

Grace Episcopal Church

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE: *Blessed are the Pure in Heart*

Roberta Rowland-Raybold

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

OPENING HYMN: *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven*

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COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden: 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.**

Song of Praise

D Bm Am D Bm
All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us
A D G D E A D
sing. Al - le - lu - - ia, al - le - lu - - ia! Thou
G A D G
burn-ing sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er
A G A D Em A Bm
gleam: O _____ praise Him, O _____ praise Him, Al - le -
E A Bm Em A Em A D
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - ia,

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING: 2 KINGS 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 14

The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.

The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.

Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the Lord?

See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.

Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the Lord is their refuge.

Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

THE EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 3: 14-21

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN: *Fairest Lord Jesus*

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

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

THE GOSPEL: John 6: 1-21

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and

coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Celebrant 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- THE WAY OF LOVE

Let us pray.

Creator God, by the mercies of your son, our Lord, Jesus, compel us to TURN our hearts to his Way of Love. That we might follow Jesus together as your faithful people, we pause, listen, and respond in prayer, saying: Jesus, guide us in your way.

Jesus, your life, death, resurrection, and ascension inspire the church to continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship. Guide your people to LEARN your Word, that we might see God's story unfolding in our midst. We pray together,

Jesus, guide us in your way.

Son of God, you responded to your Father in PRAYER and pleaded that we might all be one. Guide the leaders and faithful citizens of this nation to respond to God and to one another in compassion — in thought and deed, with or without words — that the people of the United States might live in unity and peace. We pray together,

Jesus, guide us in your way.

Light of the World, you taught us to WORSHIP in spirit and in truth. Lead us to join with others to acknowledge the holiness of God, that the whole world might be united in the truth of your love. We pray together,

Jesus, guide us in your way.

Lord, you came not to be served but to serve. Empower us to BLESS one another and our neighbors in Asheville that your spirit of generosity, compassion, and selfless action transform us and the people in our midst. We pray together,

Jesus, guide us in your way.

Savior, you came into our midst that we might know life. Embolden us to GO among those who are weary, burdened, sick, or imprisoned, especially Nancy; Eva; Don and Ann; Rusty; Nancy; Cheri; Laura and Tsz-yan (GN); Jackie; Peter, Lorie, and Shannon and Greg, and Richard, Ben, Adrian, Gentry, Dequan, Robert, Les, James, Randy, Jacob, Knowledge, Steven, and Lonnie, that we might live like you, crossing the boundaries that divide rich from poor, sick from well, and sinner from saint. We pray together,

Jesus, guide us in your way.

Lamb of God, in your death you destroyed death and taught us the way to eternal life. Compel us to daily die to self and REST in your grace. May all who have died, especially those on the anniversary of their death: Dennis Welborn; Bob Hageman and Agnes Henry...rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray together,

Jesus, guide us in your way.

The Celebrant offers this concluding collect:

Lord Jesus Christ, who gave your life for the life of all, we commit our lives to following you. Continually guide us in your way and draw us into live as your Beloved Community in this age and in age to come; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

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:

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer 2 From Enriching Our Service

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is a good and right and joyful thing to give you thanks and praise always and everywhere. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

