



Grace Episcopal Church

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

November 9, 2025

10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Voluntary in G Major*

William Walond

The Acclamation

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

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

Opening Hymn: *Love divine, all loves excelling*

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Collect for Purity

Gloria

Cassarino

Glory to God in the Highest and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, Heavenly King, Almighty God and Father, we

worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus

Christ, Only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us; you are seated at the

right hand of the Father; receive our prayer, for you alone are the

holy one, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the most high,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the Glory of God the

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The Collect of the Day

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THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: Haggai 1:15b-2:9

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm 145:1-5, 18-22

I will exalt you, O God / **my King**,
and bless your Name for **e-ver and ever**.
Every day will / **I bless you**
and praise your Name for **e-ver and ever**.

Great is the Lord and greatly to / **be praised;**
there is no end / **to his greatness.**
One generation shall praise your works / **to another**
and shall de-clare **your power.**

I will ponder the glorious splendor of / **your majesty**
and all your mar-velous **works.**
The Lord is righteous in / **all his ways**
and loving in / **all his works.**

The Lord is near to those who call / **upon him,**
to all who call upon him / **faithfully.**
He fulfills the desire of / **those who fear him;**
he hears their cry / **and helps them.**

The Lord preserves all those / **who love him,**
but he destroys / **all the wicked.**
My mouth shall speak the praise / **of the Lord;**
let all flesh bless his holy Name for e-ver **and ever.**

The Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters

beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: *New songs of celebration*

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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 20:27-38

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where

he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Reverend John Rice

The Nicene Creed *(standing)*

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The Prayers of the People: Form IV

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

Lector Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Lector Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People *Hear our prayer.*

Lector Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Give blessings for our Bishops; for this gathering; for all ministers and people; and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, for The Church in the Province of the West Indies; and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Diocese of Western North Carolina Convention and all Delegates.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy
People Hear our prayer.

Lector Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy
People Hear our prayer.

Lector Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Let us give thanksgiving for those celebrating birthdays, especially Mary Foster, Marcella Carter and Tim Wrinn; and for those celebrating anniversaries, especially Lelia & John Cort.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy
People Hear our prayer.

Lector Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for Linda & David Adams, Joan & Allyn Aldrich, David Gentry, Anne Jarema, Todd Kaderabek, Nancy Lewis, The Reverend Timothy McRee, Wayne & Laura Parton, Elaine Potter, Ann Robinson, Jeff Russell, Becky & Bill Smith, Laura, Tsz-yan (G-Yen) and Roger Snyder, Shannon Townsend, Ed & Marla Woeckener...Are there others?

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy
People Hear our prayer.

Lector We commend to your mercy all who have recently died, especially Roland Blanton, and on the anniversary of their deaths we pray for Irma Smathers, Peg Crownover, Pat Dennison, James Hunter, Ruth Williams, Lucille Gimalouski, Eve Hageman, Blake Winters, Margie Eblen, Gem Sullivan, and for those who still grieve them...Are there others? We ask that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lector Lord, in your mercy

People Hear our prayer.

The celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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: *All Earth Rejoice with a Gladsome Voice* Antonio Vivaldi

