



Grace Episcopal Church

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

October 27th, 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:

THE ACCLAMATION

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

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

OPENING HYMN: *O Bless the Lord My Soul*

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COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

All **Amen.**

GLORIA

S 280 Powell

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING: JOB 42:1-6, 10-17

Job answered the LORD:

“I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
‘Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?’
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.
‘Hear, and I will speak;
I will question you, and you declare to me.’
I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,
but now my eye sees you;
therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes.”

And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job’s daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children’s children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

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

PSALM 34:1-8, (19-22)

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the LORD;
let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt his Name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him,
and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who trust in him!

Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

He will keep safe all his bones;
not one of them shall be broken.

Evil shall slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

The LORD ransoms the life of his servants,
and none will be punished who trust in him.

THE EPISTLE: HEBREWS 7:23-28

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN: *Amazing Grace*

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

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

THE GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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... 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 the families of Don Lewis and Pete Parker; and for those on the anniversary of their death: Pat Williams; Dixie Algary; Knox Garmany; Carroll Lynn; Mary Jane McCoy; Henry Caldwell; Dave Ely; and Jo Evans....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 life 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:

DOXOLOGY:

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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:

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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 friends. 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:

Cassarino

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us,

There - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia

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: *Just As I Am*

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

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THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE



The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Mary Ann and Bill Warren in Thanksgiving of their wedding anniversary and in loving memory of their parents, Felcie & Junius Warren, Andrew Marion, and Abbiejean Jowers Lynn.

LAY MINISTERS

Acolyte: Sally Withers Chalicerist: Lorie Tola

Lectors: Hannah Buckner, Kristen Dusenbery Intercessor:

Ushers: Ron & Jeanne Sims Greeters: Tahani Sticpewich

Vestry Member of the Day:

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

Taize Music and Prayers Returns

Good news! Our weekly Taize service will resume this coming Tuesday, October 29th, at 6:00pm. Please come and allow yourself a few moments of peace amongst all the distractions of our new un-normal. We look forward to seeing you!

Interment of Ashes for Marion Mayfield Johnson

A service of interment of ashes is scheduled for this coming Wednesday, October 30th, at 11:00 am in the Grace Memorial Garden. Friends and family are invited to attend.

Stewardship in a Time of Uncertainty

We understand Hurricane Helene has hurt members of our community in a variety of ways, and may affect your family's ability to give. If you need to alter your pledge please email the office and we will work with you.

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. John Rice at 828-371-7281, Sunday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., unless it's a pastoral emergency.

Have you Accessed our Online Member Directory? An online directory is available to our members. *If you want to know how to become a member of Grace, please contact the office at office@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 9/29 9am	Children's Sunday School	Atrium
Sunday 9:15 am	Adult Formation	Parish Hall
Sunday 10:30am	Holy Eucharist Service *	Sanctuary
Mondays, 10:30 am	Monday Morning Bible Study	Zoom **
Monday 1pm	Chair Aerobics	Parish Hall
Mondays 3:30-4:30	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	Atrium
Tuesdays 6pm	Taize	Sanctuary
Wednesday, 9:30 am	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Library
Wednesdays 1pm	Tai Chi classes	Parish Hall
Wednesdays, 5:30pm	Centering Prayer	Zoom**
Wednesdays, 6:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursdays, 8am	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake

OUR PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: **Elise and Jim Cassarino; Eva Dupree; Ann Lewis and family; Nancy Lewis; Peter Sprague; Jeff Russell; Jackie Shauer; Laura and Tsz-yan (GN) Snyder; Ed Woeckener.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Bill Coward; 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); **Marcie Coleman** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Glenn Fleishman** (friend of Anne Jarema); **Jackie Haines** (sister of Carol Booth); **Jim Kaderabek** (father of Todd Kaderabek); **Geoff Kirsch** (son of Dodie King); **Tony Lewis**

(friend of Dodie King); **Chuck McDonald** (brother of Susan Robinson); **Megan; Barney Noble** (son of Joyce and Walt Noble); **Meredith Peppers** (cousin of Carole McClellan); **Liz Sides** (friend of Joyce Noble); **Alice Watkins** (friend of Lorie Tola); **Jane Whitman** (friend of Joyce and Walt Noble).

We grieve and pray with the families of: **Don Lewis and Pete Parker**

For those celebrating birthdays: **Earl Leininger; Cleo Doran; Jacob Haller, Thorsten Path**

For those celebrating anniversaries: **Kimberly Kneier and Charles Carter**

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); **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.

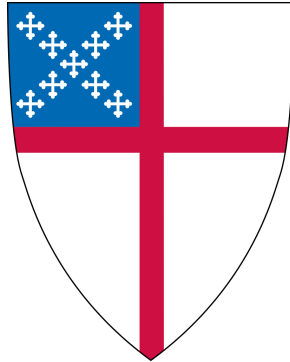
Please go to graceavl.com/spiritual-growth/prayer-ministries/ for more opportunities to request prayer. Get permission from anyone you would like to add to this list and contact our Pastoral Care Ministry at pastoralcare@graceavl.com or contact the church.

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The Right Reverend José McLoughlin, *Bishop*
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Angel Stoudt, *Sexton*
Archie Clarkson, *Tech Director*
Katherine Johnson, *Wedding Coordinator, Office Administrator*

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.



GRACE GREETER MINISTRY

Do you enjoy meeting new people? Do you wish you knew more of your fellow parishioners at Grace? Do you long to be Jesus's feet and hands at work in our parish?

If you respond with "Yes!" to any of these questions, please consider joining the Greeter Ministry. We have gotten wonderful feedback from visitors and newcomers saying how welcome they felt at Grace. Maybe you are new to Grace yourself and would like to "pay it forward" by letting others know they belong at Grace.

All you need for this ministry is to show up at Grace by 10:10 on the Sunday morning you have chosen, don a simple cross that hangs on a red ribbon, and invite people coming into the church to wear their name tags or allow you to make them a stick-on tag. Your warm welcome goes even further when you invite them to join us at the coffee hour, and then join them there to chat and introduce them to other parishioners. Such a simple but vital and rewarding ministry! We hope you'll join us!

For more information or to join the ministry, please email Diane Wilkey at the.wilkeys@gmail.com