

# Grace

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 | 10:00 AM SERVICE

*“To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.”*

*~ Philippians 1:21-24*

# 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

WonderKids | 9:45am | Wonder Room

Nursery | 9:45am | Nursery

Rite Two Service | 10:00am

Connect Youth | 10:00am | Grace Hall

## 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 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 -12 where we use the Jesus Storybook Bible curriculum. We also offer Connect Youth sessions throughout the year for ages 10 -14.

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# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## PRELUDE

## PROCESSIONAL

*Please stand*

## COME THOU FOUNT

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

*The liturgy of the Eucharist is best understood as a journey or procession. It is our entrance into the presence of Christ, and this presence allows us to see the ultimate reality of life, the way God sees it. In the procession, we are called to come together in one place, to be more than what we were: a new community with a new life.*

*Making the sign of the cross is a tangible way to mark ourselves as Christ's. Crossing yourself is an act of sanctification, a physical reminder that you are set apart as holy for Christ. Because it is often done at the mention of the Trinity ("Father, Son, and Holy Spirit"), the sign of the cross is also a physical reminder of belief in the Triune God. Many find it a helpful expression of their faith, although it is not mandatory.*

## HYMN 686

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### COLLECT OF PURITY

*This collect (prayer) is a deeply personal prayer of need. Even though we attempt to hide, the Lord sees the secret desires of our hearts. It is only by the moving of His Spirit in our hearts that we are enabled to overcome our fallen nature of sin and death.*

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*This prayer is centered on the readings of the day. As we prepare to receive the food of God's Word, our Celebrant (lead pastor) prays this prayer to focus our hearts and minds on God's Word.*

## 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

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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.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

**People**

**And also with you.**

Celebrant

Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 16:2-15

Reader

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight

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you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

**People**

***Thanks be to God.***

## THE PSALM

## PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45

### THE PSALM

*The Psalms represent experiences of men and women, written down as poetic prayers. By reading them, we encounter God, others, and ourselves in life's joys and sorrows, tragedies, and triumphs.*

Reader

The psalm for today is from Psalm 105, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*  
***make known his deeds among the peoples.***

Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
***and speak of all his marvelous works.***

Glory in his holy Name; \*  
***let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.***

Search for the LORD and his strength; \*  
***continually seek his face.***

Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
***his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,***

O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
***O children of Jacob his chosen.***

He led out his people with silver and gold; \*  
*in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.*

Egypt was glad of their going, \*  
*because they were afraid of them.*

He spread out a cloud for a covering \*  
*and a fire to give light in the night season.*

They asked, and quails appeared, \*  
*and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.*

He opened the rock, and water flowed, \*  
*so the river ran in the dry places.*

For God remembered his holy word \*  
*and Abraham his servant.*

So he led forth his people with gladness, \*  
*his chosen with shouts of joy.*

He gave his people the lands of the nations, \*  
*and they took the fruit of others' toil,*

That they might keep his statutes \*  
*and observe his laws.*  
*Hallelujah!*

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

## PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

Reader

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more

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necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

*Thanks be to God.*

*Please stand*

## GRADUAL HYMN

### IF THOU BUT TRUST IN GOD

HYMN 635

If thou but trust in God to guide thee,  
And hope in Him through all thy ways,  
He'll give thee strength whate'er betide thee,  
And bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love  
Builds on a rock that nought can move.

Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving;  
So do thine own part faithfully,  
And trust His word, though undeserving;  
Thou yet shalt find it true for thee;  
God never yet forsook in need  
The soul that trusted him indeed.



