



Grace Episcopal Church

First Sunday after Pentecost

Trinity Sunday

May 26, 2024

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Trinity Procession*

Phil Lehenbauer

At the tolling of the tower bell, the congregation is asked to stand.

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

OPENING HYMN: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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COLLECT FOR 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.

All **Amen.**

Gloria Austin/Cassarino

Glo-ry to God in the Highest and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Lord God, Hea-ven-ly King, Al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we

worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, On - ly son of the fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, for you a - lone are the

ho - ly one, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the most high,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit in the Glo - ry of God the

Fa - - - - ther. A - - - - men.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29 (Spoken in unison)

Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.

The LORD shall give strength to his people; *

the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

THE EPISTLE: Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN: *Round the Lord in Glory Seated*

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

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

THE GOSPEL: John 3: 1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be

lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

Rev. Milly Morrow

THE NICENE CREED *(standing)*

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THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lector: The people respond to “in your mercy” with Come Holy Spirit.

Lector: Ever living and ever loving God,

We praise you for your indwelling presence with us.
Gracious God,

Take and transform our societies
That broken people find healing;
That lonely people find love;
That angry people find peace;
That fearful people find hope;
That unjust systems are destroyed.
In your mercy;

People: Come Holy Spirit

Lector: Loving God,

Take our world leaders and governments and bring reconciliation-
That communication be open;
That relationships between hostile people and hostile nations will be healed;
That a hunger for justice will meet the hunger for food, the need for shelter
the cry for care.

In your mercy;

People: Come Holy Spirit

Lector: Wise and Wonderful God,

Fill your church-

That our worship will encourage faithful action,

That our lives will make a real difference to real people in the real world.

Especially to those who have asked for our prayers and support today: Nancy; Cheri; Kathleen, Susan and Lisa; Don and Ann; Eva; Gracie; Laura and Tsz-yan (GN); Jackie; and Kathy...Are there others?

In your mercy,

People: Come Holy Spirit

And for those celebrating birthdays: Katherine Kaderabek, Thames Higginbotham, James Cannon, George Davis, Jeanne Sims, Johnny Robinson, Jarvis Buxton, Bill Edwards, Kendall Beasley, and Harriotte Oxford. And for those celebrating anniversaries: Joan and Allyn Allrich, and Kathy and Tim Wrinn.

In your mercy,

People: Come Holy Spirit

Lector: God of all the ages,

Grant us the peace that passes all understanding. We commend to your mercy all those who have died, especially Bobbie Eblen. Comfort those who mourn.

We pray especially for those on the anniversary of their deaths: Bill Smathers, Susan Barbour, Catherine Talman, Eleanor Smith, Bob Griffin, Virginia Sherwood, Jim Topp, Bill Krause and Kathy Rion; and for those that still grieve themAre there others?

In your mercy,

People: Come Holy Spirit

Celebrant: Compassionate God

Fill our lives with your presence-

So that more and more every day

All that we do and say and hope

Will be an act of worship to you and an expression of love to others.

In your mercy,

People: Come Holy Spirit

The celebrant leads a concluding prayer.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*

Thomas Keesecker

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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SANCTUS:

James P. Cassarino

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow' r 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.

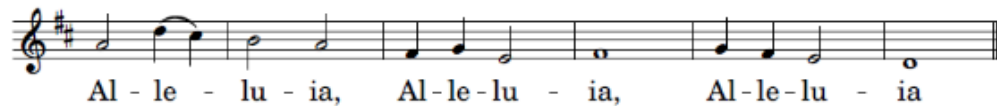
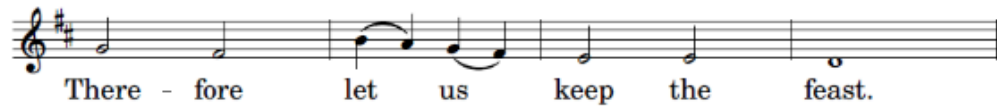
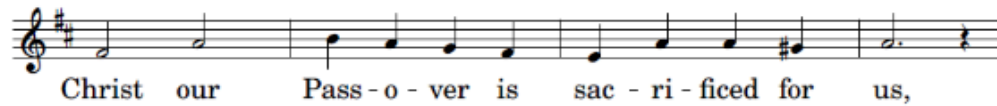
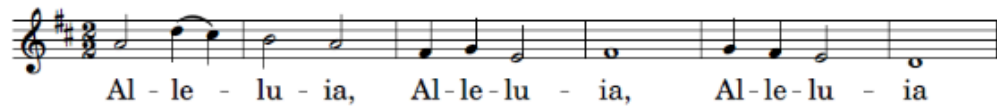
THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Traditional*)

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM:

Cassarino



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who seek God or a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist. To receive the bread, extend your hands towards the priest. Gluten free wafers are available. To receive the wine, guide the bottom of the chalice with both hands. To receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, simply cross your arms across your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Here I am Lord*

SOG 21

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *Immortal, Invisible*

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DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: *Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*

Michael Burkhardt



Please join us after services for refreshments in the Parish Hall.

