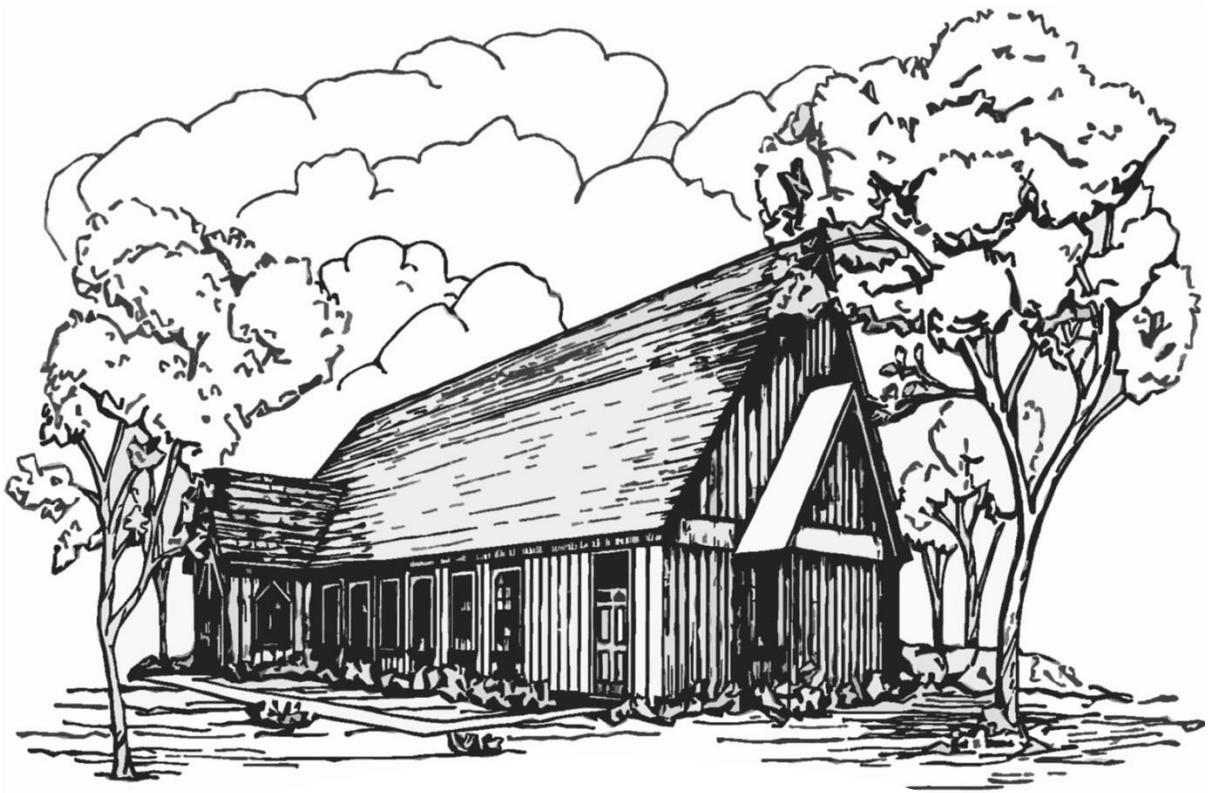




GRACE

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SILOAM SPRINGS, AR



SUNDAY ~ 9:00 A.M.

*To all who are weary
and need rest*

*To all who are friendless
and desire friendship*

*To all who believe in God
and wish to worship Him*

*To all who are grateful
and would give thanks*

*To all who hunger for prayer
and wish to pray*

*To all who know sin
and need the Saviour*

*Grace Episcopal Church opens wide its doors and
in the Name of the Lord Jesus bids*

Welcome.

∞ WELCOME TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH ∞

Episcopalians are followers of Jesus Christ. We say that God was uniquely present in the life of Jesus of Nazareth. One word we use to describe this belief is that God was “incarnate” in Jesus, that is, God’s own self was present in Jesus’ very body. Following his death, his disciples found that Christ still lived in their midst. Thus, they found themselves connected to God as they discovered themselves to be part of Christ’s resurrected body. And that is still the case today. We Episcopalians say that human beings are united to God through Christ.

We take that relationship seriously. When we worship we are called to see the risen Christ in the persons around us. In our daily lives we are called to see the risen Christ in family, acquaintances, and co-workers. Ultimately, we are called to seek and serve Christ in all persons, to strive for justice and peace among all people, and to respect the dignity of every human being.

Our church is not a community of like-minded people. We do not exist for ourselves alone. Instead, we are a people set apart to be the personal presence and witness of God to the world. We struggle with many issues and we disagree with one another, but we still gather each week to hear the story of God’s love for us, to ask forgiveness from one another and God, and to offer our lives up to God.

In our teaching, we learn the grace to live with questions that cannot be answered with certainty. In our worship we are nourished for life’s journey. In our faith we trust that God is working through every one of us, and that one day God’s very self will be evident in all creation. This is the good news that we proclaim, and we believe that it is the good news that leads us to lives of peace, self control, and hope for the future. We invite everyone to join us in that journey.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:15 a.m., Christian Formation 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday 12:10 p.m.

