



Grace Episcopal Church

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 27, 2025

10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Our Father in Heaven*

G.P. Telemann

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: *Morning Has Broken*

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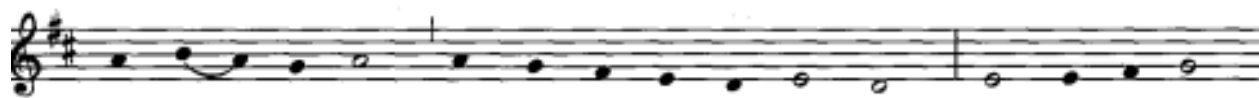
Collect for Purity



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: Genesis 18:20-32

The LORD said to Abraham, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake."

Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

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

Psalm 138 (*Spoken antiphonally*)

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

The Epistle: Colossians 2:6-15

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you

were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

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Gospel Hymn: *Our Father, By Whose Name*

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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 11:1-13

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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

The Homily

The Reverend Debra Rice

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 Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, St. James, Black Mountain, St. James, Hendersonville, and St. James, Lenoir.
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, Todd Kaderabek, Wayne & Laura Parton, Anne Plyler, Cheri Potter, 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 Micki Kaderabek, Janet Hutchings, and Barbara Toth.

Comfort those who mourn.

Silence

Lector

I ask your thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays, especially Pam Maney, Patrick Walters, Kippy Comfort, Keegan Lyda, Patrick Young, Ed Denison, John King, and Barry Maney.

Silence

Lector

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially Sarah Lawrence, Dennis Welborn, Bob Hageman, and Agnes Henry, 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 Anthem: *How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely*

Hal Hopson

Doxology

Old 100th

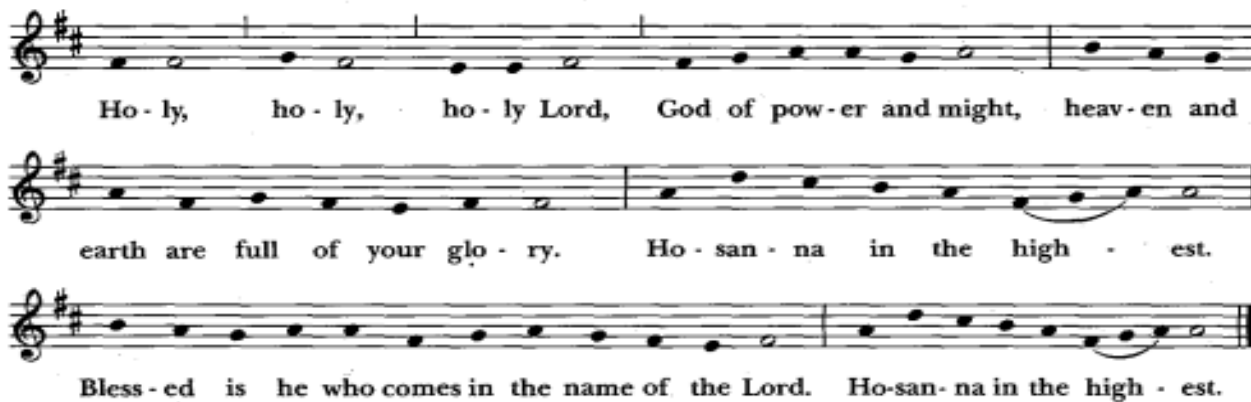
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

Sanctus

S-124



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

The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional*)

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

S-154



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

Invitation to Communion

(gluten free wafers available upon request)

Communion Music: *Canticle of the Turning*

Irish/arr. Rory Cooney

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: *All Creatures of Our God and King* (vs 1-4)

400

Dismissal



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 Eleanor Jameson
in honor of her parents, Mary Ida and Peter Sprague.



LAY MINISTERS

Soloist: Elise Cassarino

Acolyte: Sally Withers Lectors: Alex Thwaites, Sarah Howard

Intercessor: Cliff Albertson Chalicerist: James Cannon

Presenters: Jennifer Witt, Lorie Tola

Ushers: Kyle Rhodes & family Greeters: Diane Wilkey, Lorie Tola

Coffee Hour: Kim Hayes, Briar Thwaites, Sara Howard Streaming: Ben Scales

Vestry Member of the Day: Brad Rouse

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Request from Grace's Pastoral Care Team

Please reach out to us with any pastoral care needs that you, or your family, may have, by emailing the team at FrJohn@graceavl.com. That way we have a written request that we can share with the team and the office, as needed.

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 to find their flood relief donation page.

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.

Flower Donor Needed for August 31

Would you like to honor a loved one? Please consider making a donation to cover the Altar flowers on Sunday, August 31. Contact Jennifer Witt, jmwitt5384@gmail.com, for more information.

2025 Asheville Episcopal House Build

Thank you for your support of the next Asheville Episcopal House, scheduled for construction starting in August. The Gomez-Flores family are the approved future homeowners of Episcopal House 16. Their four-bedroom home will be built in the New Heights neighborhood, located in West Asheville. If you haven't already signed up to volunteer, please contact George Bottiger, gbottiger70@gmail.com or 828-206-3796. George is our Habitat contact at Grace, so look for him during Coffee Hour, too. Thank you for supporting Habitat's efforts to build homes, communities, and hope. They can't do it without us!

ECW Rummage Sale

The ECW's rummage sale is **Saturday, November 8, from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon**. Remember to hold onto suitable items until closer to the sale. Look for the donation flyer in the church foyer.

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.

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.

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: **Joan & Allyn Aldrich, Suana Gentry, Anne Jarema, Todd Kaderabek, Wayne & Laura Parton, Anne Plyler, Cheri Potter, 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); **Tom Hunnicutt** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Nancy Hutchens** (friend of Eleanor Jameson); **Jill Franklin** (friend of Rusty Herman); **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).

For the recently deceased: **Micki Kaderabek, Janet Hutchings, and Barbara Toth.**

For those celebrating birthdays: **Pam Maney, Patrick Walters, Kippy Comfort, Keegan Lyda, Patrick Young, Ed Denison, John King, Barry Maney.**

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 Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea**, and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, **St. James, Black Mountain, St. James, Hendersonville, and St. James, Lenoir.**

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.



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The Reverend Timothy McRee, The Reverend John Rice, *Clergy*

James Cassarino, *Director of Music*

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Katie Douglas, *Finance Manager*

Angel Stoudt, *Sexton*