

Sunday ~ September 18, 2022

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 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation 11:00 a.m. Wednesdays 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)

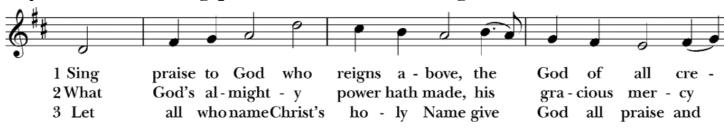
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 18, 2022 ~ 10:00 a.m. Service

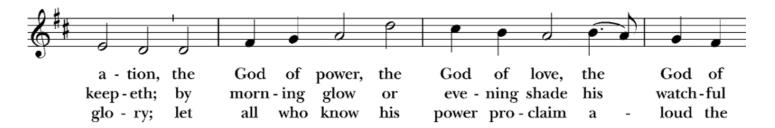
* The Liturgy of the Word *

The Prelude: Hymn-tune prelude on *Mit Freuden zart*, by Scott Withrow

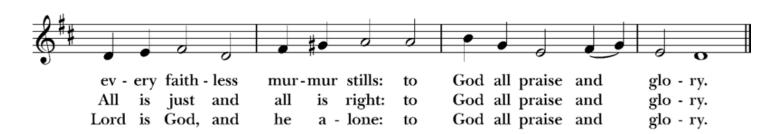
❖ Please stand ❖

Hymn 408: "Sing praise to God who reigns above"









Words: Johann Jacob Schütz (1640-1690); tr. Frances Elizabeth Coxm1812-1897), alt.

Music: Mit Freuden zart, melody from "Une pastourelle gentile," 1529; adapt. Pseaumes cinquante de David, 1547, and Kirchensesend darinnen die Heubtartickel de Christlicen Glaubens gefasset, 1566

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

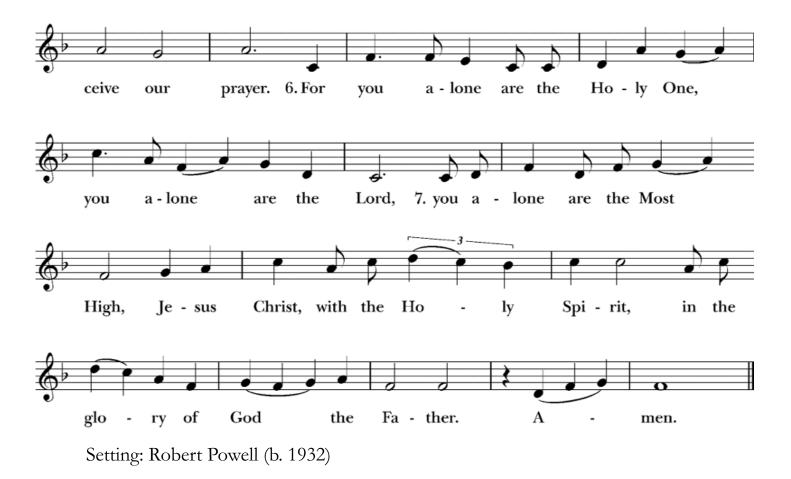
And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.**

S-280 Glory to God...sung together





❖ 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.

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 for the readings *

First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

A Reading from the book of Amos.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, we will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Reader The Word of the Lord.People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 113 Laudate, pueri

1 Hallelujah!

Give praise, you servants of the Lord; * praise the Name of the Lord.

- 2 Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, * from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down * let the Name of the Lord be praised.
- 4 The Lord is high above all nations, * and his glory above the heavens.
- 5 Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high *

but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

- 6 He takes up the weak out of the dust * and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
- 7 He sets them with the princes, * with the princes of his people.
- 8 He makes the woman of a childless house * to be a joyful mother of children.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

A Reading from Paul's first letter to Timothy.

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.People Thanks be to God.

* All stand for the Hymn and Gospel reading *

Hymn 538: "God of mercy, God of grace"



Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847), alt.

Music: Lucerna Laudoniae, David Evans (1874-1948)

Holy Gospel Luke 16:1-13

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, `What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, `Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, `And how much do you owe?' He replied, `A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

❖ Please stand ❖

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.

