

**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist Rite Two
September 24, 2023
8:30 A.M. + 10:30 A.M.
Grace Church, Georgetown**

Welcome to Grace Church

We are so glad that you are worshiping with us this morning and pray that your experience here is a blessing to you. If you are a visitor and want to know more about the church, please visit our website for more information: www.gracedc.org. Let this bulletin be your guide through the service; it includes everything you need.

We are in Ordinary Time now. This season is all about growth in the Spirit and being nurtured. The kind of growth and nurturing that creates abundant fruit. In fact, in St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians, Paul tells us that if we welcome the presence of the Holy Spirit within us, then the Spirit will produce fruit in us. "The fruit of the Spirit," he says, "is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Gal. 5:22–23). Through baptism, these virtues, these gifts of the Spirit, are planted in our soul. It is during this season of Ordinary Time that we work on cultivating the gifts of the Spirit.

*Throughout the service the People read the words in **bold**.*

PRELUDE

Introduction and Chorale on “Hyfrydol”

Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN H657 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

10:30 a.m. service only – All stand as they are able.

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
 2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
 3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

THE WORD OF GOD

All stand as they are able.

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.

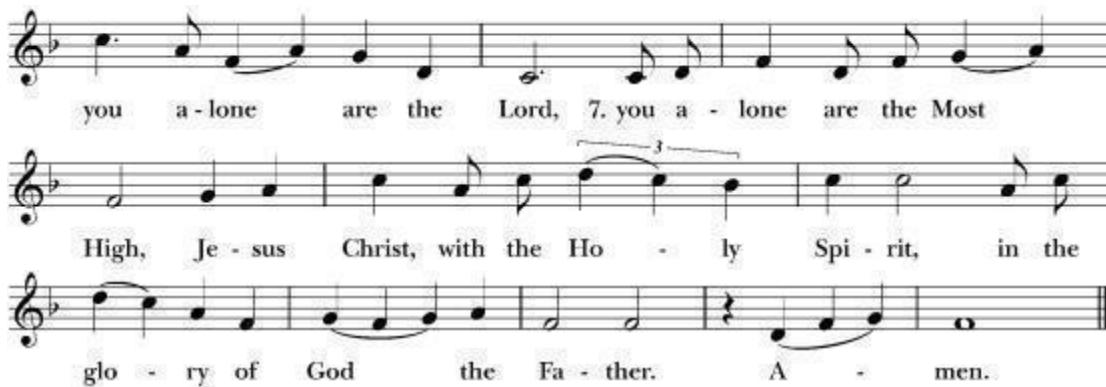
Amen.

All: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit; that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA S280 Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Spoken at 8:30 a.m. service. Sung at 10:30 a.m. service.

The musical notation for the Gloria hymn, S280 by Robert Powell. The music is in common time, treble clef, and consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are integrated into the music, with some words written below the staff and others above. The lyrics are: 1. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. 2. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; 5. you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. 6. For you alone are the Holy One,



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON

Exodus 16:2-15

Reader: A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites,

“In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM

Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

Reader: Let us read the Psalm responsively by half verse.

The people read the words in bold.

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; *
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, *
because they were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering *
and a fire to give light in the night season.
- 40 They asked, and quails appeared, *
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
so the river ran in the dry places.
- 42 For God remembered his holy word *
and Abraham his servant.
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, *
his chosen with shouts of joy.

44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
45 That they might keep his statutes *
and observe his laws.

Hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 1:21-30

Reader: A reading from the Letter to the Philippians.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN H541 *Come, Labor On* (Verses 1-3)

10:30 a.m. service only – *All stand as they are able.*

1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle
 2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is
 3 Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y
 4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing
 5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till

1 on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us
 2 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tares, to
 3 doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but
 4 an - gels can - not share- to young and old the
 5 glows the west - ern sky, till the long sha - dows

1 waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant
 2 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our
 3 may do ser - vice here: by feeb - lest a - gents
 4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its
 5 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes

1 does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
 2 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.
 3 may our God ful - fill his right -ous will.
 4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
 5 with the set - ting sun, "Ser - vants, well done."

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went.

When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN H541 *Come, Labor On* (Verses 4-5)

10:30 a.m. service only – The people sit.

THE SERMON

Silence

The Reverend David C. Wacaster

THE NICENE CREED

All stand as they are able.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified;
He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins,
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Celebrant: God of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ you promise to hear us when we pray to you in faith with thanksgiving.

Leader: Enliven the Church for its mission and breathe fresh life into your people.

People: **Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

Leader: Lead us and every person into ways of justice and peace.

