



Grace Episcopal Church

The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

June 8, 2025

10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Veni Sancte Spiritus*

Alfred Fedak

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: *Hail Thee, Festival Day*

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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. **Amen.**

Gloria

Austin/Cassarino

Glory to God in the Highest and peace to his people 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 seated 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 Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and

it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares,,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.
Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.
And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.
The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.
Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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

PSALM 104: 25-35, 37 (Spoken in unison)

O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
Yonder is the great and wide sea
with its living things too many to number, *
creatures both small and great.
There move the ships,
and there is that Leviathan, *
which you have made for the sport of it.
All of them look to you *
to give them their food in due season.
You give it to them; they gather it; *
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
You hide your face, and they are terrified; *
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.
You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; *
and so you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; *
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.
He looks at the earth and it trembles; *
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; *
I will praise my God while I have my being.
May these words of mine please him; *
I will rejoice in the LORD.
Bless the LORD, O my soul. *
Hallelujah!

THE EPISTLE: Romans 8: 14-17

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.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN: *Holy Spirit, Ever Living*

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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 14: 8-17, (25-27)

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

["I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."]

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

THE HOMILY

The Reverend John Rice

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 word;’s 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: Tim Collins; Suana

Gentry; Ashley Israel; Anne Jarema; Geoff Kirsch; Bob Kistler; Wayne & Laura

Parton; Guy Sayles; Becky & Bill Smith; Laura, Tsz-yan (G-Yen) and Roger Snyder;

Tom Wolff....Are there others?

In your mercy

People **Come, Holy Spirit.**

And for those celebrating birthdays: Matt Engelbrect, Sally Withers, Sean Green, Janet McKenzie, Michelle Janson Foltz, Courtney Booth, June Thorne, Allyn Aldrich, Adaire Marshall, Chloe Lyda, Robert Townsend, Georgia Hamrick Snead.
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 Bill Mooney, Al Seale
Comfort those who mourn.

We pray especially for those on the anniversary of their deaths: Daintry Allison, Jo Herman, Roger Lyda, Finley Tynes, Hamilton Gregory, Rosalie Jenkins, Irv Richards, Doreen Robert, Nellie Waalen, Hazel Keller, Katherine Lawler, Emil O. Stahl, Catherine Lamm, Larry McDuff...and for those that still grieve them...Are 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: *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

K. Lee Scott

DOXOLOGY Old One Hundredth

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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SANCTUS:

James P. Cassarino



Ho - ly, — Ho - ly, — Ho - ly Lord, God of — pow' — 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



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 (*gluten free wafers available upon request*)

COMMUNION HYMN: *Come Down, O Love Divine*

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

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DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: *Pentecost Dance*

Alfred Fedak



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

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Lorie Tola in loving memory of her brothers, John and Peter Tola.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Pat & George Davis in loving memory of their son Mike, and daughter Kelli.

LAY MINISTERS

Acolyte: Steve Birkhofer Lectors: Tim Collins, Kristen Dusebery

Intercessor: Sally Withers Chalicerist: Jack Frue

Ushers: Todd & Katherine Kaderabek

Greeters: Jennifer Witt, Ginny Moser

Coffee Hour: Bea Russell Streaming: James Cannon

Vestry Member of the Day: Paul Vest

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

We offer the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for our children *Sundays between 9:00 and 10:15 a.m.*, (through June 8), and at an additional *Monday afternoon class offered from 3:30-4:30 p.m.* Children may attend either one or both at any time. Contact Shannon Townsend for a tour, or further information at gstownsend@att.net or 828-713-5081.

PubSing

The next PubSing happens this afternoon, June 8th. We will meet at the *Cork & Keg* in Downtown Asheville.

Come join us to lift your voice in song from 3:00-5:00.

For more information contact Monty Wooten at montywooten@bellsouth.net.

Adult Formation Class: *Loving the Questions*

Join us at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Hall, to explore the Nicene Creed with Fr. Tim, using the book, *Loving the Questions*, by Marianne H. Micks. The book is available for \$11.00 in the Parish Hall. If you need financial assistance, just call the office and let us know. All are welcome.

Men of the Church Monthly Meeting

Men of the Church will meet Tuesday, June 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. For more information, contact Jack Frue at terri@frue.net.

Donation Information for the ECW Rummage Sale coming this Fall

ECW will be holding a rummage sale on **Saturday, November 8, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon**. We are grateful for your donations which make our sale possible. 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. Times for donating items will be provided closer to the sale. *Are you doing some spring cleaning?* Remember to hold items you think could be sold at our sale! Look for a flyer with items to be donated in the church foyer.

