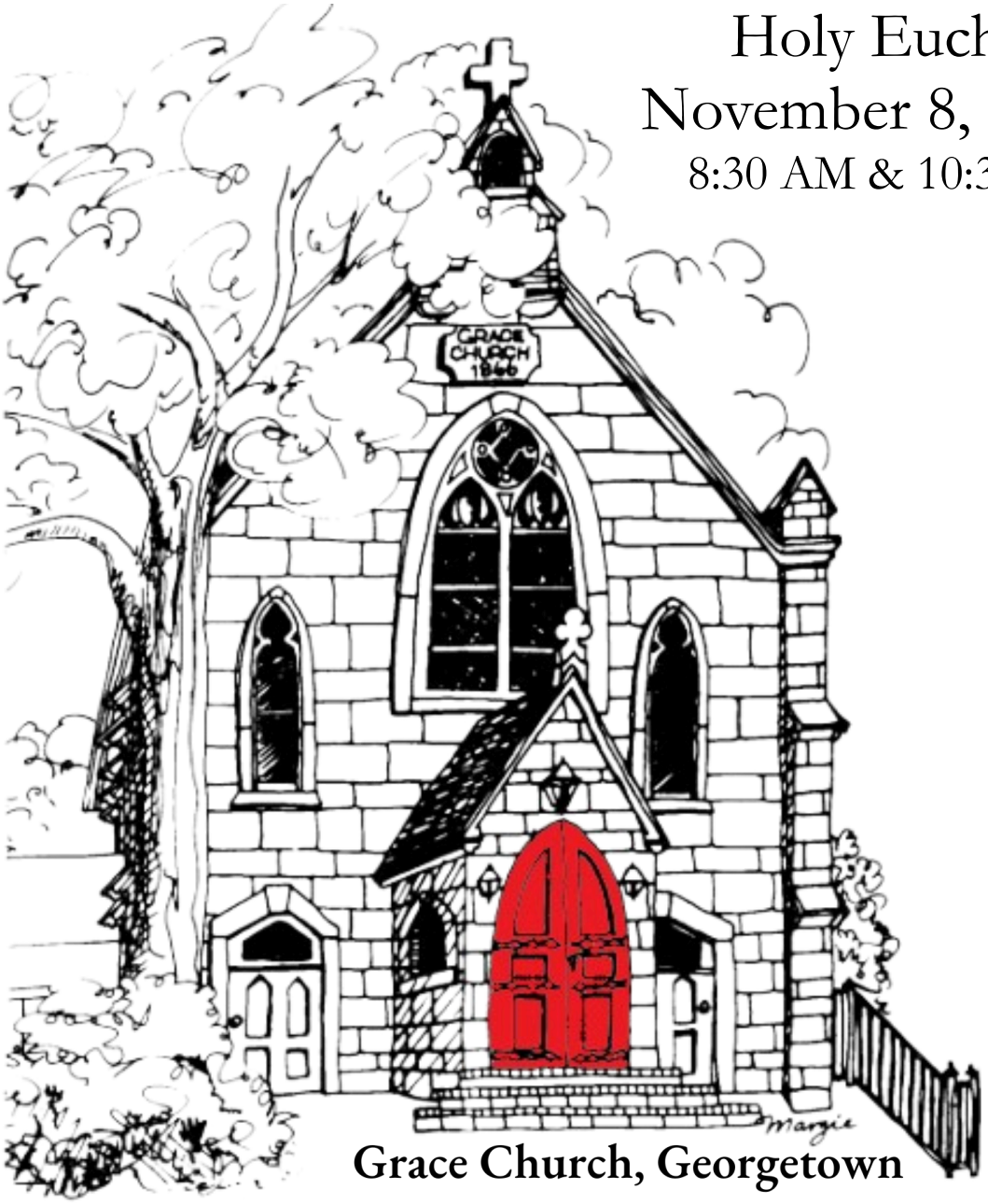
The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist

November 8, 2026

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM



Grace Church, Georgetown

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Welcome to Grace Church

We are so glad that you are worshiping with us this morning! If you are visiting or want to know more about Grace, please visit our website for more information: **gracedc.org.**
Let this bulletin be your guide for the service; it includes everything you need.

