



Grace Episcopal Church

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025

10:30 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: *Melodic Suite: Introspection*

Charles Callahan

The Acclamation

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

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

Opening Hymn: *Not here for high and holy things*

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Collect for Purity

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

Lord God, Hea-ven-ly King, Al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we

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

Christ, On - ly son of the fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us; you are seated at the

right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, for you a - lone are the

ho - ly one, you a - lone are the Lord, 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.

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD--
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;

but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

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



Psalm 98

Sing to the Lord a / **new song**,
for he has done mar - **velous things**.
With his right hand and his / **holy arm**
has he won for himself the / **victory**.

The Lord has made known his vic - **tory**;
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight / **of the nations**.
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the / **house of Israel**,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory / **of our God**.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all / **you lands**;
lift up your voice, re - **joice, and sing**.
Sing to the Lord / **with the harp**,
with the harp and the / **voice of song**.

With trumpets and the sound of / **the horn**
shout with joy before the / **King, the Lord**.
Let the sea make a noise and all that / **is in it**,
the lands and those who / **dwell therein**.

Let the rivers clap / **their hands**,
let the hills ring out with joy be - **fore the Lord**,
when he comes to / **judge the earth**.
In righteousness shall he judge the world, and the peo - **ples with equity**.

The Second Lesson: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: *Thou, whose almighty word*

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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 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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 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 Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria; and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Spanish Speaking Congregations at Trinity, Spruce Pine; St. Mary's, Morganton; Grace, Waynesville; and Church of Our Savior, Newland; and for Diocesan Spanish Speaking Missioners.

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 Walter Noble, Sarah Beasley, Mary Ann Warren, Beth Hill, and Bill Warren.

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 Charlotte Berry and Nancy Hutchins, and on the anniversary of their deaths we pray for Jeanne Galyean, The Reverend Neil Zabriskie, Whorton Sanders, Bill Spencer, Grace Walker, Charles Wilcox, and Karen Lambert, 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: *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

Thomas Ravenscroft/arr. Mark Rippe

Doxology

Old 100th

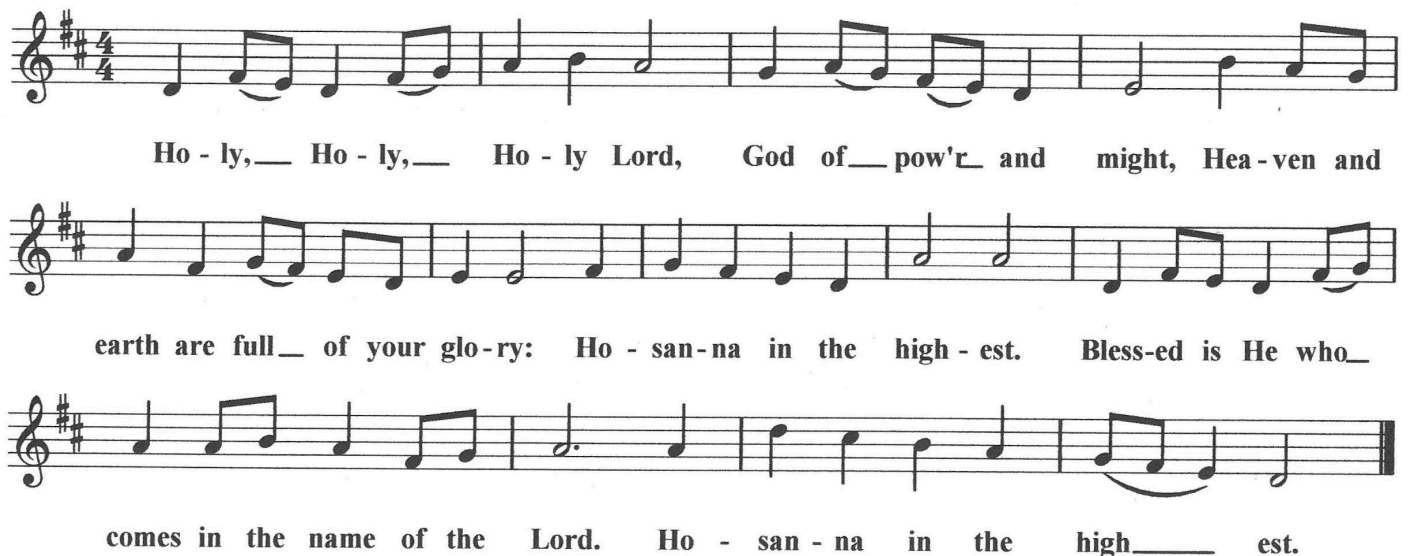
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

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*)

BCP 364

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: *Jerusalem, my happy home*

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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: *O praise ye the Lord!*

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Dismissal

Postlude: *Melodic Suite: Exultation*

Charles Callahan



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:

Anna Eblen, in loving memory of her mother, Bobbie;
grandparents, Jerry & Paul Simmons; and aunt, Jeanne.

Mary Ann & Bill Warren, in thanksgiving for their birthdays.



LAY MINISTERS

Crucifer: Kyle Rhodes Torches: Lucy & Charlie Rhodes

Chalicerist: James Cannon Lectors: Elaine Potter, Cliff Albertson

Intercessor: Vicki Vest Presenters: Greg Townsend, Elizabeth Turner

Ushers: Katherine & Todd Kaderabek Greeters: Jennifer Witt

Coffee Hour: Hannah Buckner, Carol McClellan, Jeanne Sims

Vestry Member of the Day: Brad Rouse

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rummage Sale Afterglow

ECW would like to thank everyone who helped to make this year's rummage sale such a success. Our total sales were \$5029! We appreciate everyone who donated items, helped prepare for the sale, worked the sale and/or helped with clean up. And many of you bought items as well. It was a team effort, and we appreciate all of you!

Advocacy and Action After Church TODAY

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 today. 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.

Upcoming Tai Chi Classes

Winter 2026 Tai Chi classes: 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.

Altar Flower Donations

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

Looking Toward Advent

Advent begins Sunday, November 30. As our Advent journey begins on that first Sunday, everyone is invited to an Advent Wreath Making Workshop following worship. The cost is \$5.00 for the wreath form and \$5.00 for a set of candles, which can be purchased separately if you already have a wreath at home.

Hospitality Needs Help

Do you like to have a snack after church? We all do! The Hospitality Committee is looking for help on November 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.

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!

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 p.m.*

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); **Molly Breslin** (friend of Gary Coffey); **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); **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 the recently deceased: **Charlotte Berry, Nancy Hutchins.**

For those celebrating birthdays: **Walter Noble, Sarah Beasley, Mary Ann Warren, Beth Hill, Bill Warren.**

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 Episcopal/Anglican Province of Alexandria;** and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for **Spanish Speaking Congregations at Trinity, Spruce Pine; St. Mary's, Morganton; Grace, Waynesville; and Church of Our Savior, Newland;** and for **Diocesan Spanish Speaking Missioners.**

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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