

Grace

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | AUGUST 7, 2022 | 10:00 AM SERVICE

“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.”

~ Hebrews 11:1-3

Welcome to Grace Church

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

Masks are optional during the service and are available at the back of the church if you wish to wear one.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Your children are very welcome here! If you have babies or children, we have a nursery across the street from children ages 0-3 years, and a special program called Wonder Kids for children ages 4-12.

In Wonder Kids, we use The Jesus Storybook Bible curriculum which engages elementary school aged children with stories from the Bible and teaches that God is the hero of every story. Your children will bring a take it home page with them so that you can continue to discuss what they are learning. We also provide a small snack and restroom opportunity just before we come into the sanctuary at the Passing of the Peace. We want the children to be ready to enjoy family time together in Church!

For children in 5th-8th grades, we offer a special teaching unit just for them: Connect! This curriculum is designed just for preteens and uses humor and interesting Bible content to connect to them where they are at.

If you have any questions or would like to contact someone about your family or children, please don't hesitate to connect with Erin van Santen at erin@graceocala.org.

The Nursery is open during the the entire 10am Service for children ages 0-3.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL

Please stand

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

HYMN 287

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might:
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true Light.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.

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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 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

S280

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.

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Celebrant

Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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

ISAIAH 1:1, 10-20

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the LORD;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;
bringing offerings is futile;
incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me,
I am weary of bearing them.

When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;

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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.

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even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.
Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your doings
from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,
learn to do good;
seek justice,
rescue the oppressed,
defend the orphan,
plead for the widow.
Come now, let us argue it out,
says the LORD:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be like snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.
If you are willing and obedient,
you shall eat the good of the land;
but if you refuse and rebel,
you shall be devoured by the sword;
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

The psalms are older than Christianity itself. In reciting them, we are praying the prayers used by Jews in the Temple centuries before the coming of the Messiah. The Psalm comes after the First Reading and gives us an opportunity to respond to God's Word, and invites us to join in the prayer of the Church.

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 50:1-8, 23-24

Reader

The Psalm for today is Psalm 50, which we will read responsively at the half verse:

The LORD, the God of gods, has spoken; *

he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, *

God reveals himself in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
***before him there is a consuming flame,
and round about him a raging storm.***

He calls the heavens and the earth from above *
to witness the judgment of his people.

“Gather before me my loyal followers, *
***those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice.***”

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; *
for God himself is judge.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
“O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.

I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.

Consider this well, you who forget God, *
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; *
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God.”

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 11:1-3, 8-16

Reader

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

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By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Reader

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

GRADUAL HYMN

WE WALK BY FAITH

HYMN 209

**We walk by faith, and not by sight;
no gracious words we hear
from him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
but we believe him near.**

We may not touch his hands and side,
nor follow where he trod,
yet in his promise we rejoice,
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
and may our faith abound
to call on you when you are near,
and seek where you are found:

That when our life of faith is done,
in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are
with full and endless sight.

THE GOSPEL

LUKE 12:32-40

Deacon

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Deacon

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken

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.

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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.

into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Deacon

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

FR. JONATHAN FRENCH

HOLY BAPTISM

CANDIDATE

MILA SAJANA NIRMALANANDHAN

THE PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

Celebrant

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parent and Godparent

I present *Mila Sajana Nirmalanandhan* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant

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

Parent and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

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

Parent and Godparent

I will, with God's help

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the young child

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THE EXAMINATION

Baptism is the candidates parents' and godparent's public declaration and commitment to raise them to know Jesus. It marks their entrance into the people of God, the Church.

Celebrant

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

Parent and Godparent

I renounce them.

Celebrant

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

Parent and Godparent

I renounce them.

Celebrant

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

Parent and Godparent

I renounce them.

Celebrant

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

Parent and Godparent

I do.

Celebrant

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

Parent and Godparent

I do.

Celebrant

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Parent and Godparent

I do.

After the candidates have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People

We will.

Celebrant

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

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Please Stand

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Celebrant

Do you believe in God the Father?

