



Grace Episcopal Church

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 9, 2026

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist II

Prelude: *Come Worship the Lord*

John Michael Talbot

Welcome and Announcements

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

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the One, Holy, Living God.

People **Glory to God forever and ever.**

Opening Hymn: *O worship the King, all glorious above!*

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Collect for Purity

Hymn of Praise

verse 1 of 8

Morning has broken like the first morning,
black-bird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

The Collect of the Day

BCP 232

The people sit.

Children's Moment - Sanctuary Scavenger Hunt

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said,

“They have gone away, for I heard them say, ‘Let us go to Dothan.’” So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, “Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.” But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him” —that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people remain seated.

Response: *Praise the Name of Jesus* – sing twice (*Songs of Grace*) **47**

The Second Lesson: Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn: *I sing the almighty power of God*

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Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

The Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

The Reverend Robert Hartmans

The Prayers of the People

The people stand.

Leader We give you thanks and praise, O God of creation, for the
 grandeur of all that you have made, saying

People **We thank you, God.**

Leader For the healing waters of creation, which bring pleasure and health, purity and life,

People **We thank you, God.**

Leader For the richness of the good Earth that brings forth fruits and flowers, a pleasure to taste and a joy to behold,

People **We thank you, God.**

Leader For the soaring birds of the air, the crawling creatures on the Earth, the gliding fishes in the seas, for all creatures great and small with whom we share this precious web of life,

People **We thank you, God.**

Leader For the invigorating sunlight of day, the deepening mystery of night, the wonder of the stars, and the call of the unknown in the universe,

People **We thank you, God.**

Leader For those of your creation who are in sickness or trouble, especially: Linda & David Adams, Joan Aldrich, Judy Rhodes Baroody, Carol Booth, Martha Boyette, James Cannon, Anne Jarema, Todd Kaderabek, Muriel & John Kimbrough, Walt, Joyce & Diana Noble, the Moser family, Natalie & Andrew Owens, Gael Paschall, Wayne & Laura Parton, Kyle Rhodes, Debra Rice, Ann Robinson, Jeff Russell, Nancy Sink, Becky Smith, Laura, Tsz-yan (G-Yen) and Roger Snyder, Rita Spragg, Laurie Strickland, Lydia Vander Voort & Andy Steele, Barbara Wilcox, Jennifer Witt, Marla Woeckener, and all those you now name...

(All are invited to pray silently or aloud)

We remember those who have recently died, especially Ray Wesoloski, and on the anniversary of their deaths we pray for

June Peacock and Doris Rigsby, and for those who still grieve for them...Are there others?

(All are invited to pray silently or aloud)

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Leader From squandering resources, abusing our companion species,
and polluting the habitat we all share,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader From the folly of imagining ourselves free from the fate of your
whole creation,

People **Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader For the courage and wisdom to confess how little we have cared
for your gifts,

People **Strengthen us, O Spirit.**

Leader For the conviction that you have called us to love and restore the
Earth,

People **Strengthen us, O Spirit.**

Leader For repentance and the determination to begin our stewardship
anew,

People **Strengthen us, O Spirit.**

Priest O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever, Amen.

The Peace

Presider 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: *I Surrender It All to Jesus*

John Michael Talbot

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.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*The Presider continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional*)

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The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Hurd



An Invitation to Communion

All are invited to receive communion. Your participation is a blessing to us, and we want you to feel welcome and at ease to participate. The ushers will direct you from your pew. When you arrive at the communion rail, you are welcome to kneel or stand. As the priest comes to you, they will provide the host in wafer form; if you need gluten free, indicate this by placing your right hand over your heart. You may consume the host or hold it to dip in the chalice. If you would like to receive a blessing instead of the host, cross both hands over your chest. Next, the Chalice Bearer will come to you, and they will offer real wine consecrated from a common cup. You can drink from the cup, allowing the chalice bearer to guide the cup to your mouth. If you wish to dip your host wafer, hand that to the chalice bearer and they will do it for you. It is considered full communion to only receive the host if you do not wish to drink from the cup.

Communion Music: *Take Our Bread* (Songs of Grace)

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Sending Forth of the Lay Eucharistic Visitors

When a Eucharistic Minister is to be sent forth, the following is said

Presider (Cliff/Lorie/James), 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 people stand.

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn: *Praise my soul, the King of heaven*

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Dismissal

Postlude: *Voluntary in G Major: Allegro*

Maurice Greene



The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by
Mary Foster in loving memory of her husband, Edward Michael Foster.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God by
Carol & Steve Booth in loving memory of Theresa Sabo.