Volunteers

First Lesson: Marian Wentworth
Psalm: To Come
Second Lesson: Margaret Lenzner
Prayers of the People: Sarah Haft
Communion Minister: Helen Buhr
Greeter: To Come
Broadcast Technician: Mystelle Ruble
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Braden Murphy (10:30)
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Walker Valdez ('27)

We are delighted that you are here to worship God with us this morning!

This worship bulletin contains the full text of the liturgy, including hymns, prayers, scripture readings, and some explanations and instructions at key points in our service. You are also welcome to use the Book of Common Prayer and Hymnals found at your seat if you prefer.

The Episcopal Church is part of the liturgical tradition, which has ancient roots in Jewish and early Christian worship. If this tradition is unfamiliar to you, please follow along as best as you are able and do not hesitate to ask someone nearby for assistance. For those who are familiar with our liturgy and how we navigate it, please keep an eye out for anyone among us who might need guidance and be prepared to offer them assistance and assurance. The God whom we come together to worship today is less interested in us 'getting everything just right' than in the attitude and inclination of our hearts. We believe that you are here because God has led you here today. Our intention is to welcome you as a beloved child of the living God, and make space for you to experience that love.

Our mission is simple and straightforward:

Grace Church manifests God's love by offering a sacred space in Georgetown
where diverse communities weave together their gifts and blessings.
We welcome each person as a beloved neighbor.

Welcome Home to Grace.

As we prepare for worship, we are invited to rest in God's presence, stilling our hearts and quieting our minds

Liturgical Note:

- **Opening Dialogue** ("The Lord be with you…"),
- **Sanctus** ("Holy, holy, holy Lord…"),
- **Epiclesis**, the prayer asking the Holy Spirit to bless and sanctify the gifts,
- **Words of Institution**, recounting Jesus' words at the Last Supper,
- **Anamnesis**, our remembrance of Christ's death, resurrection, and coming again,
- **Memorial Acclamation** ("We remember his death…"), and then flows directly into the **Lord's Prayer**.

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

PRELUDE ***Sleepers Wake!***

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

The Word of God

OPENING HYMN H690 ***Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah***

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




bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,
hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,
bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to
more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

All remain standing as they are able.

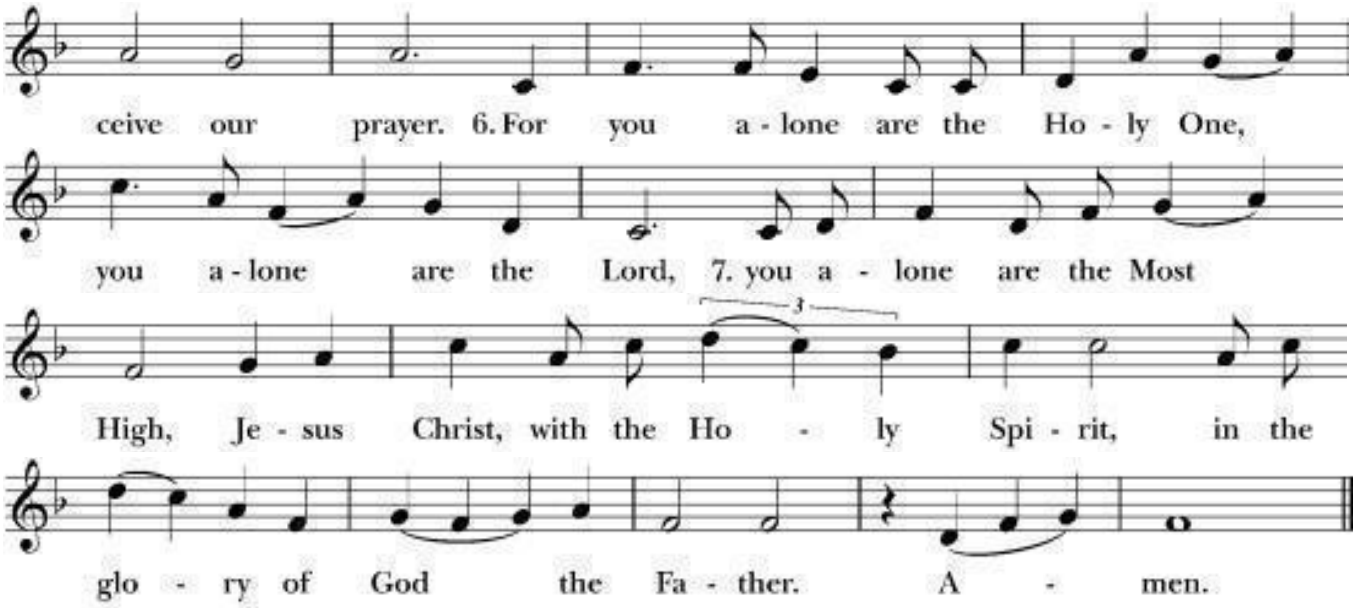
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**
The people sit.

