



## Grace Episcopal Church

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Jason Payne

*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:** *Praise to the Lord, Almighty*

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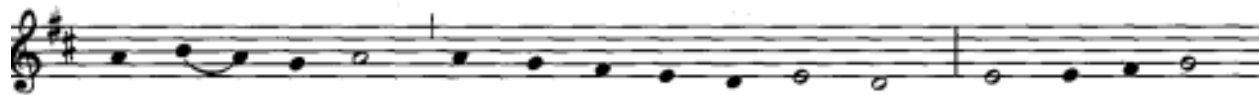
**Collect for Purity**



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: Amos 7:7-17**

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by;  
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

`Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.'"

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

"Now therefore hear the word of the LORD.

You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel,  
and do not preach against the house of Isaac.'

Therefore thus says the LORD:

`Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city,  
and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword,  
and your land shall be parceled out by line;  
you yourself shall die in an unclean land,  
and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

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

**Psalm 82** (*Spoken antiphonally*)

God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*  
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:

"How long will you judge unjustly, \*  
and show favor to the wicked?

Save the weak and the orphan; \*  
defend the humble and needy;

Rescue the weak and the poor; \*  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.  
They do not know, neither do they understand;

they go about in darkness; \*  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \*  
and all of you children of the Most High;

Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*  
and fall like any prince."

Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \*  
for you shall take all nations for your own.

**The Epistle: Colossians 1:1-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

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

**Gospel Hymn:** *In Christ there is no East or West*

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

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

**The Gospel: Luke 10:25-37**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God

with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

*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: Form II**

**BCP 385**

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

*Lector*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops; for this gathering; for all ministers and people; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Church of North India (United), and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, the church of St. Alban's, Hickory.  
Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

*Lector*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

*Lector*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. I ask for those who have requested our prayers and support today, especially: Joan & Allyn Aldrich, Suana Gentry, Anne Jarema, 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, Alex & Briar Thwaites, Ed & Marla Woeckener, ...Are there others?

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

*Lector*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

*Lector*

I ask your prayers for the recently departed, especially Harrison Bush, Micki Kaderabek and Barbara Toth.

Comfort those who mourn.

*Silence*

*Lector*

I ask your thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays, especially Shari Lane, John Woodson, Bobbie Blackburn, Laura Walters, Cole Woodcox, Kate Janson Foltz, Barron Burhans, Fred Newton, Ingrid Adelsbach; and for those

celebrating anniversaries, especially George & Pat Davis, Garrett & Katherine Johnson, Jeremy & Emily Borghere McGowan, The Reverends John & Debra Rice, Lani Anderson & Peg O'Hagan, Tom Schram & Suzie Dittenber.

*Silence*

*Lector*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially Carroll Gray, Lib Weaver, Sarah Overby, Patricia Regal, Marietta Roberson, Rhoda Larsen, Rick Johnson, and Joan Sanderson, on the anniversary of their deaths, and for those that still grieve them...Are there others?

Pray that we may have the grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

### **A Prayer for Discernment**

*Celebrant (in unison)*

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**

### **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:** *Hast Thou Not Known?*

Robert F. Smith

**Doxology**

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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 C**

BCP 369

**Sanctus**

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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.

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

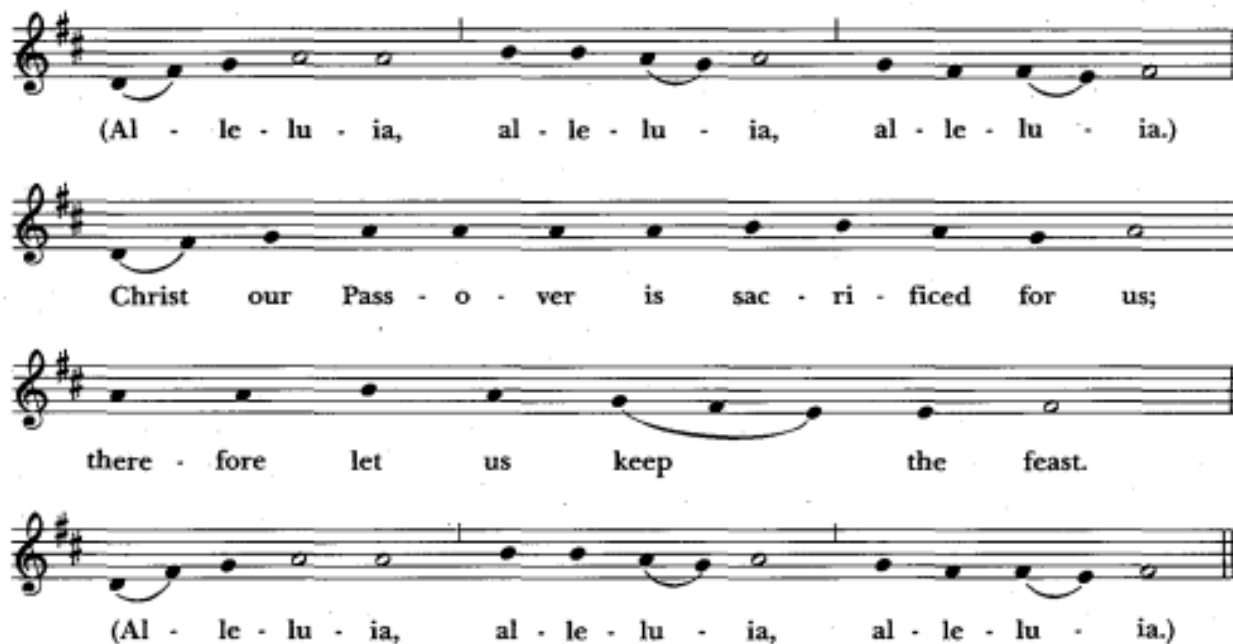
**The Lord's Prayer** (*Traditional*)

