

# Grace EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | AUGUST 17, 2025 | 10:00 AM SERVICE

"Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect." ~Hebrews 11:39-40

## Welcome to Grace Church

#### 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+ & Fr. Brian's Farewell Interview | 11:15am | Parish 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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#### **PRELUDE**

Please stand

#### **PROCESSIONAL**

#### **COME THOU FONT**

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! O fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee; prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

#### Celebrant

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

#### People

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

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#### **PROCESSION**

**HYMN 686** 

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 worshiping that our lives have been set apart by the sacrifice of Christ, on our behalf, for the glory of God.

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#### **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.** 

#### **SONG OF PRAISE**

#### **GLORIA**

Refrain:

Glory to God in the highest, And peace to His people on earth. 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 thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

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.

Refrain

Amen.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

Please Be Seated

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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

#### Reader

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:

My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.

He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;

he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it:

he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem

and people of Judah,

judge between me

and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

#### THE FIRST READING

**ISAIAH 5:1-7** 

The First Reading is always 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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I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall. and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste: it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel. and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice. but saw bloodshed: righteousness, but heard a cry!

#### Reader

The Word of the Lord.

#### People

Thanks be to God.

#### **THE PSALM**

PSALM 80:1-2, 8-18

#### Reader

The Psalm for today is from Psalm 80, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \* shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \* stir up your strength and come to help us.

You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \* you cast out the nations and planted it.

You prepared the ground for it; \* it took root and filled the land.

The mountains were covered by its shadow \* and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \* and its branches to the River.

Why have you broken down its wall, \* so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \* and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; \*
preserve what your right hand has planted.

They burn it with fire like rubbish; \* at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \* the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.

And so will we never turn away from you; \* give us life, that we may call upon your Name.

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \* show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

#### 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

**HEBREWS 11:29-12:2** 

#### Reader

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven

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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.

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days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

#### **GRADUAL HYMN**

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#### TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

**HYMN 707** 

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King;
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

#### **THE GOSPEL**

**LUKE 12:49-56** 

Deacon

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

People

Glory to You, Lord Christ.

#### Deacon

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father,

#### **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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mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, `It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, `There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

#### **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.

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### **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

We pray to you, O Lord.

People

Lord, have mercy.

Reader

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People

To you, O Lord our God.

#### THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

#### 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.** 

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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.

#### **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.

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#### 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.

#### **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 offering with those around you, and see what God can do with and through our church.



#### **THE PEACE**

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Please be seated

#### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### **OFFERTORY**

Celebrant

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

#### **REFINER**

If the altar's where You meet us Take me there take me there If what You need is just an offering It's right here my life is here And I'll be a living sacrifice for You

You're a fire the refiner I wanna be consumed

Refrain:

I wanna be tried by fire Purified You take whatever You desire Lord here's my life

If Your glory wants to come here Let it fall we want it all Your fire is consuming Fill this place set it ablaze And I'll be a living sacrifice for You

Refrain

Clean my hands purify my heart I wanna burn for You only for You Take my life as a sacrifice I wanna burn for You only for You

Refrain

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

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.

The celebrant offers a preface and concludes saying...

#### **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!

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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 DUBAY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your Glory. Lord, we sing Your praise.

Hosanna in the highest Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Lord, we sing Your praise.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Lord, we sing Your praise.

Please kneel as able

#### Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

#### People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

#### Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 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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#### 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.

#### **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.

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## EUCHARIST 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.

#### 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

#### **RUN TO THE FATHER**

I've carried a burden for too long on my own. I wasn't created to bear it alone. I hear Your invitation to let it all go. I see it now. I'm laying it down. And I know that I need You.

#### Refrain:

I run to the Father,
I fall into grace.
I'm done with the hiding,
No reason to wait.
My heart needs a surgeon,
My soul needs a friend.
So I'll run to the Father
Again and again
And again and again.
Oh, oh, oh.

You saw my condition,
Had a plan from the start.
Your Son for redemption:
The price for my heart.
I don't have a context
For that kind of love.
I don't understand,
I can't comprehend.
All I know is I need You.

Refrain

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Again and again And again and again. Oh, oh, oh. Again and again.

My heart has been in Your sights Long before my first breath. Running into Your arms Is running to life from death. I feel this rush deep in my chest. Your mercy is calling out. Just as I am, You pull me in, And I know I need You now.