People

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

Celebrant

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

People

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

*He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.*

*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.*

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting.

Celebrant

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

People

I will, with God's help.

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Celebrant

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

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

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

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

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

People

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

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

People

I will, with God's help.

Please Remain Standing

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

Celebrant

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

The Reader leads the people in a series of prayers to which the people respond.

Reader

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

People

Lord, hear our prayer.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

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Reader

Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People

Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader

Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People

Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader

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

People

Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader

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

People

Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader

Send her into the world in witness to your love.

People

Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader

Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant

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

Amen.

Please be seated

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

Celebrant

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

Celebrant

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

THE BAPTISM

Baptism, as a Sacrament, is an outward sign of an inward spiritual reality. We can never fully understand the mystery of it, but we know the Holy Spirit is at work in this moment.

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Celebrant

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

Celebrant

Let us pray.

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

Celebrant and People

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

Please Stand

Celebrant

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

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.

THE PEACE

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

Please be seated

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY

**CHORAL ANTHEM
KEEP YOUR LAMPS**

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Celebrant

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

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...

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:

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.

**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

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.

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.

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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.

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.

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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CORPORATE SONGS DURING COMMUNION

EUCHARIST INSTRUCTIONS

We will be taking special precautions during the Eucharist. Please follow these instructions when you go up to receive.

- 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 piece of bread with wine in it into your hand. You may consume at the rail.*
- 4. Return to your seat by the side aisle closest to you.*

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness,
O God my Father,
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been,
Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning
New mercies I see;
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided-
Great is Thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me.

Summer and winter,
And springtime and harvest;
Sun, moon, and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness,
Mercy and love.

Refrain

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence
To cheer and to guide;
Strength for today

And bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine,
With ten thousand beside!

Refrain

ALLELUIA! GIVE THANKS TO THE RISEN LORD

HYMN 178

Refrain:

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.

Refrain

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.

Refrain

We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live for ever.

Refrain

Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior.

Refrain

Please kneel as able

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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

JOYFUL, JOYFUL

HYMN 376

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee,
praising thee, their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heaven reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
blooming meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
call us to rejoice in thee.

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

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

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 Randy Briggs family in loving memory of Elizabeth (Polly) Keeney.

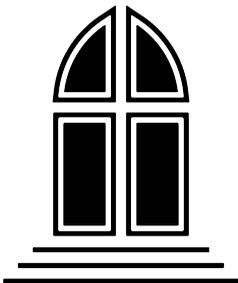
LITURGICAL GUIDE

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.

PERSONAL NOTES

GRACE CONTACT INFORMATION FORM



Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

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:

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

New in community

Would like clergy to call

Would like an appointment with clergy

Have children school age
or younger (please circle)

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

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

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST

- 11 ECW Meeting
- 21 Growing Spiritually This Fall Meeting
- 25 Vestry Meeting

SEPTEMBER

- 8 ECW Meeting
- 11 Vision Meeting
- Back to Church Sunday
- 22 Vestry Meeting

ARE YOU LOOKING TO GROW SPIRITUALLY THIS FALL?

“The god of so many Christians I meet is a god who is too small for me. Because he is not the God of the Word, he is not the God revealed by it in Jesus Christ who this moment comes right to your seat and says, “I have a word for you. I know your whole life story. I know every skeleton in your closet. I know every moment of sin, shame, dishonesty and degraded love that has darkened your past. Right now I know your shallow faith, your feeble prayer life, your inconsistent discipleship. And my word is this: I dare you to trust that I love you just as you are, and not as you should be. Because you’re never {in this life} going to be as you should be.” ~ Brennan Manning

We tend to plan most things in our life, like vacations, meals, events, and more but do you plan for your spiritual growth? This fall at Grace we hope you will take the time to consider how you will grow with us, whether that means you need to refresh the basics of your faith with one of our Alpha groups or joining one of our Life-on-Life Journey Groups. Both of these groups are completely different on what they can offer you but they both center around growing your faith. Alpha is a great starting place for anyone just beginning their spiritual journey, but it is also a great way to get back to the basics of our faith. Sometimes we get lost in the everyday and need a reminder on how to keep God at the forefront of our lives. Life-on-Life Journey Groups are small groups that are gender specific and meet for accountability, prayer and fellowship. We talk about the Sunday sermons, read books and go over the course curriculum. Being in a Life-on-Life group means you commit to meeting weekly for one year, typically from September – May with breaks for holidays. We hope you will join us on Sunday, August 21st after each of the services for a meeting to learn more about these groups!