* Please stand or kneel for the Prayers of the People *

Prayers of the People

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From the rising of the sun to its going down, let God's Holy Name be praised: Holy and Infinite God: Let your justice go forth into all the earth to confront the dishonest and greedy, to take up the weak from the dust, and to lift up the poor from the ashes. We bring our intercessions on behalf of the whole earth, saying: Give praise, you servants of God; praise the Name of the Most High.

Leader

Gracious God, you have called the Church to be faithful in little and faithful in much, and you have appointed us as heralds and apostles, teachers in faith and truth: Entrust to us the true riches of your grace, that we may fulfill your desire that everyone be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth.

Give praise, you servants of God;

praise the Name of the Most High.

Infinite One, you are high above all nations and your glory is above the heavens: Hear our supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings for leaders and all who are in high positions, that they may defend the poor and weak and empower every person to lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

Give praise, you servants of God;

praise the Name of the Most High.

Generous One, you call all humanity to serve God above wealth: Disarm those who trample on the needy and ruin the poor in the land; bring to justice those who are corrupt, predatory or deceitful in their business; relieve those who are burdened by unreasonable debt; and protect those who are unemployed or threatened in their work: that all may find suitable and honest employment, and receive just payment for their labor.

Give praise, you servants of God;

praise the Name of the Most High.

Loving One, uphold the honesty and integrity of our neighbors in this community, that we may be a people of justice and compassion: Raise up those who are poor and weak and make our region joyful.

Give praise, you servants of God;

praise the Name of the Most High.

Compassionate One, we pray for the children of this age and the children of light, that your mercy and justice may bring healing and grace to all. We remember especially those we now name silently or aloud.

Hear our thanksgiving for all your many blessings, especially for those we now name silently or aloud.

Welcome into their eternal homes those who have died, especially those we now name silently or aloud.

Give praise, you servants of God;

praise the Name of the Most High.

Presider

God of mercy and justice, honor our prayers on behalf of your creation, and bring your integrity into every place of human corruption and oppression; lift up the weak and relieve the burdened, until all humankind turns to you and serves goodness, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, One God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

(Pg. 360)

Deacon or 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 announcements. *

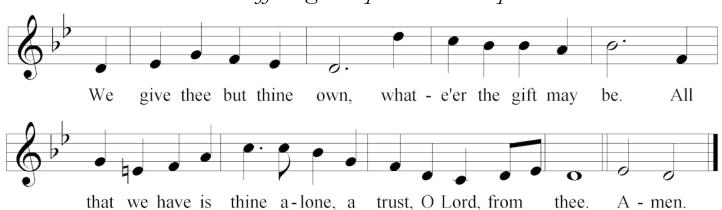
* THE LITURGY OF HOLY COMMUNION *

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

Anthem at the Offertory

How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings Fair, by Johannes Brahms

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



* Please remain standing *

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

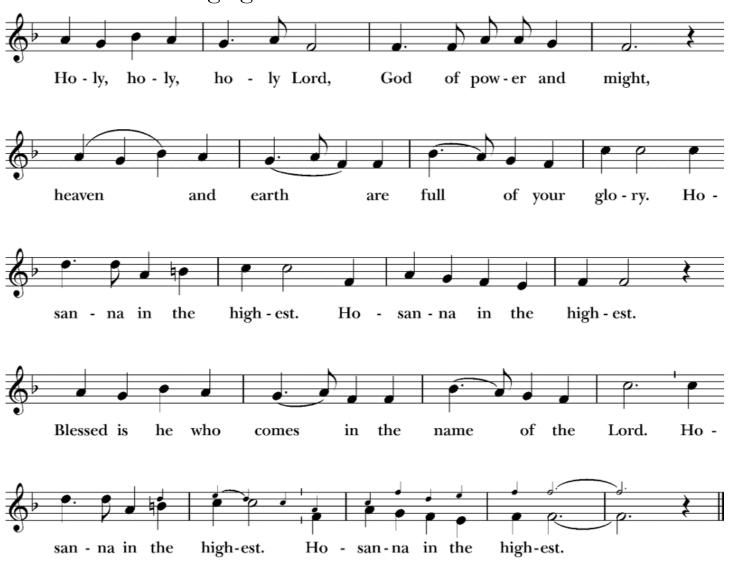
The Presider continues

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 you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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-125 sung together...



Setting: from A Community Mass, Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

❖ Please stand or kneel ❖

The Presider continues

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.