People: **That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Leader: Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

People: **Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

Leader: Inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others, especially our President and our Mayor, and those they bestow with power.

People: **That all may act with integrity, wisdom, and courage.**

Leader: Loving Spirit, comfort all who are frail, diseased, injured or in sorrow. We name before you members of this congregation and others for whom we hold a special concern now.

(Please add your intercessions and petitions.)

Leader: Let trust and peace reside in every heart. God of healing,

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We give you thanks for those who have gone ahead of us. We thank you for all those especially precious to us, who now share the resurrection of Christ Jesus, particularly those we name now.

(Please add your own prayers for those who have died)

Leader: By your Spirit give us the grace to so live and love, that in the hour of our death we may join their joyful company.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: God of abundance, we thank you for all the blessings of this life.

(Please add your blessings and thanksgivings)

Leader: God of abundance,

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

CONFESSON

All remain standing as they are able.

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All: Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The people sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY



Donate to Grace

Your offering gifts may be placed in the offering plate on the center aisle at the back of the Sanctuary. All are also invited to support Grace Church's ministry of sharing God's love with the world by scanning this QR code: It takes you right to the Grace Church PayPal donation page. You may also contribute through our website at gracedc.org/give-to-grace, and through your regular contributions in-person or by mail.

The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

Communion @ Grace

Everyone is invited to receive Holy Communion. Communion will be distributed by the priest and communion minister standing below the altar steps, center aisle. Please approach the priest by the center aisle.

The priest will place the bread in your hand. Gluten free wafers are available by request.

If you prefer not to receive communion, please cross your arms over your torso for the priest to bless you.

Please return to your seat by the side aisle.

OFFERTORY

O Food to Pilgrims Given

Melody by Heinrich Isaac (1450-1517);

Harmonization by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

All stand as they are able.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The Celebrant continues...

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

SANCTUS S 130

Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

Spoken at 8:30 a.m. service. Sung at 10:30 a.m. – Celebrant and People:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na



The Celebrant continues...

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Parent of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN LEVAS146 *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

10:30 a.m. service only – The people remain standing.

1. Break thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
 2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,
 3. Teach me to live, dear Lord, On - ly for thee,

1. As thou didst break the loaves Be - side the sea;
 2. As thou didst bless the bread By Gal - i - lee;
 3. As thy dis - ci - ples lived in Gal - i - lee;

1. Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord;
 2. Then shall all bond - age cease, All fet - ters fall,
 3. Then, all my strug - gles o'er, Then, vic - t'ry won,

1. My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing word!
 2. And I shall find my peace, My all in all.
 3. I shall be - hold thee, Lord, The liv - ing one.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant may say the following Invitation:

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people may be seated. The ministers deliver the Sacrament to the people.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Sweet Hour of Prayer

Arrangement by Patricia Lou Harris (b. 1939)

Adagio from Introduction and Chorale on "Hyfrydol"

Charles Callahan

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

All kneeling as able.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Most loving God, creator and redeemer, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory. Through Christ, and with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant: Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage.

Hold fast to that which is good and render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted; Support the weak; Help the afflicted; and honor all persons.

Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be upon you this day and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN H398 *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

10:30 a.m. service only – All stand as they are able.

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
 he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, while how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - ey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that I could be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Prelude to the Offertory from The Convent Mass

François Couperin (1668-1733)

Announcements

Thank you to all who participated in the service today and to all of our volunteers!

First Lesson: Diana Martin

Psalm: Lucy Alexander

Second Lesson: Frank Burgess

Prayers of the People: To Come

Communion Minister: Sally Stanfield

Greeter: To Come

Broadcast Technician: Peter Wallace

Vestry Member in Charge:

Sarah Haft (8:30) &

Braden Murphy (10:30)

Coffee Hour Hosts: Helen Buhr, Vicki Carlson, Stacy Carter, Diana Martin, Mary Ann Ruehling, Sally Stanfield, Lucy Alexander & Braden Murphy, & Doreen & Reg Burner

Choir: Darcy Bacon, Sarah Haft, Beth Lee, Marian Wentworth, Diana Martin, Soo Young Chrisfield, Mary Ann Ruehling, Frank Burgess, & Jim Cobey

Childcare is accessed by the stairway to the left of the altar or out the front door and in through the adjacent gray door to the right.