Doxology

Old 100th

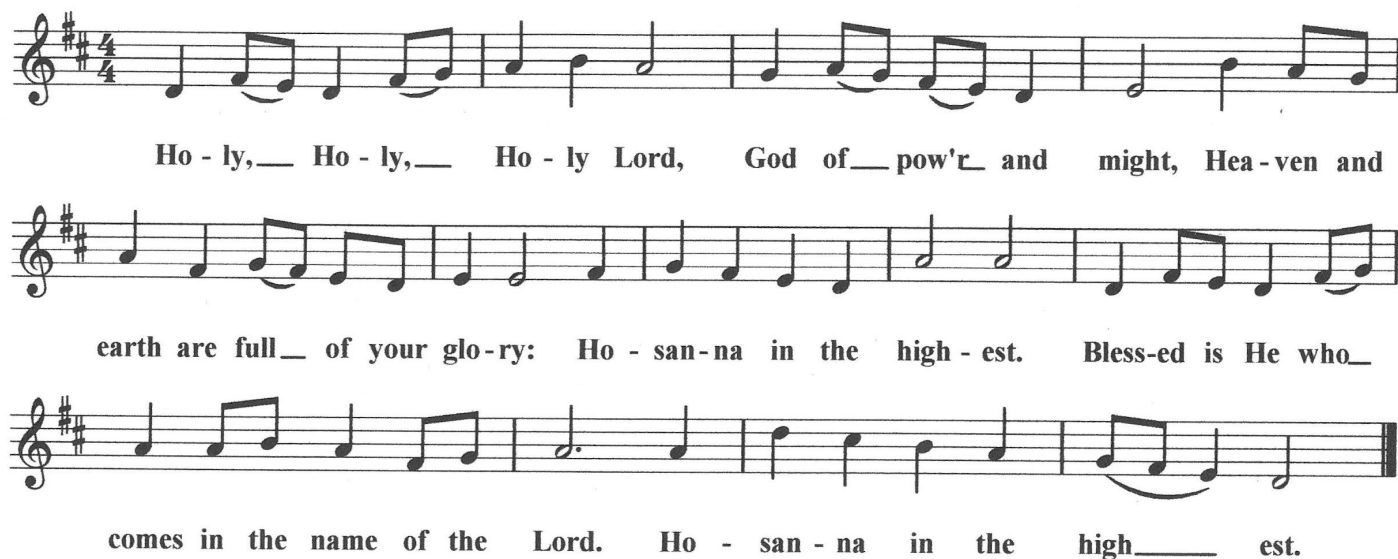
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

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Sanctus

Cassarino



Ho - ly, — Ho - ly, — Ho - ly Lord, God of — pow'r 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: *I want to walk as a child of the light*

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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: *Ye watchers and ye holy ones*

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Dismissal

Postlude: *Allegro Forte*

John Keeble



The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Vicki Vest in honor of Paul's birthday and upcoming retirement.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by:

Elaine Potter in thanksgiving for Grace Church.

Beth & Ted Hill in loving memory and honor of our veteran fathers:
LCDR Dean Hill, Jr., and LT Robert A. Gettys, Jr, USNR.



LAY MINISTERS

Crucifer: Steve Birkhofer Torches: Courtney & Hannah Booth
Chalicer: Greg Townsend Lectors: John Woodson, Steve Birkhofer
Intercessor: Kristen Dusenbery Presenters: Jackie Schauer
Ushers: George & Pat Davis Greeters: Ginny Moser, Kim Hayes
Vestry Member of the Day: Rusty McCredie

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advocacy and Action

Several of us in the Outreach Ministry and the broader Grace congregation have been feeling called to do more than just turn out at an occasional demonstration in response to actions and issues that challenge our faith and our sense of morality.

In Father Tim's sermon a few weeks ago he asked who, if not us, would bring God's justice to God's people?

If you're interested in meeting with a group of like-minded Grace members and friends to discuss how we might help bring justice in a more effective and joyful way, together rather than alone, please join us in the library after church on Sunday, November 16. If you can't make it then, or you have questions or thoughts to share, please send an email or text to Tahani Sticpewich (tahaniweb@gmail.com; 828-301-0550). We are envisioning no more than weekly get-togethers, in person or by zoom.

PubSing!

PubSing will happen Sunday, November 16. Song emphasis will be on Gospel, Inspirational and Americana music. We will meet at the Cork & Keg in Downtown Asheville. Singing will start around 3:00 p.m. and go until 5:00 p.m. Feel free to bring an instrument or your voice and join in. For more information: montywooten@bellsouth.net.

Let's Fill the New Freezer

Now that we have a new, reliable freezer, please consider adding pre-cooked meals to it to help out parishioners or Grace friends who are in need of a helping hand at dinner-time. The gift of soup or a casserole can brighten the day of someone just home from the hospital or recovering from illness. Thank you in advance!