Next Week’s Bible Readings

First Reading:
Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18
Second Reading:
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Gospel: Luke 12:49-56

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, September 11 is Back to Church Sunday! Most importantly after the 10:00am service we will be having our Vision Meeting, you will not want to miss this meeting! For the kiddos we will have childcare and lunch and a bouncehouse so parents can be present for the vision meeting!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EVENTS

IN THE COMING WEEK

Sunday, August 7 Blessing of the Backpacks - Office Closed

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

9:45am: Children's Church, Wonder Kids Room

10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, Livestream

10:00am: Blessing of the Backpacks, Church, Livestream

Monday, August 8

12:00 Noon: Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, August 10

12:00 Noon: Wednesday Prayer Service, Church

7:00pm: Worship Team Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, August 11

11:30am: ECW Meeting, Parish House

12:00 Noon: Fr. Jonathan's Bible Study, Zoom

Friday, August 12 Office Closed

Saturday, August 13 Office Closed

Sunday, August 14 Office Closed

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

9:45am: Children's Church, Wonder Kids Room

10:00am: Rite Two Service, Church, Livestream

ECW MEETS AUGUST 11

Ladies of Grace, please be sure to mark Thursday, August 11, on your calendar for the first ECW meeting following the summer break. We will gather in the Parish House at 11:30 am for a pot luck luncheon. There will be no formal meeting – just food and fellowship. If you have not attended in a while due to the pandemic, please take this opportunity to reacquaint and catch up with old friends. If you are new to Grace or have never attended an ECW meeting before we would love for you to join us. Please bring a simple food to share and invite a friend to come along. Drinks and dessert will be provided.

BIRTHDAYS

JULY

31 Kathy Hellwig

AUGUST

1 Linda Winchenbach

Martha Slemmer

2 Leah McGinley

7 Rosemarie Mayer

8 Robin Corsiglia

Reagan Dotson

10 Jo Foster

Sarah Hart

11 Wendy Staley

Randy Allison

Bonnie Alborano

Callum Bryniarski

13 Catherine Roberts

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

If you would like to meet or talk to our Children's Minister Erin van Santen you can contact the church office at 352-622-7881; or by email at erin@graceocala.org

- Grace Church Leadership -

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Jesus Christ

BISHOP

The Right Rev. Gregory O. Brewer

WORSHIP TEAM

The Rev. Jonathan French: Rector

The Rev. Frans van Santen: Associate Rector

The Rev. Mary Delancey: Deacon

The Rev. Susan Moorehead: Deacon

Adam Pryor: Worship Coordinator

Erin van Santen: Children's Ministry Coordinator

Dave Rubin: Verger

VESTRY

Tim McCourt - Senior Warden Michael Owen - Junior Warden

Wayne Taylor- Treasurer Heather Hetzel Drick Heitman Amy Robertson

Carman Smith Sharyn Pliska Leslie Jones

Today's Servers

Ushers: Stephen Ayres, Frank Blasucci

Reader, First Reading/Psalm: Matt Merchant

Reader, Second Reading/Prayers of the People: Drick Heitman

Acolytes: Gail van Deusen, Walker Harrell, Shealy Harrell

Altar Guild: Lise Kent, Lynda Peek, Paulette Johnson, Carman Smith

Flower Guild: Carolyn Ayres, Lynda Peek, Lynn Nobles,
Maurica French, Mary Jane Allison

Musicians: Adam Pryor, Jessica Mongerio, Shane Bass,
Alexia Kirshfield, Sharon Mai, Cheryl Arnold, Audrey Flechas

VPOD: Michael Owen

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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