Today

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday, September 24, 2023

- Holy Eucharist, contemplative – 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- Sunday Cool – 9:30 a.m. via Zoom
- Adult Forum – 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall
- Prayers for the Fallen, the Nation, & the World – 10:15 a.m. in the churchyard
- Holy Eucharist – 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & live streamed
- **Bach Festival Coffee Hour** – after 10:30 service, an extra special coffee hour before the Bach Festival, in the churchyard (weather permitting)
- **Bach Festival's Final Concert** – 1:30 p.m. in the sanctuary, Con Brio performing
- Childcare available 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. downstairs in the library

Upcoming

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – Sunday, October 1, 2023

- Holy Eucharist, contemplative – 8:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary
- Sunday Cool – 9:30 a.m. via Zoom
- Holy Eucharist – 10:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary & live streamed
 - Blessing of the Animals, during the 10:30 a.m. service
- Coffee Hour – after 10:30 service, in the churchyard (weather permitting)
- Childcare available 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. downstairs in the library

News & Updates

Bach Festival Continues: Con Brio Rescheduled for TODAY @ 1:30 PM

Thank you for your patience as we have been getting this concert rescheduled. We are so excited to have Con Brio back on the 24th! Scan the QR code to learn more about the concert and to purchase tickets! Email bach@gracedc.org or office@gracedc.org with any questions. Hope to see you there!



28th Bach Festival

Bach Fest Coffee Hour | Today (following 10:30 AM Service)

Please join us following the 10:30 AM Service for an extra special coffee hour in honor of our final Bach Festival concert for this year! We are so overjoyed that we were able to bring back this beloved tradition following its hiatus due to the pandemic. Come and celebrate a successful revitalization of our Bach Festival and maybe even consider staying and attending Con Brio's performance at 1:30 PM! Email helen.buhr@gracedc.org with any questions or concerns. See the Bach Festival entry above for more information on the concert.

Next Sunday: Blessing of the Animals | October 1st!

Hold onto your dogs, cats, lizards, & horses, cause we'll be blessing them all on Sunday, October 1st, in honor of St. Francis of Assisi! All pets are welcome, but if they can't fit *comfortably* in your car, we politely ask that you bring a photo of them for us to bless instead. Pets are welcome at both services.

Grace Gets a New Seminarian & Sexton

As many of you know, Grace is welcoming two new folks into our community! These include our new Sexton, Nelson Dumeni, and a new Seminarian, Addie Tapp.

Make sure to welcome them as they integrate into our community!

You can reach them at sexton@gracedc.org and seminarian@gracedc.org respectively.

Adult Forum Resumes TODAY!

Adult Forum resumes this week. Over the next several weeks we will be examining The Episcopal Church and learning (or re-learning) what it means to be a member of the Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement. This course will double as preparation for Confirmation, Reception, and/or the Renewal of Baptismal Vows.

Please be in touch with David (rector@gracedc.org) if you have any questions and are interested in being confirmed or received, or if you would like to renew your baptismal vows to the Bishop.

Grace's Choir is Back!

Our Grace Choir was back in the loft after their summer break. It was great to have them back leading our hymns, and adding their beautiful singing to our service. We are so thankful for all they do all year to add to our services. If you are interested in helping out with our choir or any of our other music programs, email our Music Director, Francine Máté at music@gracedc.org.

Koinonia Groups

The Koinonia fellowship groups have resumed meeting! Koinonia consists of small groups of people who meet periodically, either in members' homes or in another location of their choice, for food, conversation, and fun. For additional information contact Alecia Torres Valdez at aleciatorresv@gmail.com.

Pastoral Care

This committee prays for members and friends, especially those feeling alone, even bereft. Email office@gracedc.org to let Lenore Reid or Sally Avignone, committee co-chairs, know if someone needs a check-in, a listening ear, or special prayers. The committee also enjoys their continuing ministry of delivering meals to families with newborns! If you have news, announcements, or updates you would like included in our weekly announcements, please email office@gracedc.org.

Tending our Soil Initiative

You may have noticed we commissioned our Tending Our Soil Team Leaders last Sunday! We are so excited to be a part of the Tending Our Soil initiative from the Episcopal Diocese of Washington. To learn more about this project and what it means for our community here at Grace, please scan the QR code.



EDOW's Tending Our Soil

Grace's Table / Saturdays 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Grace's Table is a Saturday morning feeding ministry for the unhoused and those living on the margins. We are so grateful to be back providing a hot meal (entrée, salad, bread and dessert) and a sense of community, warmth & safety for our Saturday congregation. We have a large group of regulars eager to engage in conversation with each other and with us. We hope to be able to reinstate regular bible study in the coming months. None of this is possible without the support of at least 6 volunteers each Saturday. Please consider providing some portion of the meal or helping serve and assist with set up and clean up. The larger the pool, the more widely we can distribute opportunities both to contribute food and to serve. We want to expand the leadership team to share responsibilities more broadly. Come join us! Please contact Beth Lee at gracestable@gracedc.org for more info or to volunteer.