Upcoming Tai Chi Classes

Winter 2026 Tai Chi classes are as follows: Tai Chi for Diabetes, a new class offering, will meet on Tuesdays starting on January 13 through the end of April from 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. Tai Chi for Arthritis will meet on Wednesdays beginning January 14 through the end of May, from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. for various levels of expertise. Register at wnctaichiarthritis.com. Remember – Grace members pay half price.

Hospitality Needs Help

Do you like to have a snack after church? We all do! The Hospitality Committee is looking for help on November 16, 23 and 30, and December 7, 14 and 29. Light nibbles – nothing fancy – and extra hands are always appreciated! Sign up online or on the chart by the kitchen. Please call Bea Russell at 828-775-4304 for more information.

Altar Flower Donations

If you would like to honor or celebrate a family member or friend – or event – with altar flowers, please contact Jennifer Witt at jmwitt5384@gmail.com.

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Confirmation Series: *Sundays at 9:00 a.m.*

Meet in the library. If you have not yet been confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, you are still welcome to join this class. All that is required is your baptism in some Christian tradition.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: *Sunday mornings; Monday afternoons*

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

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

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 in the Bird Sanctuary parking lot by Beaver Lake for a walk around the lake and some spiritual reflection with like-minded women. For more information, contact Ann Lewis at annaflewis7@gmail.com or call her at 815-441-2282.

Soaking Prayer: *Thursdays at 6:00 p.m.*

Meets in the Sanctuary. This 45 minute service uniquely blends Holy Silence with Holy Spirit. The silence allows the Spirit to move deeper into the needs and life struggles that we face week-to-week.

GRACE'S PRAYER LIST

For Parishioners: **Linda & David Adams, Joan & Allyn Aldrich, David Gentry, Anne Jarema, Todd Kaderabek, Nancy Lewis, Fr. Timothy McRee, Wayne & Laura Parton, Elaine Potter, Ann Robinson, Jeff Russell, Becky & Bill Smith, Shannon Townsend, Laura, Tsz-yan (G-Yen) and Roger Snyder, Mary Ann & Bill Warren, Ed & Marla Woeckener.**

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Martha Boyette, 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); **Aubrey** (friend of Joe & Cheryl Aull); **Bridget Black** (cousin of Lorie Tola); **the Brongel family** (daughter and family of Jackie Schauer); **Donna Boone** (mother of Hannah Buckner's daughter-in-law); **Bob Brennan** (relative of Anne Jarema); **Mary Daniels Chapman** and **Tim Chapman** (friends of Nancy Porter); **Marcie Coleman** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Peter Fitzpatrick** (friend of Eleanor Jameson); **Jill Franklin** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Tom Hunnicutt** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Nancy Hutchins** (friend of Eleanor Jameson); **Jim Kaderabek**, (father of Todd Kaderabek); **Sue Larsen** (sister of Kristen Dusenbery); **Judy Wells Meehan** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Bunky Manship** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Daniel McRee** (son of Fr. Timothy McRee) and **David** (husband of Daniel McRee); **Megan** (friend of George & Pat Davis); **Mel** (cousin of Pat Davis); **Diana Noble** (daughter of Walt & Joyce Nobel); **Meredith Peppers** (cousin of Carole McClellan); **Kip & Val Pritchard** (friends of Cliff); **Valerie** (daughter of Sharon & Jim Rains); **Kevin Randall** (friend of Ron & Jeanne Sims); **Sarah Ray** (cousin of Doug McClellan); **Peter John Rouse, Sr.** (grandfather of Mike Vines); **Wiley Thornton** (cousin of Carol McClellan); **Stephanie Tugurian** (daughter of Ron & Jeanne Sims).

For those celebrating birthdays: **Mary Foster, Marcella Carter, Tim Wrinn.**

For those celebrating anniversaries: **Lelia & John Cort.**

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 the Province of the West Indies; and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Diocese of Western North Carolina Convention and all Delegates.

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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James Cassarino, *Director of Music*

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