THE FIRST LESSON **Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**

Reader: A reading from the Book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put

away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM — Psalm 78:1-7

Reader: Let us read the Psalm responsively by half verse.
The people read the words in bold.

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

THE SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Reader: A reading from the First Letter to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN H57 *Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending*

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



THE GOSPEL — Matthew 25:1-13

All stand as they are able.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

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

THE SERMON — The Reverend David C. Wacaster

Following the sermon we keep a period of silence for individual reflection.

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.**

THE CONFESSION

All remain standing as they are able.

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

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 remain standing as they are able.

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. After which, the people sit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For a full listing of announcements and volunteer opportunities, please turn to pages 24-26.

THE OFFERTORY & PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ***My Lord, What A Morning***
Traditional Spiritual

The altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

Donate to Grace

Your offering gifts may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed around. 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.

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.

Please stand as the peoples' offerings are carried forward.

The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer B

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 God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues…

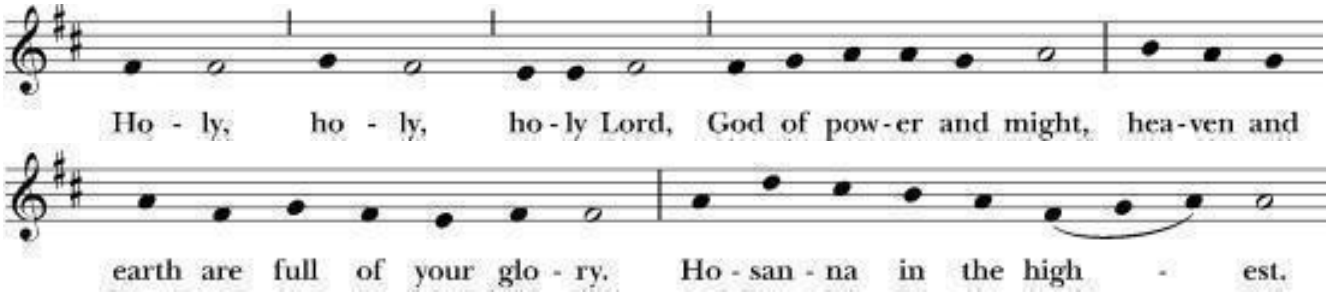
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

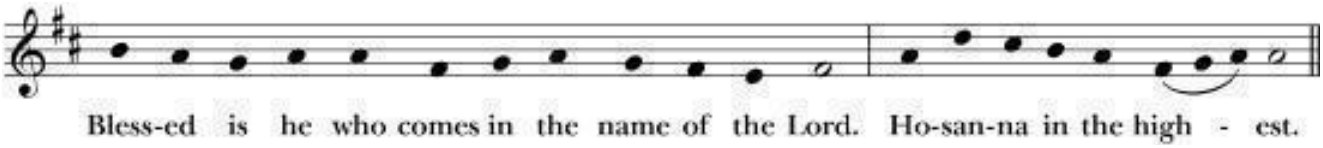
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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 124 David Hurd (b. 1950)

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





The Celebrant 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.

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 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All: **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.**

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.