VFHL's Virtual Film Salon: "Israelism" | Sunday, October 15th @ 3 PM

Israel is central to the political and cultural life of the American Jewish community. But it has also become a deeply divisive subject, as painful generational cracks have emerged within the Jewish community over the Israel-Palestine conflict, inspiring argument, protest and even censorship. Focusing on the stories of two young Americans raised to defend Israel at all costs, Israelism traces their awakening to Israel's dehumanization of Palestinians and the ongoing violence of the occupation. The film explores the past, present, and future of the relationship between American Jews and Israel, as growing numbers question whether support for Israel should condition and define their Jewish identity. Featuring a range of American Jewish thinkers, community leaders and activists, Israelism asks how and why Israel became the cornerstone of American Judaism, what the consequences have been, and what will happen as divisions continue to grow. Watch the film for free at your convenience; then join the Q&A Discussion. You must register to get the free film link and to participate in the Q&A discussion. Scan the QR code for more information!



VFHL Film Salon | Oct 15

- Eric Axelman: filmmaker, co-founder of Tikkun Olam Productions
- Simone Zimmerman: Jewish American activist, co-founder of IfNotNow
- Lubna Alzaroo: instructor at University of Washington specializing in settler colonialism
- Peter Beinart: editor-at-large at Jewish Currents, professor of journalism, CUNY and Publisher, The Beinart Newsletter

Volunteer Opportunities

Readers – Eucharistic Ministers – Broadcast Technicians – Coffee Hour Hosts. Contact Helen Buhr, at helen.buhr@gracedc.org.

Georgetown Ministry Center:

Want to help volunteer with GMC or want to donate items?

Email info@gmcgt.org or call (202) 338-8301

Office Hours

The office will be closed Monday, October 9th, in honor of Indigenous People's Day.

Monday-Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Friday: 1-5 p.m. (The rector's regular day off is Friday)

Virtual Gatherings Calendar

Sundays - Christian Education: Sunday Cool for children and youth 9:30 a.m.

Tuesdays - Centering Prayer 12:15 p.m. (Questions? Email helen.buhr@gracedc.org)

(NOTE: Email office@gracedc.org to receive zoom links. All Sunday services will be in person. The 10:30 am service will also be live streamed when trained technical personnel are available. The service can be viewed on [Grace's YouTube Channel](#). Search for Grace Episcopal Church, Georgetown Washington, DC and subscribe to our channel.)

Georgetown Senior Center - Upcoming Programs

- 9/25: Field Trip (To Be Determined)
- 9/29: Angie Kim, Author: "Happiness Falls"
- 10/2: History of Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Carolyn Muraskin DC Design Tours
- 10/6: Qin Sun Stubis, Author: "Once Our Lives: Life, Death, and Love in the Middle Kingdom"
- 10/9: Center Closed (Columbus Day Holiday)
- 10/13: Mary Kay Zuravleff, Author: "American Ending"
- 10/16: Friday Morning Music Club (or Field Trip)
- 10/20: Vivian Cavalieri, Artist: Jewelry and Shadowboxes
- 10/23: Anka Zaremba: Introductory Art Lesson
- 10/27: Friday Morning Music Club (or Field Trip)
- 10/30: Anthony Hyatt, Violinist

For more information or to attend one of these events, please contact Wendy Erlanger, at wendy.erlanger@comcast.net or (202) 251-7472

K Street Roadwork: August 21st - Mid October

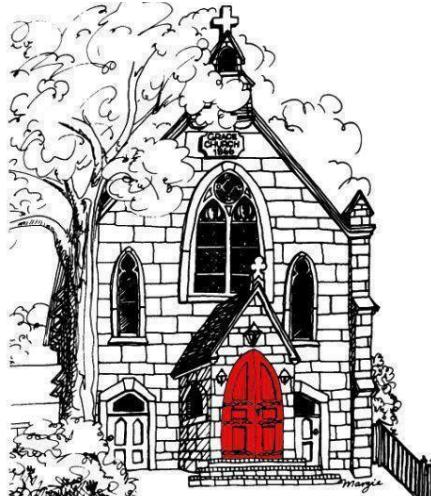
Expect lane shifts underneath Whitehurst Freeway on Water St NW/K St NW (from Canal St. NW to 29th St NW) through mid-Oct. 2023, weather permitting. This is to complete upgrades for the DC Smart Street Lighting project and requires some parking restrictions. "No Parking" signs will be posted at least 72 hours before the start of work. For more info about this project, please visit [streetlights.dc.gov](#).

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