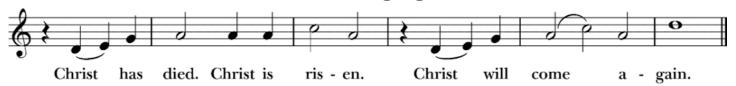
He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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:

Memorial Acclamation S-135 sung together...



Setting: Jackson Hill (b. 1941)

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 for ever. **AMEN**.

The Lord's Prayer

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

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...

S-155 sung together...



Setting: Gerald R. Near (b. 1942)

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.

* 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 pew. *

Hymn 475: "God himself is with us"





Words: Gerhardt Tersteegen (1697-1769); tr. Hymnal 1940, alt.;

st. 3, tr. Henry Sloane Coffin (1877-1954) Music: *Tysk*, from *Psalm und Choralbuch*, 1719

* Please stand or kneel for the Postcommunion Prayer *

Postcommunion Prayer

(Pg. 366)

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out

And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

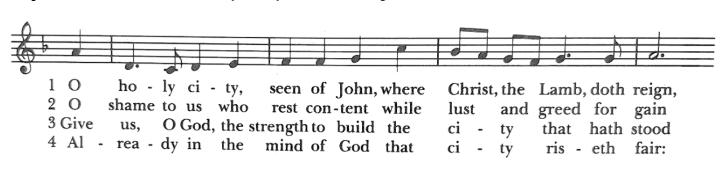
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

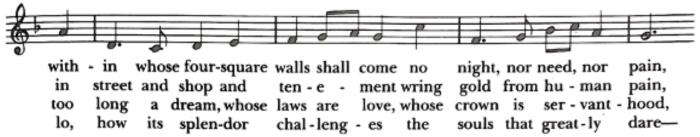
The Blessing

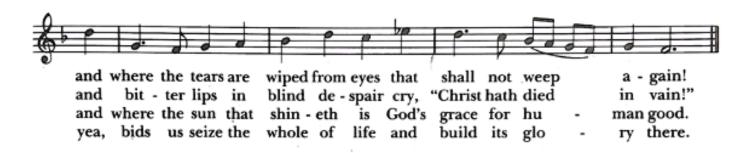
The Presider says

May you be children of light, beloved of God, blessed with the true riches of divine favor. May you be honest and shrewd as you serve the values of the gospel of Christ. May the Holy Spirit guide you to be faithful in little and faithful in much until you are welcomed into you eternal home. And the blessing of our generous God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and empower you, now and always. **Amen.**

Hymn 582: "O holy city, seen of John"







Words: Walter Russell Bowie (1882-1969), alt. Music: *Sancta Civitas*, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the world rejoicing in the power of the

Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

The Postlude: Pièce Brève en Fa Majeur Eugène Gigout

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 & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

September 18 Rob & Candy Lambert

24 Wendy Bailey

24 Theo Denison

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in honor of the birthday of Laura Elliott by Mary & George Benjamin.

* Prayers of the People *

Cary; Ayden & family; Tony; Ted; Lee's family; Paul; Jon & Kristen; our Grace Church Family; George; Armeda; Earl; Carey; Bob; Ida; Harmony; Sam, Emery, & Jayme; Trey & family; Connie; Sherri; Lexi; Lilly; Bud; Kim & CJ; Luise; Sandi; baby Kenna and parents; the people of Ukraine.

For the air, water, land, plants, animals, and people suffering from natural disasters around the globe; for those suffering from violence at the hands of others; for the healthcare system and all those serving their communities; for all those suffering from the Coronavirus.

We also pray for the following organizations and the people they serve:

Genesis House, Manna Center, NW AR Children's Shelter, Episcopal Relief & Development Organization, Siloam Springs Adult Development Center, Meals on Wheels, Diocese of Western Guatemala & Bishop Carlos, Episcopal Service Corps, Earth Mission.

***** Announcements *****

JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUPS will be meeting tonight, at 5:45 and 7:00 p.m. respectively. Youth are welcome to bring friends!

Parish Hall, links can be found in the Thursday Tidings or on our social media.

A WEEKEND FOR YOUTH AT CAMP MITCHELL (AYE) will be held the weekend of Sept 30 - Oct 2. If your child in grades 6-12 is interested in attending, please see Bay. Scholarships and transportation are available!