## THE GOSPEL

## MATTHEW 20:1-16

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Deacon

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

**People**

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Deacon

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## SERMON

## FR. BRIAN STANKICH

### GOSPEL READING

*As God's Word comes down the aisle to literally "dwell among us," we stand for this Gospel reading to show the particular importance we place on the words and actions of Jesus.*

*The "little" sign of the cross is used at the beginning of the reading of the Gospel, when the Deacon says: "The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ." It is the marking of small crosses, using the thumb, on the forehead, mouth, and heart. It's meant to signify the sanctification of our thoughts, speech, and affections for God.*

### THE SERMON

*The exposition of God's Word helps us reflect on God's will for our lives, and the ways we can respond to His call for redemption in our current world. We have provided space near the end of this bulletin or in the side panels for taking notes.*

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### THE NICENE CREED

*The creed reminds us of the core of Christianity. It contains the raw elements that every follower of Christ believes. As we recite this together our unity as the Body of Christ is strengthened.*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*We pray for others and ourselves. Through these guided prayers, we begin to see the world as God sees it.*

## 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.***

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## 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.**

## 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.

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### CONFESSION

*Confession and repentance go hand in hand. Confession of sin is a large element of our corporate worship because we recognize how much we need forgiveness.*

### ABSOLUTION

*The celebrant, absolving our sins, is acting as a representative of our heavenly Father, who "is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love." Psalm 145:8*

### THE PEACE

*Our entire church family embodies the peace of Christ in one another's lives. This holy moment is a sharing of the fellowship we claim in Christ's church.*

### OFFERTORY

*In giving our gifts of time, talent and treasure, we pray that God, the maker of all things, would take our offering and turn it into something greater.*



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### UBI CARITAS

### CHORAL ANTHEM

*Translation:*

Where charity and love are, God is there.  
Love of Christ has gathered us into one.  
Let us rejoice in Him and be glad.  
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.  
And from a sincere heart let us love one.

Where charity and love are, God is there.  
At the same time, therefore, are gathered into one:  
Lest we be divided in mind, let us beware.  
Let evil impulses stop, let controversy cease.  
And in the midst of us be Christ our God.

Where charity and love are, God is there.  
At the same time we see that with the saints also,  
Thy face in glory, O Christ our God:  
The joy that is immense and good, Unto the  
World without end. Amen.

*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.*

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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...*

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

**S130**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full, 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

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

## COMMUNION

*In communion we share one bread and one cup to be bound together with those with whom the cup and bread are shared, to express one's faith, and to reaffirm one's commitment to God and the community. All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive communion.*

## REAL PRESENCE

*"He was the Word that spake it, he took bread and brake it, and what that Word did make it, I do believe and take it."*

*Hymn 322, John Donne.*

*The elements of the Eucharist of bread and wine are not mere signs or symbols. Christ's body and blood really become present and are really given. They are present so that, in receiving them, believers may be united in communion with Christ the Lord.*

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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.***

## EPICLESIS

*At this moment, the priest invokes the active presence of the Holy Spirit in the Eucharistic prayer so that the bread and wine may become the body and blood of Christ. The term is based on the Greek word that means "to call upon," "to invoke."*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*We pray the prayer Jesus taught together with one voice. As a family we acknowledge our needs, our lackings, our desires and God's solution.*

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Celebrant

Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People

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

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

### COME HOLY SPIRIT, HEAVENLY DOVE

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
with all thy quickening powers;  
kindle a flame of sacred love  
in these cold hearts of ours.

See how we trifle here below,  
fond of these earthly toys:  
our souls, how heavily they go,  
to reach eternal joys.

In vain we tune our formal songs,  
in vain we strive to rise:  
hosannas languish on our tongues,  
and our devotion dies.

Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,  
with all thy quickening powers;  
come, shed abroad a Savior's love,  
and that shall kindle ours.

### HUMBLY, I ADORE THEE

Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen,  
who thy glory hidest 'neath these shadows mean;  
lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed,  
tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud.

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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.*

**HYMN 509**

**HYMN 314**

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### PRAYER TEAM

*During communion, you have the opportunity to receive prayer. We have a prayer team in the back of the church who are delighted to lift you up in prayer. Simply walk up to them and share your request.*

Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail;  
faith, that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil.  
I believe whate'er the Son of God hath told;  
what the Truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold.

O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death;  
living Bread that givest all thy creatures breath,  
grant my spirit ever by thy life may live,  
to my taste thy sweetness never-failing give.

Jesus, whom now hidden, I by faith behold,  
what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore-told:  
face to face thy splendor, i at last shall see,  
in the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of thee.