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.**

COMMUNION HYMN H324 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

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



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 *Chorale Prelude*

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. 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. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION HYMN H596

Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor

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



DISMISSAL

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D Major
Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

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If you have announcements you would like included, please email office@gracedc.org

Our Stewardship Campaign Has Begun!

Dear Friends and Family of Grace Episcopal Church,

Please consider joining us in our Stewardship Campaign by making a pledge so that we may continue to serve all of you and our Georgetown community. The budget will be drafted during December, and the pledges that we have received by that time will provide the basis for formulating the budget. As of November 6, 2026, we are grateful to everyone listed here who has made a pledge to Grace for 2026. Your support to continue the mission and ministry of Grace Church is vital. *Thank you.*



Paul Alligood	Catherine & Terence Aselford	Darcy Bacon
Helen Buhr	David & Joanna Bujard	Frank Burgess & Diana Martin
The Carter Family	James Cobey	David Crawford
Debra & Michael Decker	William & Amy Dunn	Diana Edwards
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James Hamilton	Christina Kreutziger	Carolyn Kroon
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John Seferian	Sally Stanfield	David C. Wacaster
	Marian Wentworth	

Our Social Media Profiles!

Grace Church is active on Instagram and TikTok! Follow us **@gracechurch_dc** on both platforms as more content is soon to come!

2026 Annual Meeting | Today, following the 10:30 AM Service

The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the following slate of candidates for election at the Annual Meeting today:

Braden Murphy - to serve as Senior Warden
I have been coming to Grace since my childhood in the mid-1970s. I have been closely involved in Grace's governance and finances for the last 20 years, first as a Vestry Member and for the last 5 years, in my second period as Treasurer.

As Senior Warden, I will work towards continued improvement of Grace's organizational structure, communication, outreach, and financial stability. In this regard, we must work to utilize and expand upon the excellent work of the Tending Our Soil Committee over the last three years and implement their ideas into Grace's everyday life to build a strong foundation for Grace's future.

I have been an attorney and administrative judge with the Defense Department for over 20 years. My wife Lucy and I have been married since 2017. We live in Potomac, Maryland with our dog Opie and a revolving door of foster dogs.

I look forward to working with David, the Vestry, and the congregation as Grace's Senior Warden.

Margaret Lenzner - to serve a 3 year Vestry term
Grace Church has been my parish since 1975. It has changed over the years with many different rectors but has always been a comfortable place for me. I was born in Washington and have lived near the Cathedral where my grandfather was dean of the Cathedral when I was very young, so that place is also special for me. I served on Grace's vestry years ago and have tried to support its activities including Grace's Table on Saturday mornings. I admire David Wacaster and appreciate the dedicated choir and organist Francine very much. My three children grew up in Washington; two of my kids with three of my grandchildren are in the area; another with two little ones lives in Los Angeles.

Scott Shaughnessy - to serve a 3 year Vestry term
I am a remote parishioner at Grace Church, with occasional opportunities to be amongst you, my fellow parishioners, in person, when I am in Washington, D.C. on a weekend. I have been attending Grace since 2007, and since that time I have served on the Vestry for one term, on the garden committee, served at Grace Shelter dinners and a few Grace's Tables, and I have attended several Galas, even winning at one of them a dinner at the home of Bishop Mariann Budde, which was a wonderful honor. In 2019, I participated, in Grace's contingent to the Episcopal Diocese of Washington Convention. Grace has been an important part of my life: the Grace community welcomed Stella, our dog, to 5:30pm service on Saturday on her first day (right from the adoption agency) with us in Washington, D.C. in 2014, and Grace's clergy, staff, and parishioners, opened their arms to Andrew, our son, when he came to live with John (my former partner) and me in 2017 and included him in a

couple of Christmas nativity plays (he is now in his final year in college).

Since March 2020, I have been living in Rehoboth Beach, DE, and have been attending Grace's 10:30am live-stream tele-casts through YouTube, most Sundays. I also attend in-person service at All Saints Episcopal Church in Rehoboth Beach.

I am standing to serve on the Vestry as a parishioner who represents the remote/online community at Grace.

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 10:00am - 3:00pm

The office will be closed on Wednesday, November 11th, in observance of Veterans' Day. There will, however, be a special Veteran's Day liturgy at 11:00am in front of the Memorial Cross. We will resume normal operations on Thursday, November 12th.