LAY MINISTERS

Crucifer: Steve Birkhofer Torch: Greg Townsend

Chalicerist: Alex Thwaites Lectors: Christian Millican, Bill Smith

Intercessor: Jenny Thomas Presenters: Hannah Buckner, Richard Jacobs

Ushers: Vicki & Paul Vest Greeters: Melanie Druckenmiller, Kim Hayes

Streaming: James Cannon Vestry Person of the Day: Elaine Potter

Musician: Mark Sudimak



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Contacting Rev. Robert

Rev. Robert can be reached at hartmansrobert@gmail.com or by his cell: 423-400-0826 for any pastoral care concerns or to set up an appointment.

Wiggle Church

Wiggle Church is available during the service. Children aged 5-12 are welcome to join two adult supervisors for fun on the playground or in the parish hall, depending on weather. The group will come back for communion.

Adult Formation – The Way of Love

"Turn. Learn. Pray. Worship. Bless. Go. Rest." These six verbs define *The Way of Love*. Starting Sunday, August 16, at 9:15 a.m., come explore and discuss how we can live these verbs and follow the way of love in our personal lives and in our corporate life as Grace Church. Join us!

Missed "The Episcopals"?

Starting August 12 at 11:00 a.m., Rev. Robert will offer Wednesday sessions of "Episcopals: Why, What, When, and How" in the library. This will run from August 12 through September 16.

BYOL and Learn to be Brave

Bring your lunch and join us in the library on Wednesday, August 12 at 1:00 p.m. to watch the Zoom event featuring Bishop Mariann Budde on what it means to be brave in moments that call for moral clarity. At a time of deep polarization, widespread distrust, and growing pressure to retreat into silence or certainty, many of us are asking what faithful courage looks like. Bravery does not always mean acting without fear or having the perfect words. Often, it begins with recognizing the moment before us and choosing to respond with honesty, compassion, and conviction.

Back to School Supply Drive

Please check the list of needed supplies, intended for Buncombe County foster children, which can be found at the Greeter's Table. The deadline for bringing supplies to the church is August 16. Leave them on the tables in the foyer.



Follow the QR Code to Our Newsletter

Scan the QR code to take you to Growing in Grace, our weekly newsletter. If you'd like it to come to your inbox, send your email address to kimhys53@gmail.com.

Last Call For "Called to Bless"

The deadline for registering for John Rice's workshop, "Called to Bless," is August 15. Sign up in the Foyer on the easel.

WNC Tai Chi for Health

A new 16-week series of Tai Chi classes will start at Grace on Tuesday evenings, 5-5:45 p.m. beginning August 18, and on Wednesday afternoons beginning August 19 (Beginners at 1:00, Intermediate at 2:15, Advanced at 3:15). Get details and register for classes at wnctaichiarthritis.com. Call Anne Plyler for more information (828-712-1150).

WEEKLY GATHERINGS

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd: *Sundays a.m.; Mondays p.m.*

We offer Catechesis for our children *Sundays 9:00 and 10:15 a.m.*, and *Monday afternoon 3:30-4:30 p.m.* Children may attend either one or both. 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.

Chair Aerobics: *Tuesdays at 1:15 p.m.*

All are invited! Join Susan Robinson for a chair exercise class in the Parish Hall. Bring a pair of dumbbells. There is no fee to participate. If you have questions, email Susan at SusanMac2@gmail.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.

Soaking Prayer: *Wednesdays at 12:00 noon*

Our Soaking Prayer Service meets every Wednesday from noon to 12:45. See if this might be that special spiritual discipline that you have been looking for. All are welcome.

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.

GRACE'S PRAYER LIST

For Congregants: **Linda & David Adams, Carol Booth, Judy Rhodes Baroody, James Cannon, Anne Jarema, Todd Kaderabek, Muriel & John Kimbrough, the Moser family, Natalie & Andrew Owens, Wayne & Laura Parton, Gael Paschall, Kyle Rhodes, Debra Rice, Ann Robinson, Jeff Russell, Becky Smith, Laura, Tsz-yan and Roger Snyder, Laurie Strickland, Lydia Vander Voort & Andy Steele, Barbara Wilcox, Jennifer Witt.**

For Homebound Congregants and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Joan Aldrich, Martha Boyette, Walt, Joyce & Diana Noble, Nancy Sink, Rita Spragg, Marla Woeckener.**