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Kim and Rick Hayes in thanksgiving for their children Rachael and Greg and their grandchildren Kael and Lydia.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Bonnie Kistler in honor of her late aunt, Ruth MacDougal Phillips.

LAY MINISTERS

Acolyte: Sally Withers Chalicerist: Cheryl Deyton
Lectors: Kristen Dusenbery, Hannah Pennell Intercessor: Ted Hill
Ushers: Nate and Elaine Potter Greeters: Bea and Jeff Russell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFE SHELTER

We have been blessed to host the Safe Shelter this month. In gratitude, we are hosting a potluck in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, May 29th at 5:30pm. Bring a dish to share and join us in breaking bread with our shelter friends. Please contact [Kim Hayes](mailto:KimHayes@trinityumc.org) (kimhys53@gmail.com) or [Tahani Sticpewich](mailto:TahaniSticpewich@trinityumc.org) (tahaniweb@gmail.com) if you have questions. As the Safe Shelter relocates to Trinity UMC, please keep everyone involved in your prayers.

JONES ELEMENTARY FOOD DRIVE

The Outreach Committee Food Drive has been quite successful! Many thanks to everyone who participated. The following items are still needed:

30 Jelly, 13 Marinara, 25 Peanut Butter, 20 Rice

This week, we are asking for perishable food donations of fresh fruit and loaves of bread to be dropped off at the church by May 30th. Questions please email Sarah Beasley at sdkbeasley@gmail.com.

JUNE FORMATION

“We are Called to Bless”

Rev. John Rice will serve as our presenter for Formation in June (June 16, 23, 30) on Sundays at 9:00 AM in the Parish Hall. Together we will explore scriptural teaching on God’s promise to release blessings, and our call to be a people of blessing.

All participants will be equipped in using blessing prayers in ministry, family and work relationships, and areas of community needs.

Session 1 (6/16) God’s Promise to Bless (Num. 6:27)

Session 2 (6/23) Our Calling to Bless One Another (1 Peter 3:8-9)

Session 3 (6/30) Using Blessing Prayers to Love One Another (John 13:34)

THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM AT GRACE

Reach out to us with any pastoral care needs you, or your family, may have, by emailing the team at Pastoralcare@graceavl.com. You can also email, text or call Rev. Milly at 828.772.1429, Sunday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., unless it's a pastoral emergency.

HAVE YOU ACCESSED OUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY? An online directory is available to our members. *If you want to know how to become a member of Grace, please contact Rev. Milly Morrow at milly@graceavl.com.*

For further information about ongoing programs at Grace, please visit our website at graceavl.com.

THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND MEETINGS

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Service or Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday 5/26 9 am	Children's Sunday School	Atrium
Sunday, 10:30 am	Holy Eucharist Service*	Sanctuary/YouTube*
Mondays, 10:30 am	Monday Morning Bible Study	Zoom **
Mondays 1 pm	Chair Aerobics	Parish Hall
Tuesdays 6pm	Taize	Sanctuary
Wednesday, 9:30 am	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Zoom
Wednesdays, 1-3pm	Praying Together with Rev. Milly - <i>by appointment</i>	Sanctuary
Wednesday 5/29 5:30pm	Potluck for Shelter	Parish Hall
Wednesdays, 5:30pm	Centering Prayer	Zoom**
Thursdays, 8am	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake

Please note that the church office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day, Monday, May 27th.

OUR PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: **Cheri Potter; Eva Dupree; Kathleen Griffin, Susan and Lisa; Don and Ann Lewis; Nancy Lewis; Gracie Russell; Laura and Tsz-yan (GN) Snyder; Jackie Schauer; Kathy Wrinn.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Bill Coward; Ed Denison; Carl Dobson; Dorothy Engel; Eunice Ferguson; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Ginny Price; Nancy Sink; Rita Spragg.**

For Others: (Names will remain on the list for 6 weeks unless we hear otherwise.)

