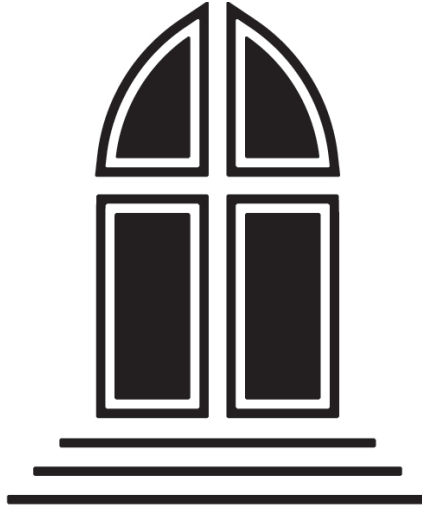




# Grace

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | AUGUST 23, 2026 | 10:00 AM SERVICE

*"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven,  
and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven,  
and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."  
~ Matthew 16:19*

# Welcome to Grace Church

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## WELCOME!

Welcome, we are so glad you are joining us for worship this morning!

## TODAY'S SERVICES AND EVENTS

Rite One Service | 8:00am  
Coffee Hour | 9:00am | Parish House  
Nursery | 9:00am | Nursery  
New Testament Bible Study | 9:15am | Grace Hall  
WonderKids | 9:45am | Sunshine Room  
StoryMakers | 9:45am | Wonder Room  
Connect | 9:45am | Grace Hall  
Rite Two Service | 10:00am  
Coffee Hour | 11:00am | Parish House  
SSS Pool Party | 12:00pm | Hart House

## WHO ARE WE?

In our reverent worship space, we warmly welcome people who are at all stages of faith, from those who are curious to explore the big questions of life, faith and meaning, to those who are growing and maturing in their faith. Our sermons convey the truth of the gospel and offer practical applications to everyday life. Our desire is to grow in knowledge and love of God, and infuse His grace and truth into everything we do. Grace Episcopal Church is traditional and liturgical, and we care for our visitors by clearly explaining the heart and history behind our form of worship. We have found a family here, and we want this church to feel like a family for you, too.

## OUR BELIEF & PRACTICES

The Episcopal Church has been called the “bridge church,” for we are Protestants who also honor our traditional Catholic heritage as well as contemporary worship. In addition to the Bible, our worship is led by the Book of Common Prayer, which has formed our historical thought and practice in its several editions since 1549. We are deeply sacramental, believing in the Baptism of children and that the Holy Eucharist (Communion) is the central act of worship. All baptized Christians may receive communion.

## WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Rite One Service: Traditional Service without music at 8:00 am Sunday mornings  
Rite Two Service: Contemporary Service with music at 10:00 am Sunday mornings. Nursery is open.  
Midweek Service: Healing and Prayer Service at 12:05 pm on Wednesdays

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Your children are very welcome here! If you have babies or children, we have a nursery across the street in the Church Office building for children ages 0-3 years. We offer our WonderKids program for children ages 4-6 where we use the Jesus Storybook Bible curriculum. Our Story Makers classroom is for ages 7-9. And we also offer Connect Youth for ages 10-13.

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# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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## PRELUDE

*Please stand*

## PROCESSIONAL

### A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

### HYMN 687

A mighty fortress is our God,  
a bulwark never failing;  
our helper he, amid the flood  
of mortal ills prevailing:  
for still our ancient foe  
doth seek to work us woe;  
his craft and power are great,  
and, armed with cruel hate,  
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our strength confide,  
our striving would be losing;  
were not the right man on our side,  
the man of God's own choosing:  
dost ask who that may be?  
Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabbaoth, his Name,  
from age to age the same,  
and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled,  
should threaten to undo us,  
we will not fear, for God hath willed  
his truth to triumph through us;  
the prince of darkness grim,  
we tremble not for him;  
his rage we can endure,  
for lo! his doom is sure,  
one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers,  
no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours  
through him who with us sideth:

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### PROCESSION

*We start our services with a procession of ministers and servers who have chosen to serve God and his people in their act of corporate worship. The procession is led by the cross, reminding those serving and those worshipping that our lives have been set apart by the sacrifice of Christ, on our behalf, for the glory of God.*

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let goods and kindred go,  
this mortal life also;  
the body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still,  
his kingdom is forever.