For Others: (Names will remain on the list for six weeks unless we hear otherwise). **Allen** (brother of Cheryl Aull); **Geraldine Allen** (aunt of Carole McClellan); **Aubrey** (friend of Joe & Cheryl Aull); **Mike Baldwin** (friend of Beth & John Woodson); **Ann Brown** (mother of Katherine Johnson), **Channon, Mark & Tiffany Brown** (friends of Robert Hartmans); **the Brongel family** (daughter and family of Jackie Schauer); **Cathy** (friend of Elaine Potter); **Christa Brigman** (friend of Ginny Moser); **Betty Ann Bryant** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Marcie Coleman** (friend of Lynda McCredie); **Elizabeth & Mike Cogsdale** (friends of Fr. Timothy); **Kim & Bill Crain** (friends of Ann Lewis); **Declan Douglas** (son of Katie Douglas); **Presley Foxx** (granddaughter of Susan & Mark Sudimak); **Kathy Gerhardt** (daughter of Nancy Clark); **Nick & Gerry** (Bea Russell's sister-in-law); **Tom Hunnicutt** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Ashley Israel** (daughter of Jennifer Witt); **Kathy Kopani** (friend of Ann Lewis); **Lisa & Ford** (friends of the Knights); **Sally Mackay** (mother of Leslie Heiser); **Daniel McRee** (son of Fr. Timothy McRee) and **David** (husband of Daniel McRee); **Judy Wells Meehan** (friend of Rusty Herman); **Brian Moore** (nephew of Rusty Herman); **Robert Noble, Jr.** (brother of Walt Noble); **Steve Noble** (brother of Walt Noble); **Carol Peindel** (friend of

(Anne Jarema); **Matthew Pennell** (son of Hannah Buckner); **Meredith Peppers** (aunt of Carol McClellan); **Kevin Randall** (friend of Ron & Jeanne Sims); **Sarah Ray** (cousin of Doug McClellan); the **Roberts Family** (friends of Vicki & Paul Vest); **Sarah Schuman** (niece of Fr. Timothy McRee); **Susie Shaw** (wife of Chris Shaw); **Bill Staton** (friend of Jennifer Witt); **Wiley Thornton** (cousin of Carol McClellan); **Tom & Joan** (friends of James Cannon); **Stephanie Tugurian** (daughter of Jeanne & Ron Sims); **George White** (friend of Lorie Tola); **Lynn Whitehead** (friend of Ann Lewis); **Bev Whiting** (friend of Rusty Herman).

For the recently departed: **Ray Wesolowski.**

For those celebrating birthdays: **Todd Kaderabek, Linda Adams.**

For those celebrating anniversaries: **Cynthia & Jeffrey Garland.**

For those in service to our country: **Danny Brossart** (grand-nephew of Louise Cate Wernicke); **Tommy Brown** (grandson of 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); **John Massey** (son-in-law of Mary Foster); **Brady Paschall** (granddaughter of Gael Paschall); **Jude Waigand** (grandson of Jennifer Witt); **Sarah Jane Wilkey** (daughter of Diane & Tony Wilkey).

For those in the Episcopal Church: **Sarah**, Archbishop of Canterbury; **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 **Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda**; and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, **La Capilla de Santa Maria, Hendersonville; St. Mary of the Hills, Blowing Rock; St. Mary's, Asheville.**

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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Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The Right Reverend José McLoughlin, *Bishop of WNC*

The Reverend Robert Hartmans

Priest in Charge

The Reverend Timothy McRee; The Reverend John Rice

Clergy

James Cassarino, *Director of Music*

Cathy Adkins, *Organist*

Judy Rhodes Baroody, *Taizé Music Coordinator*

Anne Spruance, *Office Administrator*

Katie Douglas, *Finance Manager*

Angel Stoudt, *Sexton*

Paula Foggo, *Nursery Care Leader*

Caroline Parson-Chambliss, Trinity Mickens

Nursery Workers





Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

Founded in 1867 as Beaverdam Mission, we are members of the Body of Christ, the worldwide Anglican Communion, the Episcopal Church in the USA, and the Diocese of Western North Carolina. Grace Episcopal Church is a gathering place of those seeking to follow Jesus and to serve the world.

We would be happy to have you join our journey!

Our liturgy follows the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. We use the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, the Hymnal 1982, and Songs of Grace (SOG). We print as much of the service in the bulletin as we can, so that it is easier to follow. There are also notations in italics about when to stand, kneel or sit.

Children are welcome and encouraged to join us in worship. There is also a nursery for children aged 0-4, and during August, Wiggle Church is available for wiggly people aged 5-12.

Everyone is welcome to join us for coffee and refreshments after the service.

Use the QR code below to link to Grace's Welcome Newcomer's page.

