



## Grace Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 29, 2025

10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE:** *Six Short Preludes & Intermezzi: Andante sostenuto*

Hermann Schroeder

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

### THE ACCLAMATION

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

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

**OPENING HYMN:** *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

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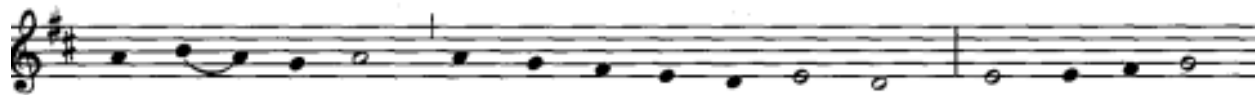
**COLLECT FOR PURITY**



1. Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,



we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,



on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



4. you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.



6. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



7. 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.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST LESSON: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

The LORD said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place."

So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 16 (Spoken in unison)

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other."

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.  
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the LORD always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

### **THE EPISTLE: Galatians 5:1, 13-25**

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

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

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

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

### **THE GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62**

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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

### **THE HOMILY**

The Reverend Timothy McRee

### **THE NICENE CREED** *(standing)*

**BCP 358**

### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Lector* The people shall 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'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:  
Joan & Allyn Aldrich, Suana Gentry, Anne Jarema, Bob Kistler, Lynda McCredie,  
Wayne & Laura Parton, Anne Plyler, Cheri Potter, The Reverend Jim Rains, The  
Reverend Guy Sayles, Becky & Bill Smith, Laura, Tsz-yan (G-Yen) and Roger Snyder,  
Ed & Marla Woeckener...Are there others?

In your mercy,

*People*     **Come, Holy Spirit.**

*Lector*

For those celebrating birthdays: Mickey Trinite, Rebecca Alford, Debbie Jones, LuAnn Harris, Sonny Rawls, Eva Dupree; and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Johnny & Susan Robinson.

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 Rachel Benjamin.  
Comfort those who mourn.

We pray especially for those on the anniversary of their deaths, especially: Jody Tillotson, Lawson Withers, Dot Fluharty, Sarah Garmany, Fred Laube, Albert Hargrove, Bertha Powers, Jean Bantin, Robert Maloney, Anne Smith, Dot Morgan, Pat Woodard, Dick Webster, and for those that still grieve them...Are there others?

In your mercy,

*People*      **Come, Holy Spirit.**

*Lector*

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.**

### **A Prayer for Discernment**

Most gracious and loving God; we, the people and Vestry of Grace Church come before you as we enter this period of discernment which will culminate in the choosing and calling of our next priest and pastor. We pray that you would unite us in heart, mind and spirit as we engage this work together. We pray especially for our Vestry as they enter into conversations and discussions with the candidates whom you will send to us. Pour into them the Spirit's gifts of Wisdom and Discernment. May they be so guided by your will and your Grace that they will prayerfully choose the one that you have chosen to come among us as our Shepherd, priest and pastor. We ask these things in the Holy Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

**THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

**BCP 360**

## Commissioning of Lay Eucharistic Visitors

*Clergy* I present (names) to the congregation of Grace Episcopal Church for the ministry of Lay Eucharistic Visitor. Each of these individuals have been called and equipped to bring the sacrament of Holy Communion to the home bound and hospitalized of this parish.

*People* **We celebrate your call as a Lay Eucharistic Visitor. Take our love and the love and joy of Christ to those who are unable to be with us. We promise to support you with our prayers and to let you know of parishioners who may need and welcome your home communion visits.**

*Clergy* Let us pray. Grant, Almighty God, that those who minister the Bread of Life and cup of blessing may live in love and holiness according to your commandment, and at the last come to the joy of your heavenly feast with all your saints in light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

### 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 Music:** *Follow me, the Savior Spake*

Sigfried Karg-Eler

### DOXOLOGY

Old 100th

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

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

BCP 361



## SANCTUS

S-124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en 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.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Traditional)*

BCP 364

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

## FRACTION ANTHEM

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(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.)

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*(gluten free wafers available upon request)*

COMMUNION: *My Song is Lone Unknown*  
*Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love*

verses 1, 2, & 7 of **458**  
**467**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

**Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors**

*When a Eucharistic Minister is to be sent forth, the following is said*

*Celebrant* In the name of God and this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood.

*People* **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread and one cup.**

THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

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DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: *Six Short Preludes & Intermezzi: Poco vivace*

Hermann Schroeder



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 Barbara Lassiter in loving memory of Dennis C. Lassiter.



## LAY MINISTERS

Soloist: Kristen Dusenbery

Acolyte: Lorie Tola Lectors: Hannah Buckner, Kristen Dusenbery

Intercessor: Elaine Potter Chalicerist: Elaine Potter

Presenters: Lucy & Charlie Rhodes

Ushers: George & Pat Davis Greeters: Cheryl Aull, Jeff Russell

Coffee Hour: Bea Russell Streaming: Ben Scales

Vestry Member of the Day: Rusty McCredie

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Retirement Reception Honoring Patty Mouer**

Please join St. Luke's Asheville in honoring the Reverend Patty Mouer on Saturday, July 12 from 1:00 - 3:30 p.m. as she retires after 32 years in ministry and 20 years at St. Luke's. Several of those years in ministry were spent at Grace! RSVP to [office@stlukesavl.org](mailto:office@stlukesavl.org).

### **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 that can be donated in the church foyer.

### **Flower Donor Needed for July 13**

Would you like to donate flowers for the altar to honor or remember a loved one or highlight an important event? Please consider donating flowers on July 13. Contact Jennifer Witt at [jmwitt5384@gmail.com](mailto:jmwitt5384@gmail.com).

### **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](mailto:FrJohn@graceavl.com). You can also email, text or call Fr. John Rice at 828-371-7281.

### **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 Bea Russell at [bsrussell46@gmail.com](mailto:bsrussell46@gmail.com) or 828-775-4304.

## Help Us!

**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, please 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](http://graceavl.com). We will take a break for the summer after tomorrow's meeting.

**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](http://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](mailto:annaflewis7@gmail.com) or call her at 815-441-2282.

## GRACE'S PRAYER LIST

*For Parishioners:* **Joan & Allyn Aldrich, Suana Gentry, Anne Jarema, Bob Kistler, Lynda McCredie, Wayne & Laura Parton, Cheri Potter, The Reverend Jim Rains, The Reverend Guy Sayles, Becky & Bill Smith, Laura, Tsz-yan (G-Yen) and Roger Snyder, Ed & Marla Woeckener.**

*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); **Judah Benjamin** (friend 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); **Judy Wells Mayhan** (friend of Rusty Herman); **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:* **Rachel Benjamin.**

*For those celebrating birthdays:* **Mickey Trinite, Rebecca Alford, Debbie Jones, LuAnn Harris, Sonny Rawls, Eva Dupree.**

*For those celebrating anniversaries:* **Johnny & Susan Robinson.**

*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); **John Davids** (nephew of Elaine Potter); **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, we pray for **the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)** and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, **Church of Our Saviour, Lincoln.**

*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.



— **Grace's Mission Statement** —

At Grace Church we seek to live as a community of Christians where the empowering presence of the living God may be encountered in our welcome to all, in our love and service to each other and in reaching out to share God's love in the world.



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