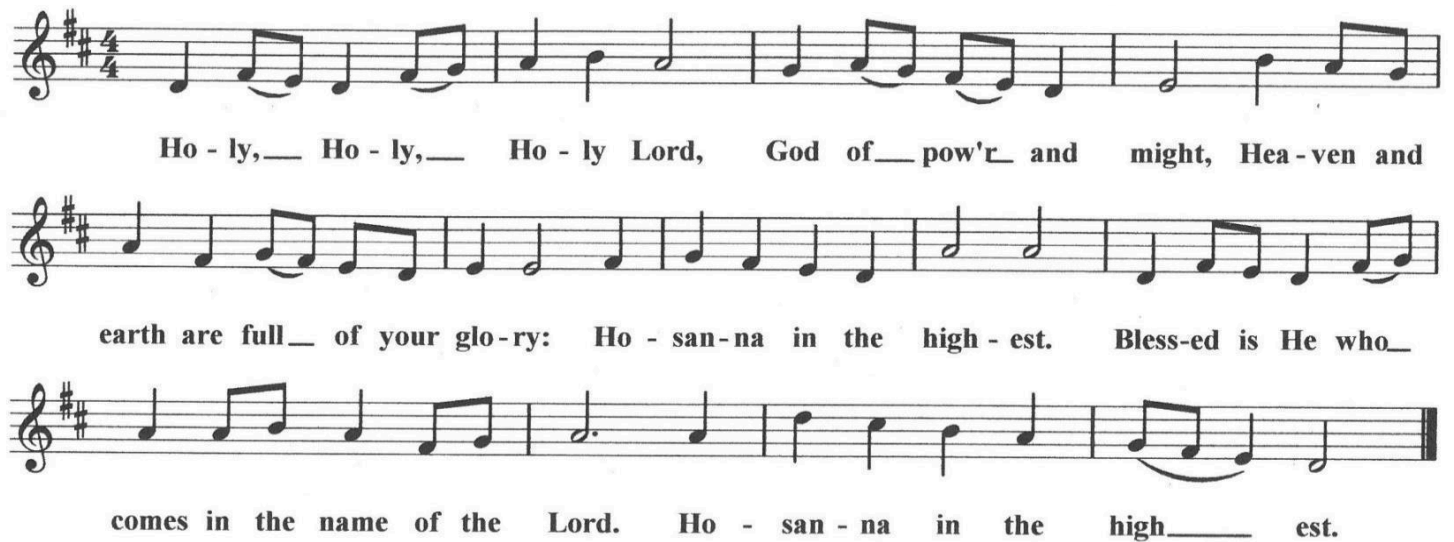
From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing.

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.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friend. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional)*

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM:

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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: *My God, Thy Table is Spread*

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *For the Healing of the Nations*

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned: pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness,

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: *Allegro ma non troppo*

William Rowan



The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Nora and Steve Jones in thanksgiving for their parents.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Eleanor Jameson in honor of her mother, Mary Ida Sprague.

LAY MINISTERS

Acolyte: Sally Withers Chalicerist: James Cannon

Lectors: Hannah Buckner, Jenny Thomas Intercessor: Nancy Lewis

Ushers: Katherine and Todd Kaderabek Greeters: Bea and Jeff Russell

Vestry Member of the Day: Brad Rouse

ELECTRONIC GIVING MADE EASY: Grace Church receives electronic giving via our website at graceavl.com. There is 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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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOAKING PRAYER- BLENDING HOLY SPIRIT AND HOLY SILENCE

"Soaking prayer is a Christian practice that involves resting in God's love and presence through extended period of prayer and meditation. The word "soaking" symbolized how prayer can gradually heal and transform, similar to relaxing in a warm bath. The goal is to let the prayer reach deeper areas that need healing, without the impatience of wanting immediate results."

Join us at Adult Formation as we continue learning about this ministry. Reverend John Rice will educate us on what soaking prayer is and ways to use it for individual prayer ministry and for a parish (public) healing service.

August 4 - Soaking Prayer Exercise and Discussion

August 28- noon - 12:45 - Healing Service

PEW REFRESH IN SANCTUARY

Volunteers are needed Wednesday, July 31st, to lightly wash and sand the tops of the pews. On Friday, August 2nd, we need volunteers to lightly sand the tops to prepare for the second coat. Then, Saturday, August 3rd, we need a few volunteers to help put the books back in the racks. We'll start at 9 am each day, and we'll have a potluck lunch on Wednesday.

Come join us for an hour, or the morning and help spruce up our church! Tools will be provided. Please contact Cheryl Aull (ckauill@charter.net) to sign up!