## **O THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS**

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free,  
rolling as a mighty ocean  
in its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me,  
is the current of thy love;  
leading onward, leading homeward,  
to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Spread his praise from shore to shore;  
how he loveth, ever loveth,  
changeth never, nevermore;  
how he watches o'er his loved ones,  
died to call them all his own;  
how for them he intercedeth,  
watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Love of ev'ry love the best:  
'tis an ocean vast of blessing,  
'tis a haven sweet of rest.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!



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'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;  
and it lifts me up to glory,  
for it lifts me up to thee.

*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

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

### PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

HYMN 390

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,  
The King of creation;  
O my soul, praise Him,  
For He is thy health and salvation:  
Join the great throng, psaltery, organ, and song,  
Sounding in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord: over all things  
He gloriously reigneth:  
Borne as on eagle-wings

## THE BLESSING

*This pronouncement is a blessing from God to His people. This is not a prayer to God, but a blessing from God. Be encouraged! As we leave this family gathering, God is going with us into the world.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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## LITURGICAL GUIDE

### THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon reminds us that as followers of Christ we are empowered to go into the world, now that we have worshipped God and been filled with the Holy Spirit. And with God in us, we are to go and serve.*

Safely his saints he sustaineth.  
Hast thou not seen how all thou needest hath been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper  
Thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy  
shall ever attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
Who with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord!  
O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath  
Come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly for ever adore Him.

### 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!*

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### ALTAR FLOWERS

The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God by Scooter Chappellie in thanksgiving or being able to “let go and let God” his one, only, and true father in this world and the next.

# *PERSONAL NOTES*

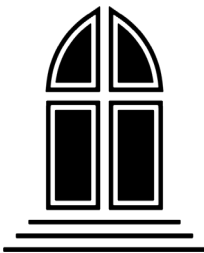
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# *PERSONAL NOTES*

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# VISITOR INFORMATION FORM

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## *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.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about Grace Church (Check all that apply)

\_\_\_\_ Friend/Family \_\_\_\_ Internet Search \_\_\_\_ Social Media

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Your age group: (please circle) 18-34 35-59 60-up

\_\_\_\_ First time visitor

Have \_\_\_\_ children school age  
or younger (please circle)

\_\_\_\_ New in community

Ages: 0-3 K-3 4-8 9-12

\_\_\_\_ Would like clergy to call

Would you like to be signed-up for our Grace To You

Weekly Newsletter? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

How may we contact you? \_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_ Text \_\_\_\_ Email

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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## COMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER

9 Women's Bible Study  
12 ECW Luncheon  
26 Vestry Meeting  
29 Fr. Frans Residency  
    Closure Interview  
    Church Picnic  
31 Office Closed for Staff  
    Retreat

### NOVEMBER

4 Church Workday with the  
    Handy Helper's  
11 ECW Event  
13 Women's Bible Study  
23 Thanksgiving - Office  
    Closed  
30 Vestry Meeting

## **ECW ANNOUNCEMENT**

Grace ECW will not be holding the Holiday Bazaar or Yard Sale this year. It has been decided that due to the small number of active members and absence of evolving leadership we will step back for now and focus on growing, redefining our format, and enjoying being a group of Christian women. We plan to continue gathering for fellowship, food and FUN as we seek spiritual growth and serve our church family and our community.

Fr. Frans spoke in last week's "Grace to You" of growing together as a church family by setting aside time for a little FUN. ECW will be doing just that for all the ladies of Grace with a very special event on November 11. Mark your calendars as you don't want to miss this! Watch for details in upcoming bulletins and newsletters. And remember, all women of Grace are members of ECW. Plan to activate your membership and join us as we grow together.

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## **STAY CONNECTED WITH OUR CONGREGATION ONLINE**

Have you visited our online church directory? It is designed to help you stay in touch with our church community effortlessly. Whether you're a long-time member or a newcomer, this tool is for you! With our online directory, you can:

- Easily update your contact information.
- Upload your photos to help others put a face to your name.
- Choose which personal details you'd like to share.

For those without directory access, please fill out a pink sheet available at our church office or in the bulletins today. You can also contact the church office for assistance, and we'll ensure you're part of our online community too. Let's strengthen our bonds and continue to grow in faith together!