Refrain

#### **GRATITUDE**

All my words fall short; I got nothing new. How could I express All my gratitude?

I could sing these songs, As I often do, But every song must end And You never do.

#### Refrain:

So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again,
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah,
Hallelujah.
And I know it's not much,
But I've nothing else fit for a King
Except for a heart singing, hallelujah,
Hallelujah.

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I've got one response, I've got just one move: With my arm stretched wide I will worship You.

#### Refrain

So come on, my soul,
Oh, don't you get shy on me.
Lift up your song,
'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs.
Get up and praise the Lord.

Oh come on, my soul,
Oh, don't you get shy on me.
Lift up your song,
'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs.
Get up and praise the Lord.
Come on, my soul,
Oh, don't you get shy on me.
Lift up your song,
'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs.
Get up and praise the Lord, hey
Praise the Lord,
Praise the Lord,
Praise the Lord.

Refrain

#### IF ALL I HAD WAS CHRIST

If all I had was Christ I'd have nothing to gain All I have is Christ And I have everything

His presence is enough He hides me in His wings He wraps me in His love He stirs my heart to sing

Refrain:

My life is in His hands He is my confidence He keeps His promises Forever and amen

He's gentle with my heart He knows each tear I cry There's healing in His scars For every one of mine

Refrain

I have never known a love like this before Jesus You are the one I'm living for

Refrain

Forever and amen Forever and amen Forever and amen

My life is in Your hands You are my confidence You keep Your promises Forever and amen

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.

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#### 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 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**

#### **ALL THE PEOPLE SAID AMEN**

HolyYou are not alone if you are lonely.
When you feel afraid, you're not the only.
We are all the same, in need of mercy, to be forgiven and be free.
It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need.

#### Refrain:

And all the people said, "Amen."
And all the people said, "Amen."
Give thanks to the Lord, for His love never ends.
And all the people said, "Amen."

If your rich or poor, well, it don't matter.

Weak or strong, we know love is what we're after.

We're all broken, but we're all in this together.

God knows we stumble and fall,

And He so loved the world, He sent His Son to save us all.

#### Refrain

Blessed are the poor in spirit
Who are torn apart.
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart.
Blessed are the people longing for another start,
For theirs is the Kingdom,
The Kingdom of God.

Refrain x 2

#### THE DISMISSAL

Deacon

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by the Croye family in loving memory of Bryce on his 19th birthday. and

by the Randy Briggs family in loving memory of Elizabeth "Polly" Keeney.

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#### 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.

## Personal Notes



## Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church Visitor Information Card

Please fill out this card and place in the offering plate or mail it back to us. We look forward to getting to know you.

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Name:			
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## FR. BRIAN'S FAREWELL

COFFEE HOUR+ & INTERVIEW

Please join us today in the Parish House after the 10:00am service for a special farewell coffee hour honoring Fr. Brian and his wife, Dona. This will be a time to express our gratitude for their ministry, share memories, and send them off with love and blessings.

SUNDAY AUGUST 17

Fr. Brian will also be sharing a bit about his residency journey during a brief interview with Fr. Frans. Don't miss this chance to hear from him one last time before his departure.



## Sundaes on

WE'RE "SCOOPER" HAPPY TO HOST THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL YOU KNOW AND LOVE! CLASSIC STAPLES ARE A MUST, BUT THIS YEAR WE'RE SEEKING A FEW BRAVE VOLUNTEERS TO PUT THEIR TASTE BUDS TO THE TEST! BREAK THROUGH THE HARD CHOCOLATE SHELL AND EMBARK ON A BLIND TASTE BATTLE FOR THE GOLDEN SCOOP!!!



SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 AFTER THE 10:00AM SERVICE

PLEASE RSVP BY SCANNING THE QR CODE

## Announcements and Events

#### **COMING EVENTS**

Augusτ 28 Vestry Meeting 31 Coffee Hour

#### SEPTEMBER

1 Labor Day - Office Closed7 Coffee Hour+13 ECW Lunch with Corrie Ten Boom

14 Coffee Hour

20 Cultures & Cuisine

21 Coffee Hour

24 Open Table Start

25 Vestry Meeting

28 Coffee Hour

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY 8/24/25

Nursery:

Ligia Acosta & Alizon Morales

WonderKids: Catie Hourigan Mollie Miranda

Storymakers: Geralyn Murphy Erin van Santen

Connect: Josh Reed Matt Merchant

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

Jeremiah 1:4-10 Psalm 71:1-6 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17