Geraldine Allen (aunt of Carole McClellan); **Wes Auret** (godson of Elaine Potter); **Allen** (brother of Cheryl Aull); **Bob Brennan** (relative of Anne Jarema); **Gabriel and Lara Brongel and family** (grandson and daughter of Jackie Schauer); **Cherie Brown** (daughter of Ed and Maria Woeckener); **Chuck** (brother of Susan Robinson); **Jackie Haines** (sister of Carol Booth); **Jim Kaderabek** (father of Todd Kaderabek); **Megan; William Neumann; Barney Noble** (son of Joyce and Walt Noble); **Meredith Peppers** (cousin of Carole McClellan); **Bob Sharpe** (friend of Kathleen Griffin); **Kay and David Sutton** (sister-in-law of Ginny Moser); **J.C. Strange** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Barry Swaim** (brother in law of Cathy Adkins); **Thandi Tutu-Gxashe**

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: **Bobbie Eblen.**

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **Martha and Matt Cardenas** (daughter & son-in-law of Hannah Pennell); **Matthew George** (son of Zoe Davis); **Jason Marino** (son of Lynda McCredie); **Jonah Silvers** (son of Mark Silvers and Chance Wyatt); **Sarah Jane Wilkey** (daughter of Diane & Tony Wilkey).

For Those in the Episcopal Church: **Michael** (our presiding Bishop); **José** (our Bishop); **the clergy, vestry, staff, ministries, and people of this parish; Church of the Advocate.**

For our President Joe Biden, his Cabinet, Congress & our country; for victims of violence across the world; for local agencies & those who work for relief of the poor; for better stewardship of the environment; for resolution of crises throughout our world.

Please go to graceavl.com/spiritual-growth/prayer-ministries/ for more opportunities to request prayer. Get permission from anyone you would like to add to this list and contact our Pastoral Care Ministry at pastoralcare@graceavl.com or contact the church.

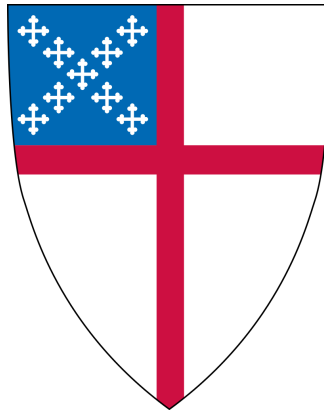
ELECTRONIC GIVING MADE EASY

Grace Church receives electronic giving via our website at graceavl.com. You will see a "Give to Grace" button on the top blue banner of our home page. Additional ways to give to our "virtual collection plate" and various fundraising efforts are through the Simple Church app and the Venmo app @GraceEpiscopal-Church.

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The Right Reverend José McLoughlin, *Bishop*
The Reverend Milly Morrow, *Rector*
James Cassarino, *Director of Music*
Cathy Adkins, *Organist*
Jill Stevenson, *Office Manager*
Katie Douglas, *Finance Manager*
Angel Stoudt, *Sexton*
Archie Clarkson, *Tech Director*
Katherine Johnson, *Wedding Coordinator*

Grace Church is a place where we hope you experience the empowering presence of the living God and where we collaborate with God in building the Kingdom of Heaven, here on earth. We are grateful you are among us today.



FELLOWSHIP

Have you been enjoying the coffee, tasty treats and fellowship every Sunday after worship? Our new Fellowship Committee gets the credit! Thank you to everyone who brews the coffee, brings the snacks (often homemade), and mingles with us making us feel welcome and loved. You're doing a great job! But this core group could really use some help. With more hosts, no one would have to do it every week. Families with kids are especially encouraged to join the fun. And even if you can't host a Sunday, what about bringing an occasional plate of cookies, a cheese platter or some other personal favorite to share? To find out more about fellowship at Grace and how you can get involved, please contact Beth Hill, 828-550-4352 or ehill3600@gmail.com.

I would like to help with the Fellowship Committee

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

GREETERS

The mission of Graceful Greeters is to create an environment of warm welcome and engender a deep sense of belonging for all who enter Grace Church. We have two people stationed in the foyer to greet all who enter and remind regular parishioners to wear their name tags. Our mission regarding visitors and newcomers is first to make sure they are seen, greeted, and welcomed. Next, we want to help them find the sanctuary, bathrooms, and Sunday School/nursery; answer any questions they may have about the worship service itself; offer them a temporary nametag; and invite them to have coffee and treats following the service. To learn more about this vital ministry, please contact Diane Wilkey at thewilkeys@gmail.com.

I am interested in being a Graceful Greeter

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

Please indicate your interest and place it in the collection plate. Thank you.