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People*

*And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

## COLLECT OF PURITY

Celebrant

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 WORD OF GOD

*You are invited to voluntarily make the sign of the cross on your body - to cross yourself - as a means to tell God again, and remind yourself, that you belong to him. You can do this at any time it seems meaningful to you. Often we sign ourselves when the names of the Trinity are used, in reference to the resurrection of the dead, and when saying "blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."*

## SONG OF PRAISE

### GLORIA

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Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand  
of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

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## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

**People**

***And also with you.***

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please Be Seated*

## THE FIRST READING

## EXODUS 1:8-2:10

Reader

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like

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### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*This prayer is a moment to catch the theme of the service today. If you grasp it, your participation in worship will be enhanced, and you'll see God connecting the pieces of the gospel with your life.*

### THE FIRST READING

*The First Reading is usually an Old Testament passage. The OT forms a foundation for the New Testament and gives us many examples how God has led his people, displaying his essence and character.*

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the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.” So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, “Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.”

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, “This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,” she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, “Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?” Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Yes.” So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, “Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.” So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, “because,” she said, “I drew him out of the water.”

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

***Thanks be to God.***

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## THE PSALM

## PSALM 124

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#### THE PSALM

We read a psalm responsively each service as an expression of our emotions before the Lord. The Psalms contain all of our common emotions that derive from our day to day experiences. Read it recognizing that being honest before God, and each other, has great godly benefit.

Reader

The Psalm for today is from Psalm 124, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
***let Israel now say;***

If the LORD had not been on our side, \*  
***when enemies rose up against us;***

Then would they have swallowed us up alive \*  
***in their fierce anger toward us;***

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us \*  
***and the torrent gone over us;***

Then would the raging waters \*  
***have gone right over us.***

Blessed be the LORD! \*  
***he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.***

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; \*  
***the snare is broken, and we have escaped.***

Our help is in the Name of the LORD, \*  
***the maker of heaven and earth.***

Reader

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**People**

***As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

### THE SECOND READING

**ROMANS 12:1-8**

Reader

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

*Thanks be to God.*

*Please Stand*

### GRADUAL HYMN

### ROCK OF AGES

**HYMN 685**

Rock of ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood  
From thy wounded side that flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure,  
Cleanse me from it's guilt and power.

Should my tears for ever flow  
Should my zeal no languor know,  
All for sin could not atone:  
Thou must save, and thou alone  
In my hand no price I bring,  
Simply to thy cross I cling

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eye lids close in death,  
When I rise to worlds unknown  
And behold thee on thy throne,  
Rock of ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.

## THE GOSPEL

## MATTHEW 16:13-20

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

*People*

*Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Deacon

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## GOSPEL READING

*Jesus is the Word of God made flesh, who made his dwelling among us. Reading his spoken words from the center of the congregation proclaims that grace and truth come through Jesus Christ.*

*When we make a little cross on our head, mouth and chest we are reminding ourselves that Jesus' gospel reforms our thinking, cleanses our speech and conforms our hearts to his truth and love.*

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### THE SERMON

*God's Word is living and active, and cuts to the heart. That's why we read it, proclaim it, listen to it, meditate upon it, and take the time to make it understood.*

### THE NICENE CREED

*If you are looking to unite around one set of beliefs for the Christian life, this would be it. It is broad enough to capture the essentials of our faith and narrow enough to be a definitive statement of biblical truth.*

## SERMON

FR. FRANS VAN SANTEN

### THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant

Let us stand together and affirm our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed:

***We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.***

***We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.***

*Please kneel or be seated as able*

### THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Reader

For all the people in their daily life and work;

**People**

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

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Reader

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**People**

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

Reader

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**People**

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

Reader

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**People**

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

Reader

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**People**

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

Reader

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; and Justin, our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**People**

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

Reader

For those who are unable to be present and who join in our worship from home;

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation;  
And for all those we name from our hearts.

