



Grace Episcopal Church

The First Sunday after Pentecost:
Trinity Sunday

June 15, 2025

10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Improvisation on NICAEA*

Alfred Fedak

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

THE ACCLAMATION

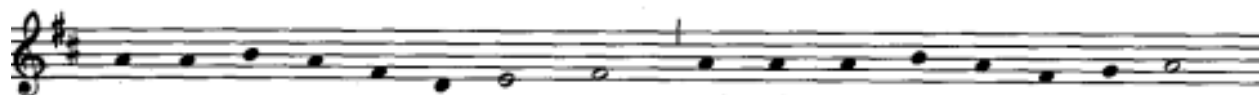
Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

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

OPENING HYMN: *Holy, Holy, Holy!*

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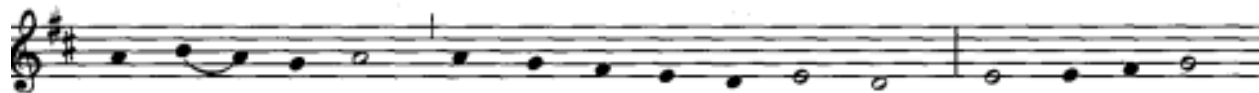
COLLECT FOR PURITY



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: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Does not wisdom call,
and does not understanding raise her voice?
On the heights, beside the way,
at the crossroads she takes her stand;
beside the gates in front of the town,
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
"To you, O people, I call,
and my cry is to all that live.
The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of long ago.
Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.
When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.
Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth--
when he had not yet made earth and fields,
or the world's first bits of soil.
When he established the heavens, I was there,
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,
when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,
when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,
then I was beside him, like a master worker;
and I was daily his delight,
rejoicing before him always,
rejoicing in his inhabited world
and delighting in the human race."

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

PSALM 8 (Spoken in unison)

O LORD our Governor, *

how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Out of the mouths of infants and children *

your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *

to quell the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

What is man that you should be mindful of him? *

the son of man that you should seek him out?

You have made him but little lower than the angels; *

you adorn him with glory and honor;

You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *

you put all things under his feet:

All sheep and oxen, *

even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *

and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

O LORD our Governor, *

how exalted is your Name in all the world!

THE EPISTLE: Romans 5:1-5

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL HYMN: *I Bind unto Myself Today*

1 I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong name
of the Trin - i - ty by in - vo - ca - tion
of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.

2 I bind this day to me for - ev - er, by pow'r of
3 I bind un - to my - self to - day . . the vir - tues
faith, Christ's in - car - na - tion, his bap - tism in the
of the star - lit heav - en, the glo - rious sun's life -
Jor - dan Riv - er, his cross of death for my sal - va - tion, his
giv - ing ray, . . the white - ness of the moon at e - ven, the
burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb, his rid - ing
flash - ing of the light - ning free, the whirl - ing
up the heav'n - ly way, his com - ing at the
wind's tem - pes - tuous shocks, the sta - ble earth, the
day of doom, I bind un - to my - self to - day.
deep salt sea, a - round the old e - ter - nal rocks.

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

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

THE GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

Jesus said to the disciples, "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord

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

THE HOMILY

The Reverend Timothy McRee

THE NICENE CREED (*standing*)

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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:
Tim Collins; Suana Gentry; Anne Jarema; Wayne & Laura Parton;
Cheri Potter; The Reverend Jim Rains, Guy Sayles; Becky & Bill Smith; Laura,
Tsz-yan (G-Yen) and Roger Snyder; Tom Wolff; Ed & Marla Woeckener....Are there
others?

In your mercy,

People **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Lector

Gracious God, let us pray for the newly baptized,
especially Jackson and Samara,
that the Spirit may guide them
in lives of active faith.

In your mercy,

People **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Lector

For those celebrating birthdays: Katherine Johnson, Hugh Vaughn, Tony Wilkey,
Helen Dreger, Elizabeth Turner, Scott Brigman Carter,
Hayden Israel, and Stephen Karla;
and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially The Reverend Alex and
Kippy Comfort; and The Reverend Jim and Sharon Rains.