SECOND SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Join us on August 11th at 9am for breakfast in the Parish Hall. Sponsored by the Outreach Committee, the breakfast will also include a presentation by Compass Point/Homeward Bound.

PIG PICKIN' 2024:

On Saturday, October 5, the Men of the Church, along with anticipated support from the ECW and other volunteers, will have 'to go' Bar'B'Que orders available for pick-up from 5:30 pm to 7:30ish PM.

Our packaged 'to go' menu will include slow cooked pulled pork (\$12/lb or \$45 for 4 lbs), along with side items prepared using favorite 'Southern Living' sponsored recipes (corned bread, cole slaw, and baked beans). A limited quantity of slow cooked Brisket is also planned.

Pricing for the pulled pork and side items will average 75% of what you might pay at Moe's, and the net proceeds from this effort will go to support local outreach and related church needs. Preparation begins at 6 AM, Oct 5, and Grace community volunteers are welcome to join the effort.

Please place your orders soon with Doug McClellan (dougkmcclellan@gmail.com) or Ron Sims (ronjeannesimsd@charter.net).

TAI CHI AT GRACE

The multiple benefits of tai chi for health include improved balance, cognition, and lower extremity strength. Our Beginner's Tai Chi for Arthritis program is endorsed for Fall Prevention by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Join the next 16-week class series from August 7-24 through December 4, 2024, here at Grace. (We

will not meet the week of November 1 due to our Parish Rummage Sale nor the week of November 22 due to Thanksgiving.) Classes are offered on Wednesdays from 1:00-2:00 for Beginners, 2:15-3:00 for Intermediate, and 3:15-4:00 for Advanced participants. Call Anne Plyler for details at 828-712-1150 or check the website and register at: <http://wnctaichiarthritis.com>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The ECW Rummage Sale will be November 2, 2024, 8am until noon in the Parish Hall. Now is the time to start cleaning out those closets, basements and attics! Your donations make our sale possible. Here's some useful information:

Since we no longer have access to the storage house, we can only accept donations in the parish hall during the week prior to the sale. The earlier in the week the better so we will have time to sort and price! Donation hours are:

- Sunday, October 27, immediately after our church service until 1pm.
- Monday, October 28, through Friday, November 1, 9:00am – 3:00pm
- Tuesday, October 29, we will also be accepting donations 5:00-7:00pm

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 7/28 9am	Adult Forum	Parish Hall
Sunday 10:30am	Holy Eucharist Service *	Sanctuary/YouTube**
Mondays, 10:30 am	Monday Morning Bible Study	Zoom **
Monday 1pm	Chair Aerobics	Parish Hall
Tuesdays 6pm	Taize	Sanctuary
Wednesday, 9:30 am	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Library
Wednesdays 1pm	Tai Chi classes	Parish Hall
Wednesdays, 1-3pm	Praying Together with Rev. Milly - <i>by appointment</i>	Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 5:30pm	Centering Prayer	Zoom**
Thursdays, 8am	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake

OUR PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: **Nancy Clark; Eva Dupree; Rusty Herman; Don and Ann Lewis; Nancy Lewis; Cheri Potter; Laura and Tsz-yan (GN) Snyder; Jackie Schauer; Peter Sprague; Lorie Tola; Shannon and Greg Townsend.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Bill Coward; Ed Denison; Dorothy Engel; Eunice Ferguson; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; 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); **Jackie Haines** (sister of Carol Booth); **Jim Kaderabek** (father of Todd Kaderabek); **Chuck McDonald** (brother of Susan Robinson); **Megan; Barney Noble** (son of Joyce and Walt Noble); **Meredith Peppers** (cousin of Carole McClellan); **Lois Wernicke** (mother in law of Louise Cate Wernicke).

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

For Those in the Episcopal Church: **Michael** (our presiding Bishop); **Sean** (our

presiding Bishop elect); **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.

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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.