*You may add your own petitions*

Reader

Hear us, Lord;

**People**

*For your mercy is great.*

Reader

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*You may add your own thanksgivings*

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We pray these established prayers to ensure that we cover important aspects of our lives and the world with corporate prayer. Listen to each prayer carefully, saying the words silently, so that your spoken Amen will ring true in your heart and be added to the prayers of the saints.*

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### CONFESSION

*We recognize our sins before God as a church body, recognizing our humanity and our weekly, daily, momentary need for the Lord and the cleansing blood of Christ. You will notice after some months of confession and absolution that you start to feel clean throughout the week, as if you've been washed and renewed. The 16th-century reformers thought the proper way to approach God was via confession.*

### ABSOLUTION

*Having heard the Word of God proclaimed, which has led us to confess our sins, it is now time to receive some assurance that God has forgiven the sins of those who have put their trust in Jesus Christ. It is Christ's power that forgives, embodied by the pronouncement of the priest, that makes tangible the truth that God has removed the barrier between him and us.*

### THE PEACE

*Exchanging the peace is an ancient custom of God's people. We do it after Confession and Absolution which means we can give the same forgiveness to others that we have received from God. A demonstration that we have renewed relationships in Christ, it also prepares us to together receive Communion as the Body of Christ.*

Reader

We will exalt you, O God, our King;

**People**

***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

Reader

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*You may add your own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**People**

***Who put their trust in you.***

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**People**

***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. Amen.***

Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People**

***And also with you.***

*Please be seated*

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

### OFFERTORY

Celebrant

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering  
and sacrifice to God.

### ANCIENT WORDS

Holy words long preserved  
For our walk in this world;  
They resound with God's own heart,  
O let the ancient words impart.

Words of life, words of hope,  
Give us strength, help us cope.  
In this world, where'er we roam,  
Ancient words will guide us home.

*Chorus:*

Ancient words, ever true,  
Changing me, changing you.  
We have come with open hearts,  
O let the ancient words impart.

Holy words of our faith  
Handed down to this age,  
Came to us through sacrifice;  
O heed the faithful words of Christ.

Holy words long preserved  
For our walk in this world;  
They resound with God's own heart,  
O let the ancient words impart.

### OFFERTORY

*What will you give to God?  
The money he gave to you?  
The time he has allotted for  
you today? The abilities with  
which you were born? Your  
next breath? Combine your of-  
fering with those around you,  
and see what God can do with  
and through our church.*



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How firm a foundation,  
Ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith  
In His excellent Word!  
What more can He say  
Than to you He has said,  
to you who for refuge  
To Jesus have fled?

We have come with open hearts,  
O let the ancient words impart.  
O let the ancient words impart.

*Please Stand*

## THE DOXOLOGY

HYMN 380, VERSE 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### COMMUNION

*By taking Communion we obey the Lord's words to his disciples to remember his goodness to us and to proclaim that he is coming again. Jesus turns a simple earthy action - eating bread and drinking wine - into a magnificent celebration for his people. In Communion, Jesus is with us, and we are with each other. Sounds like a party!*

Celebrant

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.***

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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*The celebrant offers a preface and concludes saying...*

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:

## SANCTUS

**S125**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Hosanna in the highest!

*Please kneel as able*

### Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."

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### PRAYER TEAM

*Praying with a friend or minister during Communion is a powerful way to experience the presence of Christ. Our clergy and prayer warriors invite you to ask for a breakthrough in your life. The Lord awaits the requests and prayers of his people.*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*When you pray this prayer, the one Jesus taught his disciples, and that all Christians everywhere pray, reflect on the words, recognizing you are actually talking to your Heavenly Father. Pray it afresh, as if for the first time.*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

#### People

***We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.***

#### Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

***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

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

#### People

***Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

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## Celebrant

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.