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, and Rachel Benjamin.

Comfort those who mourn. We pray especially for those on the anniversary of their deaths, especially: Elsie Bennett, Oz Herman, Zilla Kinyon, Clara Carter, Carl Dahm, Ruth Higgins, Sonny Enloe, Anna Churchill, Tom Israel, Joan Cook, Jack Woodhouse Jr., 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.**

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 Hymn: *Holy God We Praise Thy Name*

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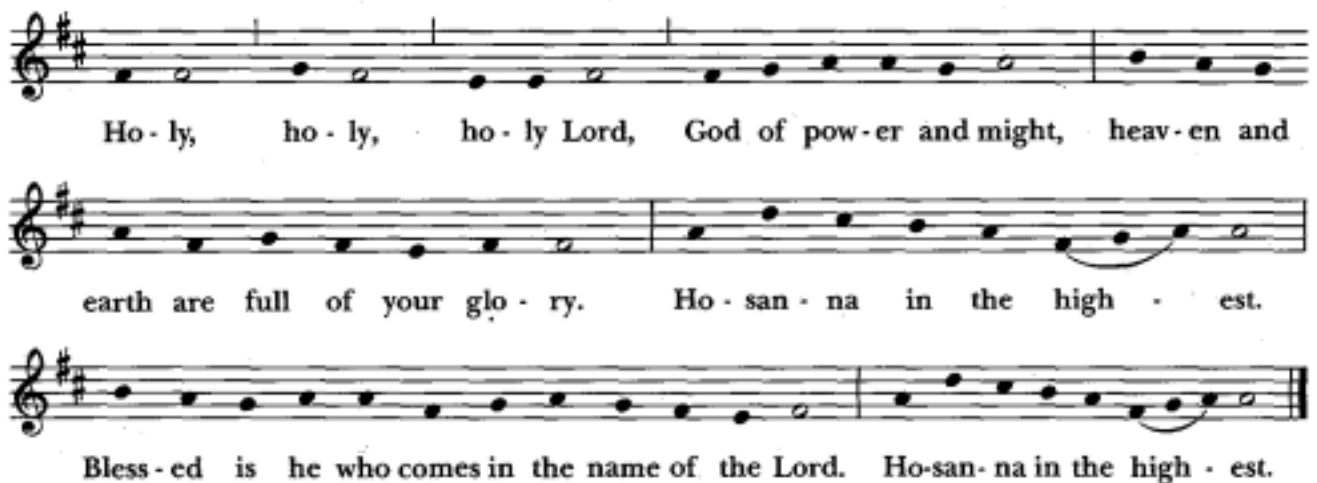
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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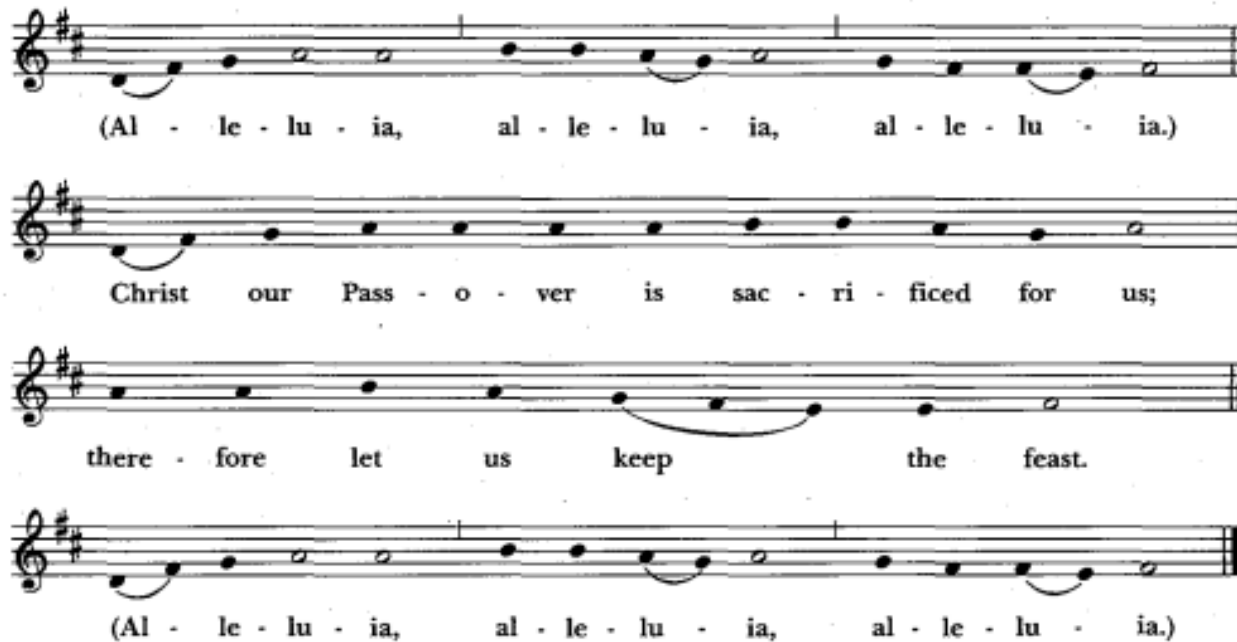
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Traditional*)