Tai Chi for Health

The 8-week summer series of Tai Chi for Health meets on Wednesdays from June 25 to August 13 in the Parish Hall. Beginner classes are from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Intermediate classes are from 2:15 to 3:00 p.m., and Advanced classes are from 3:15 to 4:00 p.m. **This summer, Grace parishioners who wear their Grace-issued Name Tags when attending their first class receive a 50% discount on their first series of classes.** For more information, or to register for classes online, please check the website for WNC Tai Chi for Health: wnctaichiarthritis.com.

Coffee Hour Help Needed

You're depending on others to take care of this important ministry. Are they depending on you? Please consider sharing your gifts with us as a Coffee Hour Host. For more information, contact Beth Hill at ehill3600@gmail.com or 828-550-4352.

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 FrJohn@graceavl.com. You can also email, text or call Fr. John Rice at 828-371-7281.

If you are the last person to leave the church building, before you set the alarm, please make sure ceiling fans are turned off, windows are closed and outside doors are securely pulled shut and locked. Then, you can engage the alarm system to the "Armed Away" option and leave the building. If you have questions, contact Kim at kimhys53@gmail.com.

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Monday Morning Bible Study: *Mondays at 10:30 a.m.*

Guided by Fr. Tim, we study the scriptures for the upcoming Sunday service. Please join us virtually by clicking on the button at graceavl.com.

Taizé: *Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.*

Weekly Taizé services are held in the sanctuary. Healing prayer is offered throughout the service for oneself or on behalf of someone else. For more information on Taizé at Grace visit: graceavl.com/taize-grace.

Women Walking the Way: *Thursdays at 8:20 a.m.*

Meet at the Bird Sanctuary parking lot by Beaver Lake. For more information, contact Ann Lewis at annaflewis7@gmail.com or call her at 815-441-2282.

GRACE'S PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: **Tim Collins; Suana Gentry; Ashley Israel; Anne Jarema; Geoff Kirsch; Bob Kistler; Wayne & Laura Parton; Guy Sayles; Becky & Bill Smith; Laura, Tsz-yan (G-Yen) and Roger Snyder; Tom Wolff.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Ed Denison; Nancy Sink; Rita Spragg.**

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

Geraldine Allen (aunt of Carole McClellan); **Allen** (brother of Cheryl Aull); **Rachel & Judah Benjamin** (friends of Gary Coffey); **Bob Brennan** (relative of Anne Jarema); **Molly Breslin** (friend of Gary Coffey); **Christa Bridgman** (friend of Ginny Moser); **Gabriel & Lara Brongel & family** (grandson and daughter of Jackie Schauer); **Marcie Coleman** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Deanna Glasner** (friend of Ginny Moser); **Cherry Howe** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Tom Hunnicutt** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Nancy Hutchins** (friend of Eleanor Jameson); **Kathleen** (friend of Ginny Moser); **Sally Mackay** (mother of Lesley Heiser); **Bunky Manship** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Daniel McRee** (son of Fr. Timothy McRee) and **David** (partner of Daniel McRee); **Megan** (friend of George & Pat Davis); **Barney Noble** (son of Joyce & Walt Noble); **Diana Noble** (daughter of Walt & Joyce Nobel); **Kathleen Peacock** (friend of Pat & George Davis); **Meredith Peppers** (cousin of Carole McClellan); **Kip & Val Pritchard** (friends of Cliff); **Peter John Rouse, Sr.** (grandfather of Mike Vines); **Anne Spruance; Wiley Thornton** (cousin of Carol McClellan); **Tomlinson Family; Wayne Wheeler & Family** (friends of Bea & Jeff Russell).

For the recently deceased: **Bill Mooney, Al Seale.**

For those celebrating birthdays: **Matt Engelbrect, Sally Withers, Sean Green, Janet McKenzie, Michelle Janson Foltz, Courtney Booth, June Thorne, Allyn Aldrich, Adaire Marshall, Chloe Lyda, Robert Townsend, Georgia Hamrick Snead.**

For those celebrating anniversaries: **Todd & Katherine Kaderabek.**

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

For Those in the Episcopal Church: **Sean** (our presiding Bishop); **José** (our Bishop); **the clergy, vestry, staff, ministries, and people of this parish;** in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **The Anglican Church of Kenya**, and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, **Trinity Church, Spruce Pine, and Trinity, Asheville.**

For our Nation and the Wider World: For the President and his Cabinet; for Congress; and for our country; for victims of violence around the world; for local agencies and those who work for relief of the poor; for stewardship of the environment; for resolution of crises throughout our world.



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