, Praise Him)

Praise Him, praise Him  
Praise Him in the morning  
Praise Him in the noontime  
Praise Him, praise Him  
Praise Him when the sun goes down  
2. Jesus, Jesus,  
3. Serve Him, serve Him,  
4. Love Him, love Him  
5. Thank Him, thank Him

*Clergy:* God invites us all to this celebration.

*Congregation:* We are here to say thank you to Jesus.

*Clergy:* Heavenly Father, we open our hearts to You. You know all of our needs before we ask. Wash our souls so we can be your holy people, as we pray today and always. *Amen.*

### Gloria

I've Got That Joy Down in My Heart

I've Got that joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart – where?  
Down in my heart – where? Down in my heart  
I've got that joy, joy, joy, joy, down in my heart  
Down in my heart to stay  
[Chorus]  
And I'm so happy, so very happy  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart (2x)

I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart – where?  
Down in my heart – where? Down in my heart  
I've got the peace that passes understanding down in my heart  
Down in my heart to stay  
[Chorus]

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart – where?  
Down in my heart – where? Down in my heart  
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus, down in my heart  
Down in my heart to stay  
[Chorus]

*Clergy:* May Jesus be with you  
*Congregation:* And also with you

Let us pray:

**Collect**  
**Readings**

**Gradual Hymn**

Alleluia, Alleluia  
Give thanks to the risen Lord  
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth  
He is the King of creation [Chorus]

Spread the good news o'er all the earth  
Jesus has died and has risen [Chorus]

**Gospel**  
**Sermon**

**Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for all that God has created – the Church, the world, and all of us.

Jesus our light and life, because of You we come together as friends to have fun and help each other, to pray and sing together, and help others in need.  
*Brother Jesus, thank You for the Church.*

Jesus was born in a barn and died on a cross because the kings of his time were unkind. Help our leaders to always be good to all people so everyone can be happy and healthy, then no one will ever have to suffer like Jesus again.

*Lord Jesus, lead us and guide us.*

Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Help our world, and all of us, be at peace, and help us all treat everyone with love and respect.

*Prince of Peace, help us love one another.*

Jesus went from town to town teaching people about God's love for everyone. Help Whitestone and all towns be places where neighbors get along and everyone feels welcome.

*Jesus of Nazareth, be our neighbor too.*

Jesus healed the sick and helped people when they were sad. Give us the faith and courage to be with those who need us and bless all those who are sick or in pain.

*Jesus, our loving brother, be with us always.*

Mary knew that Jesus would grow up and die, just like all of us. But she had hope, because she knew her son would always be with God. Help us remember our loved ones who have died and, that we will always be with God who loves us forever.

*Jesus our Savior, You bring us home to God.*

The Clergy concludes with a collect

**Confession**

Heavenly Father,  
You love me, and all that you have made.  
But sometimes I forget, and sometimes I forget to love you.  
Sometimes I forget to be loving to my friends and family.

I am sorry.

Help me to love You and your creation:

People, animals, trees, the sky, and the sea,  
today and always.

*Amen.*

Absolution: God has put away our sins and there is much rejoicing in heaven.

*Amen.*

**The Peace**

## **Offertory Song**

All God's Critters, by Bill Staines

[Chorus]

All God's critters got a place in the choir some sing low,  
Some sing higher, some sing out loud on the telephone wire,  
And some just clap their hands, or paws or anything they got now – Uh, huh.

Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom where the bullfrog croaks  
And the hippopotamus moans and groans with a big to-do  
The old cow just goes MOOOOO.

[Chorus]

The dog and the cat pick up the middle while the honeybee hums  
And the cricket fiddles, the donkey brays and the pony neighs  
And the old coyote howls, Oooo.

[Chorus]

Singin' in the night-time, singin' in the day little duck quacks,  
And he's on his way, the possum ain't got much to say  
And the porcupine talks to himself – Aawww.

[Chorus]

It's a simple song of livin' sung everywhere by the ox and the fox  
And the grizzly bear, grumpy alligator, and the hawks above,  
Sly raccoon and the turtle dove - Coo Coo.

[Chorus]

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

*Priest:* May our Brother Jesus be with you

*Congregation:* And also with you

*Priest:* Give your hearts to Jesus, who loves you

*Congregation:* We give our hearts to Him

*Priest:* Let us give thanks for all the goodness God gives us

*Congregation:* We joyfully give our thanks

*Priest:* Loving God, we give You thanks for creating the world and everything that brings us happiness:

*Congregation:* the sun, the sea, the stars and all the people in our lives.

*Priest:* We see Your love for us in everything that is good. We are sorry that sometimes we forget to thank You

*Congregation:* Sometimes we hurt this world and one another, when we are selfish, or greedy, or afraid.

*Priest:* Thank You for sending Jesus Christ, born a baby in a manger, to help us know the way in life.

*Congregation:* Through Jesus we know what is good. Through Jesus we know everything will be alright.

*Priest:* Therefore we join with all the angels, saints, and our loved ones with You in Heaven as we sing:

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As we share this common bread and wine, made holy by You, our God, we remember the Last Supper where Jesus ate with His best friends. When He shared the bread He took it and blessed it and said:

This is my body which is given for you; whenever you share it, remember me.

Then He took the cup of wine to share and said:

This is my blood which I shed because I love you and all of God's children. Whenever you share it, remember me.

Heavenly Father, send Your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be for us, Jesus' new friends, the same as it was for His old friends, so that we might remember how much He loves us today just as He loved His friends so long ago.

All this we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Now as Jesus taught us, we pray:

*The Lord's Prayer*

The Priest breaks the bread and says

Alleluia, Jesus Christ has made all things new

*The People Respond:* Thank you Jesus for this gift

The priest holds up the Communion bread and wine saying:

This is God's holy meal for God's holy family.  
*Amen.*

God's family comes forward for Holy Communion

### **Communion Hymn**

This is the Day

1. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;  
Let us rejoice, Let us rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.
2. This is the day, this is the day when the Lord arose, when the Lord arose;  
Let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day when the Lord arose; let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day when the Lord arose.
3. This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came, when the Spirit came;  
Let us rejoice, let us rejoice and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day when the Spirit came; let us rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day when the Spirit came.

### **Thanksgiving Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we thank You for this special meal and for all that is good in our lives. We especially thank You that all things have been made new in Jesus Christ. Help us keep his Spirit with us always to help and guide us so we might be happy and bring this happiness to all Your world. *Amen.*

### **Blessing**

### **Closing Song**

I'm Gonna View That Holy City

1. I'm gonna view that Holy City  
Oh, I'm gonna view that Holy City one of these days Halleluia  
I'm gonna view that Holy City

I'm gonna view that Holy City one of these days, one of these days.

Oh,

2. I'm gonna meet my lovin' Jesus...;
3. I'm gonna sit at the welcome table...;
4. I'm gonna feast on milk and honey...;
5. I'm gonna sing and never get tired...;

### **Dismissal**

*Clergy:* Go in peace to be Jesus to everyone you meet

*Congregation:* Amen.

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