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD



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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

(gluten free wafers available upon request)

COMMUNION: *Chorale Prelude on NICAEA*

Charles Callaha

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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THE BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN: *Holy Father, Great Creator*

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DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: *Come, Thou Almighty King*

Paul Laubengayer



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 Louise Cate Wernicke in loving memory of her parents, Louise Manget and Thomas M. Cate, Sr., and of her brother, Thomas M. Cate, Jr.



LAY MINISTERS

Acolyte: Susan Robinson Lectors: Kristen Dusenbery, Bonnie Kistler

Intercessor: Kim Hayes Chalicerist: James Cannon

Ushers: Elaine Potter, Kyle Rhodes & family Greeters: Kim Hayes

Coffee Hour: Jennifer Witt, Carol Lentz Streaming: Ben Scales

Vestry Member of the Day: Elaine Potter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Thank-You for our Choir

As we brought the Grace Church Choir season to a close last Sunday, I wish to express my deepest gratitude to each and every member of our parish choir. Their dedication, talent, and unwavering commitment to our music ministry made this past year truly special.

Week after week, members of the choir offered their voices in worship - not just with skill, but with heart and spirit. Whether leading hymns, preparing anthems, or lifting the congregation in song during the seasons of Christmas and Easter, they faithfully shared the gift of music as an offering to God and a blessing to the Grace Church community.

I thank the choir and our faithful organist, Dr. Cathy Adkins for their time, energy, and joyful presence. It has been a privilege to serve alongside them, and I look forward to what the next season in the fall will bring.

With heartfelt appreciation, Dr. James P. Cassarino, Music Director

Why are the Bulletins White? It's Ordinary Time!

Although "ordinary time" is not used in the Prayer Book, the season after Pentecost can be considered ordinary time, or the long green season (due to the color of this segment of the liturgical year). So during this more relaxed time that's free from feasts and high holy days, we are going to practice good stewardship and use up old white paper and save the newer ecru stock for later in the liturgical year.

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Wrap-up for the Wednesday Evening Lenten Series

Our Lenten series has been, *Does Jesus Still Heal Today?* which concludes on Wednesday, June 25 at 6:15 p.m. A special fish fry supper will be offered for all at 5:30. ***Bring your favorite sides and dessert.*** All are welcome for supper and to stay on to listen and participate in the important topic of forgiveness, especially in how it impacts our health and wellbeing.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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; Anne Jarema; Wayne & Laura Parton; Cheri Potter; The Reverend Jim Rains; Guy Sayles; Becky & Bill Smith; Laura, Tsz-yan (G-Yen) and Roger Snyder; Tom Wolff, 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); **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, Rachael Benjamin.**

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For those celebrating anniversaries: **The Reverend Alex & Kippy Comfort; The Reverend Jim & Sharon Rains.**

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, we pray for **La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico;** and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, **Camp Henry;** and **all the children and youth of the diocese.**

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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