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☞ THE CELEBRATION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST ☞

ACCORDING TO RITE TWO OF THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER (PG. 355)

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

30 August, 2015 ~ 9:00 a.m. Service

☞ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD ☞

The Prelude: Pastorale in D Major

Robert Führer

❖ *Please stand* ❖

Hymn 423: "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

St. Denio

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,
in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;
most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see
al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1874-1908) alt

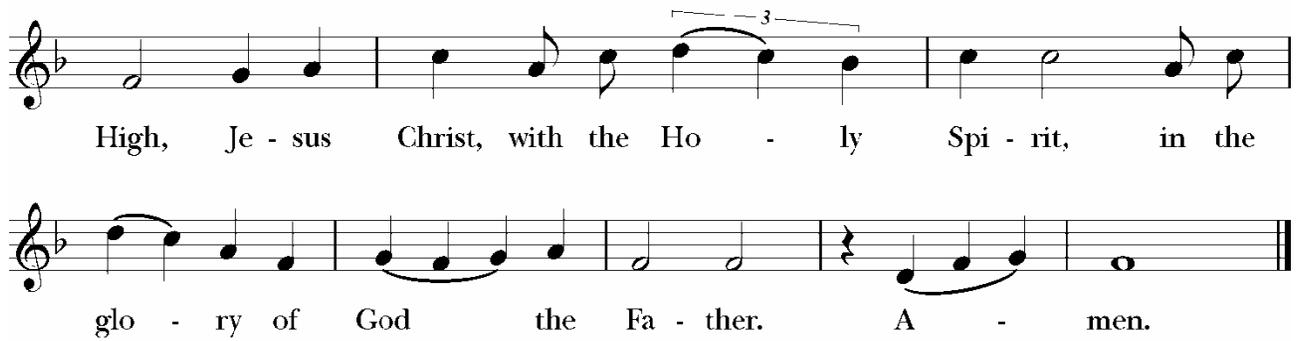
Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.
 Amen.**

The Presider says

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.

Gloria S-280 *is sung... all standing*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
 King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



❖ *Please stand or kneel for the Collect of the Day* ❖

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 for the readings* ❖

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said “So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!’ For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire

law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

❖ *Please remain seated for the psalm* ❖

Psalm 15

Domine, quis habitabit?

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
 who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
 who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
 he does no evil to his friend; *
 he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
 but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
 and does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
 nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things *
 shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading

James 1:17-27

A Reading from the letter of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

❖ *All stand for the Gospel reading* ❖

Holy Gospel

Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

The Rev. Stan McKinnon

Nicene Creed

(BCP Pg. 358)

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.

Prayers of the People

Proper 17

Presider

Let the words of our mouths express the thoughts of our hearts, O God, as we offer to your divine compassion the needs of the world, praying: Let our hearts be conformed to your purpose; and grant us your blessing.

Leader

Gracious God, you have given birth to your church by your word of truth and raised us as the first fruits of your creatures: Grant that we may be doers of your word and not merely hearers, effectively sharing in your reconciling work throughout the world. Let our hearts be conformed to your purpose;

People **and grant us your blessing.**

Loving God, our hearts and lips are close to you as we intercede for our community: Inspire us to resist following human traditions which divide rather than unite, that we may faithfully follow your perfect law of liberty. Let our hearts be conformed to your purpose;

People **and grant us your blessing.**

Healing God, empower our reconciling work to share your blessing with all for whom we intercede, especially those we now name silently or aloud.

We thank you for all that is good and true and gracious, especially for those we now name silently or aloud.

Welcome into your divine heart those who have died, especially those we now name silently or aloud.

Let our hearts be conformed to your purpose;

People **and grant us your blessing.**

Presider

Holy and Eternal One, you lead us through your Word Jesus Christ who taught us to obey all of your commandments by loving you and by loving our neighbors as ourselves: Purify our hearts that we may be instruments of your reconciliation and peace, in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Confession of Sin

(Pg. 360)

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Presider and 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.

The Presider stands and says

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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

❖ *The members of the community greet one another in peace
and then sit for the announcements* ❖

∞ THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION ∞

❖ *To receive Holy Communion, please come forward and kneel or stand, filling in the altar rail from either the far right to the center, or the center to the left. If preferred, you may request a gluten free wafer when receiving Communion; simply hold one hand turned over. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, cross your arms over your chest. Once you have received you may exit to the side and return to your pen.* ❖

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

❖ *Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Priest or Presider* ❖

Anthem at the Offertory:

*Open my ears to your word, Lord of my life, I pray
That as I seek to serve you, I may hear what you say.*

*Open my eyes to your word, that as I read each day
New things I will discover to help me walk your way.*

*Open my heart to your word, that as I read today
My heart will not be hardened, but will with joy obey.*

---text based on Psalm 39

music: Christopher Walker

❖ Please stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar ❖

All glo - ry to the Fa - ther be, all glo - ry
to the Son, all glo - ry, Ho - ly Ghost, to
thee, while end - less a - ges run. A - men.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B (Pg. 367)

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

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

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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 S-129 *sung together...*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

❖ *Please stand or kneel* ❖

The Presider continues

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

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

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

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

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

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

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.
AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

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

Presider and People

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

a period of silence is kept, followed by...