BCP 364

**The Breaking of the Bread**

## Fraction Anthem

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

## Invitation to Communion

*(gluten free wafers available upon request)*

**Communion Hymn:** *I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord*

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**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:** *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

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## Dismissal

**Postlude:** *Final*

Gerald Near



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

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Pat & George  
Davis in thanksgiving for their 62nd anniversary.



### LAY MINISTERS

Soloist: Hannah Buckner

Acolyte: Greg Townsend Lectors: John Woodson, Hannah Buckner

Intercessor: Kristen Dusenbery Chalicer: Susan Robinson

Presenters: Kristen Dusenbery, Beth Woodson

Ushers: Todd & Katherine Kaderabek Greeters: Ginny Moser, Jennifer Witt

Coffee Hour: George Bottiger Streaming: James Cannon

Vestry Member of the Day: Kim Hayes

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PubSing

The next Gospel PubSing will be **this afternoon, July 13**. We will meet at the **Cork & Keg** in downtown Asheville. If you had fun this past Sunday, when our Pubsing band provided music for worship, you'll love this fun, informal get-together. Come join us to lift your voice in song from **3:00-5:00 p.m.** For more information contact Monty Wooten at [montywooten@bellsouth.net](mailto:montywooten@bellsouth.net).

## **How We Can Help in response to the flooding in Texas**

For many of us, the news of the flooding and rising death toll in the Texas Hill Country hits close to home and stirs up reminders of fear and loss from our involvement with Helene. We also know from experience that one of the most practical ways to help is to give generously. Please prayerfully consider giving as you are able to the Diocese of West Texas, which is coordinating the Episcopal response to this terrible disaster. Visit them at [www.dwtx.org](http://www.dwtx.org) to find their flood relief donation page.

## **Calling all Crafters and Cleaners**

Can you wield a hot glue gun? Scissors? Do a little embroidery? Or do you prefer to clean? Or pull a few weeds? On **Saturday, July 19 from 9:00 a.m - noon**, we'll have a cleaning, gardening and crafting day. What will get done? Deep clean the foyer, the open closets and the stairwell. Pull weeds in our gardens. Crafts will help make 100 Pentecost sticks, make a few veils for crosses, and embroider simple letter labels on them. Bring a sandwich and a side or dessert to share. We'll provide the drinks. For more details, or to add to the list, please contact Shannon Townsend at [gstownsend@att.net](mailto:gstownsend@att.net).

## **Annual Back-to-School Supply Drive**

Local foster children, ages K - College, could use our help. Can you donate a box of crayons, pencils and erasers, a calculator, paper, notebooks, backpacks? The deadline for donations is August 10. Check the church foyer for a flier listing needed items, or find it in the Growing in Grace Newsletter.

## **Donation Information for the ECW Rummage Sale**

ECW is holding its 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. We will 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 summer cleaning?* Remember to hold items you think could be sold at our sale. Look for the flyer listing acceptable donations in the church foyer.

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

## **WEEKLY GATHERINGS**

**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, Lynda McCredie, Wayne & Laura Parton, Anne Plyler, Cheri Potter, The Reverend Jim Rains, The Reverend Guy Sayles, Becky & Bill Smith, Alex & Briar Thwaites, 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; Walt & Joyce Noble.**

*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); **Janet Hutchings** (friend of Lucy & Larry Bowen); **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); **Keven Randall** (friend of Ron & Jeanne Sims); **Peter John Rouse, Sr.** (grandfather of Mike Vines); **Anne Spruance**; **Wiley Thornton** (cousin of Carol McClellan); **Tomlinson Family**; **Stephanie Tugurian** (daughter of Ron & Jeanne Sims); **Wayne Wheeler & Family** (friends of Bea & Jeff Russell).

*For the recently deceased:* **Harrison Bush, Micki Kaderabek, and Barbara Toth.**

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*For Those in Service to Our Country:* **Tommy Brown** (grandson of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **Matt & Martha Cardenas** (daughter & 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 North India (United), and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, the church of St. Alban's, Hickory.*

*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**

*Grace Church exists as a diverse community of the Body of Christ, to serve Jesus Christ our Lord. Our mission is to nurture and develop each individual to reach out and share God's love.*



### **Grace Episcopal Church**

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The Right Reverend José McLoughlin, *Bishop*

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