## CORPORATE SONGS DURING COMMUNION

### ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

*Refrain:*

One bread, one body, one Lord of all,  
One cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many through-out the Earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more.

Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one, for all.

### SERVANT SONG

Won't you let me be your servant?  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I might have the grace  
To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey.  
We are travelers on the road.  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
In the night time of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you;  
Speak the peace you long to hear.

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### EUCCHARIST INSTRUCTIONS

*Please follow these instructions when you go up to receive communion:*

- 1. The ushers will dismiss each row, one at a time.*
  - 2. Walk up the center aisle.*
  - 3. When it is your turn to receive the Eucharist, kneel down or stand at the altar rail and extend your hands together, palm up. The priest will place a wafer into your hand.*
  - 4. The Chalice Minister will then come to you. You have two options; (1) drink from the chalice or (2) have your wafer intincted with wine. If you choose option 2, leave your wafer in hand so that Chalice Minister can place it back in the palm of your hand to consume. You may consume at the rail.*
  - 5. Return to your seat by the side aisle closest to you.*
- If you cannot come to the rail to receive notify an usher to have communion brought to you in the pew.*

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I will weep when you are weeping.  
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,  
We shall find such harmony  
Born of all we've known together  
Of Christ's love and agony.

Won't you let me be your servant?  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I might have the grace  
To let you be my servant, too.

## **IN CHRIST ALONE**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His, and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

*Please kneel as able*

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*People*

*Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## THE BLESSING

*Celebrant*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and may the blessing of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Please stand*

## RECESSIONAL

### THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

**HYMN 525**

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is his new creation by water and the word:  
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
With his own blood, he bought her, and for her life, he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### THE BLESSING

*When you bless someone, you give them life-changing words. The priestly blessing will impact your day with heaven's power. Be sure to receive it with an open heart.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### THE DISMISSAL

*As if we haven't gotten the message yet from the rest of the service, the Deacon urges us to take our love for God and each other into the rest of the world. This can only happen if we walk through the red doors in the power of the Holy Spirit. Praise the Lord.*

**Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blessed,  
And the great Church victorious shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in one,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.**

### THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People**

***Thanks be to God.***

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### ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Lynn and Ellis Nobles in loving memory of their son, Stephen Michael, on his birthday. Until we meet again, we will cherish the time we had together.

May he rest in eternal peace.

and

Mary Garrrepy in loving memory of her husband Edward.

# *PERSONAL NOTES*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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## COMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

2 Noon Service  
3 Choir Rehearsal  
6 Coffee Hour+  
7 Office Closed - Labor Day  
9 Noon Service  
11 Connect Game Night  
15 Fr. Frans Bible Study  
16 Noon Service  
17 Choir Rehearsal  
20 Newcomers Luncheon  
22 Fr. Frans Bible Study  
23 Noon Service  
24 Vestry Meeting  
29 Fr. Frans Bible Study  
30 Noon Service

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 08/30/26

Nursery:  
Ligia Acosta, Sharon Romano

WonderKids:  
Mollie Miranda, Alizon Morales

Storymakers:  
Catie Hourigan, Nina Johnston

Connect:  
Tina Phillips, Clare Redrick

## **LOST & FOUND**

The Lost and Found box is located in the church office. If you have misplaced something, just stop by the office during regular office hours and see if it has been recovered!

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## **OFFICE CLOSED - AUGUST 27**

We will be closing our doors at 1:00pm on Thursday, August 27.