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

The Presider says

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.

❖ *Please stand or kneel for the Post Communion Prayer* ❖

Postcommunion Prayer

(Pg. 366)

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and 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

The Presider says

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

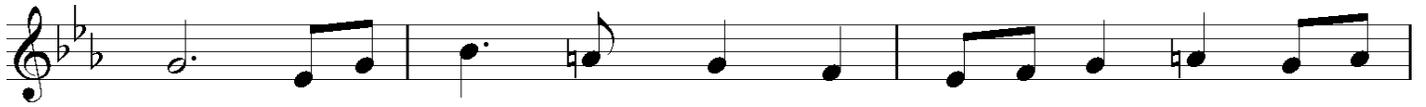
Hymn 557: "Rejoice, ye pure in heart!"

Vineyard Haven

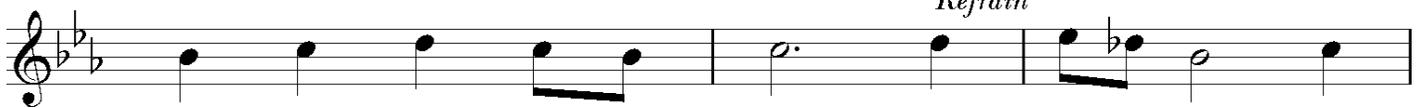
vs. 1-3, 7



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and
2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of
3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias
4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye
5 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar -
*6 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall
*7 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and



1 sing! Your glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the
2 earth, pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true
3 loud; while an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like
4 go, from youth to age, by night and day, in
5 ray, as war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till
6 rest; the pil - grims find their Fa - ther's house, Je -
7 sing! Your glo - rious ban - ner wave on high the



Refrain

1 cross of Christ your King.
2 rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
3 wreaths of in - cense cloud.
4 glad - ness and in woe. Ho - san - na, ho -
5 dawns the gold - en day.
6 ru - sa - lem the blest.
7 cross of Christ your King.



san - na! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing.

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

The Postlude: Hymn-prelude on St. Denio [Hymn]

Rosalie Bonighton



If you are a visitor to Grace Episcopal Church, we welcome you and ask that you make yourself known to us by filling out the visitor card in the pew and placing it in the collection plate or handing it to an usher. We also invite you to sign the guest register before leaving.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

August	31	Shirley Lane
	31	Kurt Wubbena
September	4	Jasmine Banks

THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving first anniversary of Ted & Toni Barnett.

∞ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ∞

Cary, River & family, Bill, Marie & family, Cade & Meagan, Camen, Joshua, Pat, Connie, Mark & family, Sue, Susan, Harmony, Sammy & Emery, Judi, Cindy, John, Lindy, Louise, Trey & family, Patricia, Phil & Rhonda, Luise, Sally.

∞ GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS ∞

BON VOYAGE FOR THE MCKINNONS. Help us send the McKinnons off on sabbatical at 12:30 p.m. after the late service. If you would like to make a contribution to offset their expenses, please email Bay in the office at Bay@gracesiloam.org.

ACOLYTE TRAINING will be today after the Bon Voyage for the McKinnons (1:00 p.m.). This is an opportunity for new acolytes to be trained as well as current acolytes to refresh their memory.

THE SELBY AND DAY FAMILIES invite you to the wedding of Caleb and Jessica on Saturday, September 5th, at 3:00 p.m. at Grace Church.

∞ A NOTE ON TODAY'S READINGS ∞

Welcome to Grace Church! The Sunday Gospel readings return to Mark's Gospel today. This passage recounts one of the occasions when Jesus took the Pharisees and other experts on the Law to task for putting more emphasis on ceremonial and dietary rules than on the "weightier" requirements of God. It is not outer conformity to the Law but an inner change that brings us into a right relationship with God and with others.

The Law is intended to set the people of Israel apart from other nations, as Moses says in today's reading from Deuteronomy. This is so that other nations, impressed by Israel's righteousness and wisdom, will be drawn to Israel's God. Jesus is actually reaffirming this Mosaic principle in the reading from Mark. (Christians need to remember that when Jesus criticizes the practices of his contemporaries he is not criticizing Judaism, but those whose practices undercut real Judaism.)

Today we begin reading through the letter of James. This epistle encourages us to live our faith in concrete actions of love and mercy. True religion is based on carrying out its faith in lives of righteousness and mercy.

As the people of God we gather to remember what God has done, to remember God's principles for living, and to realign ourselves with God. Out of our relationship with God, re-established in our liturgical and sacramental encounter, comes the power to confront and overcome evil, and the righteousness which draws others to God.

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