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## **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who donated to IES Food Pantry, Deacon Mary was able to fill the back of her car with peanut butter, jelly and cereal!

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

First Reading:  
Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16  
Second Reading:  
Philippians 2:1-13  
Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32

# ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

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## IN THE COMING WEEK

**Sunday, September 24 - Office Closed**  
8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream  
9:45am: WonderKids, Wonder Room  
10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, Livestream  
10:00am: Connect Youth, Grace Hall

**Monday, September 25**  
12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline  
1:00pm: Women's Bible Study, Grace Hall

**Wednesday, September 27**  
12:00 Noon: Wednesday Prayer Service, Church

**Thursday, September 28**  
12:00 Noon: Fr. Jonathan's Bible Study, Zoom  
7:00pm: Vestry Meeting, Grace Hall

**Friday, September 29 - Office Closed**

**Saturday, September 30 - Office Closed**

**Sunday, October 1 - Office Closed**  
8:00am: Rite One Service, Church, Livestream  
9:45am: WonderKids, Wonder Room  
10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, Livestream

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## DO YOU FOLLOW OUR SOCIAL MEDIA?



Instagram: [grace\\_church\\_ocala](https://www.instagram.com/grace_church_ocala)



Facebook: Grace Episcopal Church Ocala, FL  
Group Page: People of Grace



YouTube: Grace Episcopal Church Ocala



Website: [graceocala.org](http://graceocala.org)

## BIRTHDAYS

### SEPTEMBER

- 17 George Moorehead
- 18 Pam Hane  
Brianna Zubieta
- 19 Joseph Hetzel  
Brian Fitzpatrick
- 21 Toni James  
Elizabeth Hart
- 23 Roger Staley  
Julie Shealy
- 24 Elaine Heitman
- 25 Benjamin Baines  
Marilyn Sibons  
Sadie Fitzpatrick
- 28 Alexis Ashley
- 29 Matthew Merchant
- 30 Emily Penuel  
Roberto Zubieta

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Want to visit our website? Scan the QR Code below:



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If you would like to meet with Fr. Jonathan, Fr. Frans or Brian Stankich please contact Rosemary Grooms or Catie Hourigan at 352-622-7881 or [rosemary@graceocala.org](mailto:rosemary@graceocala.org) [catie@graceocala.org](mailto: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](mailto:catie@graceocala.org)

## - Grace Church Leadership -

### HEAD

Jesus Christ

### BISHOP

The Right Rev. Dr. Justin S. Holcomb

### WORSHIP TEAM

The Rev. Jonathan French: Rector

The Rev. Frans van Santen: Associate Rector

The Rev. Brian Stankich: Associate Rector

The Rev. Mary Delancey: Deacon

The Rev. Susan Moorehead: Deacon

Adam Pryor: Worship Coordinator

Catie Hourigan: Children's Ministry Coordinator

Dave Rubin: Verger

### VESTRY

Leslie Jones- Senior Warden Stephen Ayres - Junior Warden Carman Smith- Treasurer

Heather Hetzel Drick Heitman Lise Kent Greg Harrell Carolyn Eckhart

### MUSICIANS

Adam Pryor Sharon Mai Jessica Mongerio Jason Batosic

Cheryl Arnold Audrey Flechas Savannah Hirst

### TODAY'S SERVERS

**Ushers:** Drick Heitman, Greg Harrell

**Reader, First Reading/Psalm:** Lynda Peek

**Reader, Second Reading/POP:** Don Hooper

**Chalice Minister:** Sanjit Nirmalanandhan

**Acolytes:** Walker Harrell, Shealy Harrell, Vivian Rauba

**Prayer Team:** Fr. Brian Stankich, Carolyn Eckhart, Marilyn Sibons

**Altar Guild:** Pae Barberie, Marylin Corsiglia, Tammy Flanagan,

Lynn Nobles, Amy Robertson

**Flower Guild:** Carolyn Ayres, Lynda Peek, Lynn Nobles, Maurica French

**VPOD:** Heather Hetzel

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**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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