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## **Next Week's Bible Readings**

Exodus 3:1-15  
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 16:21-28

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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## IN THE COMING WEEK

**Sunday, August 23 - Office Closed**

8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream  
9:00am: Coffee Hour, Parish House  
9:00am: Nursery (0-3), Nursery  
9:15am: Bible Study, Grace Hall  
9:45am: Wonder Kids (4-6), Sunshine Room  
9:45am: StoryMakers (7-9), Wonder Room  
9:45am: Connect (10-13), Grace Hall  
10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, Livestream  
11:00am: Coffee Hour, Parish House  
12:00pm: SSS Pool Party, Hart House

**Monday, August 24**

12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

**Tuesday, August 25**

12:00pm: Fr. Frans Bible Study, Zoom

**Wednesday, August 26**

12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church

**Thursday, August 27**

1:00pm: Office Closed  
5:30pm: Vestry Meeting

**Friday, August 28 - Office Closed**

**Saturday, August 29 - Office Closed**

10:00am: Terry Markins Funeral

**Sunday, August 30 - Office Closed**

8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream  
9:00am: Coffee Hour, Parish House  
9:00am: Nursery (0-3), Nursery  
9:15am: Bible Study, Grace Hall  
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## BIRTHDAYS

### AUGUST

22 Martha Anne Williamson  
Mary Stewart Lewis  
23 Jim Selman  
24 Betty Ann Wyman  
26 Caitlin Reed  
28 Constance Beck  
Beth Coleman

### SEPTEMBER

2 Deborah Soukup  
4 Karl Hop  
9 Richard Kent  
Juliana Henningsen  
10 Erik Rauba  
Avery Ausley

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If you would like to make a prayer request for either the weekly prayer list or the DOK private prayer list please email Deacon Susan at [prayers@graceocala.org](mailto:prayers@graceocala.org). And include which list you are requesting.

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If you would like to meet with Fr. Frans, Fr. Josh or Fr. Carlos please contact Meagan Thompson at 352-622-7881 or [meagan@graceocala.org](mailto:meagan@graceocala.org)

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If you would like to meet or talk to our Children's Minister, Catie Hourigan, you can contact the church office at 352-622-7881; or by email at [catie@graceocala.org](mailto:catie@graceocala.org)

**- Grace Church Leadership -**

**HEAD**

Jesus Christ

**BISHOP**

The Right Rev. Dr. Justin S. Holcomb

**WORSHIP TEAM**

The Rev. Frans van Santen: Rector  
The Rev. Josh Reed: Associate Rector  
The Rev. Carlos Cabrera: Resident Priest  
The Rev. Susan Moorehead: Deacon  
Adam Pryor: Worship Coordinator  
Catie Hourigan: Children's Ministry Coordinator

**VESTRY**

Sanjit Nirmalanandhan - Senior Warden/Treasurer Michael Owen - Junior Warden  
Cheryl Arnold Michael Ashley Chandler Sandy Todd Craig Kristin Dean  
John Dozier Amy Robertson Leslie Jones

**MUSICIANS**

Adam Pryor Sharon Mai Jessica Mongerio David Freudenburg  
Cheryl Arnold Audrey Flechas Kirsten Clauss Liz Jarrett

**SERVERS**

**Ushers:** Noreen Baker, John Baker

**Reader, First Reading/Psalm:** Russ McCann

**Reader, Second Reading/PoP:** Greg Harrell

**Acolytes:** Gail van Deusen, Olivia Cunjie, Will Rose, Elizabeth Hart

**Chalice Minister:** James Perdue

**Prayer Team:** Larry Davis

**Altar Guild:** Pae Barberie, Marylin Corsiglia, Tammy Flanagan, Lynn Nobles, Amy Robertson

**Flower Guild:** Carolyn Ayres, Lynda Peek, Lynn Nobles, Heather Hetzel, Molly Hetzel,  
Erin van Santen, Estella van Santen

**VPOD:** Michael Owen

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS**

**Nursery:** Ligia Acosta, Sharon Romano

**Wonderkids:** Mollie Miranda, Alizon Morales

**Storymakers:** Catie Hourigan, Nina Johnston

**Connect:** Tina Phillips, Anissa Cunjie

**Weekly Services on Our Campus**

**Sunday 8:00am—Rite I**

**Sunday 10:00am—Rite II with music**

**Wednesday 12:05pm—Midweek at Grace**

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