#### **GRACE CARD MINISTRY**

Did you know that Grace has a Card Ministry? The volunteers for this ministry have been working hard behind the scenes for over a year now, sending cards out to many Gracers. These volunteers include Noreen Baker, Joan Croye and Gail Velten. Every month, they send cards, with handwritten notes, to those on the prayer list, the homebound and the Octogenarians plus celebrating birthdays. Currently they send out about 46 cards each month and they hope that those who received them have enjoyed this heartfelt greeting from a fellow parishioner. If you know of anyone who might like to receive a card please reach out to Noreen at (631) 793-9542 or norjohn49@gmail.com. May God continue to bless us all!

#### **VESTRY MINUTES ON THE WEBSITE**

The Vestry minutes are now available on the Grace website and are protected by a password. If you would like access to view this year's minutes, please contact the church office at (352) 622-7881 or email Sami Burns at Samantha@graceocala.org.

#### **EPISCOGATORS DINNER VOLUNTEERS**

We are excited to serve our college students again this fall through our Episcogators Dinners! We need volunteers to help prepare food items to take to the students on Sunday, September 21, October 19, and November 16. This is a wonderful way to share a warm meal and a warm welcome with our students away from home.

If you would like to help, please contact Lynn Nobles at patricia. nobles12@gmail.com.



Facebook Grace Episcopal Church Ocala Group Page: People of Grace



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## Announcements and Events

#### IN THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, August 17 - Office Closed

8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream

9:00am: Coffee Hour, Parish House 9:00am: Nursery (0-3), Nursery

9:15am: Josh's 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+ & Brian's Farewell, Parish House

Monday, August 18

12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

Tuesday, August 19

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

Wednesday, August 20

12:05pm: Midweek Service, Church

Thursday, August 21

Friday, August 22 - Office Closed

Saturday, August 23 - Office Closed

Sunday, August 24 - Office Closed

8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream

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10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, Livestream 11:00am: Sundaes on Sunday, Parish House 12:00pm: Connect Pool Party, The Rectory

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

#### AUGUST

- Josephine FosterSarah HartMichelle Curry
- 11 Randy Allison Callum Bryniarski Jim Henningsen
- 12 Trenesia Green
- 14 Jimmie Bossow
- 16 Don Hooper Cally Wood
- 17 Joe Robertson
- 18 Tommy Peek
- 19 Joan Croye
- 20 Karen Jorgensen
- 22 Martha Anne Williamson Mary Stewart Lewis
- 23 Jim Selman

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. And include which list you are requesting.

If you would like to meet with Fr. Frans please contact Catie Hourigan at 352-622-7881 or catie@graceocala.org

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

#### - Grace Church Leadership -

#### HEAD

Jesus Christ

#### **BISHOP**

The Right Rev. Dr. Justin S. Holcomb

#### **WORSHIP TEAM**

The Rev. Frans van Santen: Rector
The Rev. Brian Stankich: Associate Rector
The Rev. Susan Moorehead: Deacon
Josh Reed: Director of Ministry
Adam Pryor: Worship Coordinator
Catie Hourigan: Children's Ministry Coordinator

#### **VESTRY**

Greg Harrell - Senior Warden Michael Owen - Junior Warden Sanjit Nirmalanandhan - Treasurer Cheryl Arnold Michael Ashley Stephen Ayres Todd Craig Kristin Dean Lise Kent Amy Robertson

#### **MUSICIANS**

Adam Pryor Sharon Mai Jessica Mongerio Jason Bartosic Cheryl Arnold Audrey Flechas Jamille Brewster

#### **SERVERS**

Ushers: Darlene Trowbridge
Reader, First Reading/Psalm: Greg Harrell
Reader, Second Reading/PoP: Jim Henningsen
Acolytes: Michael Ashley, Nevaeh Nirmalanandhan, Will Rose
Chalice Ministers: James Perdue
Prayer Team: Noreen Baker

Altar Guild: Pae Barberie, Tammy Flanagan, Marylin Corsiglia, Lynn Nobles, Amy Robertson Flower Guild: Carolyn Ayres, Lynda Peek, Lynn Nobles, Heather Hetzel, Molly Hetzel, Erop Martin Alta Landau van Santen

**VPOD:** Michael Ashley

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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