Open Mic Nights @ Grace Church |November 30 @ 7 PM

We are having monthly Open Mic nights in the Sanctuary. Come and enjoy a cup of coffee and share! Poetry, music, and original works encouraged; all are welcome to join!

Koinonia Groups

The Koinonia fellowship groups consist 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.

Virtual Gatherings Calendar

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.)

Pastoral Care and Pastoral Care Committee

The Pastoral Care Committee prays for members and friends, especially those feeling alone, even bereft. Email office@gracedc.org to let the committee 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!

Note on Communications from the Rector

The Rector will never solicit financial gifts or gift cards via text message or email. If you receive such a communication please report it to your internet or cell service provider and delete the message. If you receive any other unusual communication purporting to be from our clergy or the church, please first verify that it was sent from the clergy's cell phone number or their official @gracedc.org email addresses. If you are still uncertain of the origins of the communication, please contact the church office directly! Thank you.

Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in Volunteering at Grace Church?

We need Readers – Eucharistic Ministers – Coffee Hour Hosts – and especially Broadcast Technicians! Contact Helen Buhr, at helen.buhr@gracedc.org, to get involved!

Georgetown Ministry Center:

Want to help volunteer with GMC or want to donate items? Contact info@gmcgt.org or (202) 338-830.

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 for our wonderful volunteers and are hoping to expand our team, which would allow us to share the responsibilities more broadly. Please consider providing some portion of the meal or helping serve and assist with set up & clean up. Come join us! Please contact Beth Lee at gracestable@gracedc.org for more info or to volunteer.

Beyond the Gates of Grace

Georgetown Village **Georgetown Village Square, 1801 34th St. NW**

Are you looking to help others in our local community? Georgetown Village, a nonprofit organization committed to helping older adults thrive while aging in place, is in need of volunteers to meet a number of important needs, such as driving older adults to medical appointments, making friendly visits, providing tech support, and more. This is a great opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of your neighbors! Reach out to info@georgetown-village.org for more information.

Anglican Women's Prophetic Work in the Global South| November 10 @ 1:00 PM

Anglican women in the Global South have played prophetic roles in their churches and society. They have organized to fight for women's dignity, human rights, and equal opportunities. This webinar will discuss the development of Black feminist theology against apartheid in South Africa, the Palestinian women's movement against violence and military occupation, and women's struggle against human trafficking in India. Registration can be found via https://www.eds.edu/programs

Diocesan Be a Blessing: Youth Day of Service| November 14 @ 2:00 PM

Middle and high school youth (grades 6–12) are invited to the diocese's 3rd annual Be a Blessing: Youth Day of Service on Saturday, November 14 from 2-5 pm at St. Alban's Episcopal Church on the Cathedral Close. For more information, contact the Rev. Amanda Akes-Cardwell, Director of Formation and Discernment, at aakes-cardwell@edow.org.

Prayers from All Saints' Day and our Pledge Ingathering

I give thanks to God who has made all things possible and pray that I may be worthy of Him.

Our continued hope for the revitalization of Grace Church, and our gratitude for Grace's Vestry, choir, and the Grace community.

Prayers for the unhoused.

Pray for Baba Vanga to rest in peace.

I pray for the continued vitality of Grace in this community. To continue its worship and search for God in our lives.

For my discernment and fruition as a Deacon. For Grace's continued deepening as a faith community. For safe and fair elections.

We pray for peace in the world and kindness in each of us.

Peace in the world; courage in our hearts.

I pray that God will send more young families to Grace.

A prayer for our Church– that God's love will be felt.

Thank you for remembering Bob Dunn and for always including Sherry Anderson as well as all of the Dunn family. Grace is always in our hearts as well.

Prayers for this parish community, that it may continue its prayers and witness here in Georgetown.

Prayers for the Georgetown Community.

Prayer for Donna, Jack, John, Linda.

Prayer for Grace Church for the coming year: Praying for many blessings of the Holy Spirit for Grace Church. May we be able to give and receive generously.

One thing I value most about our community at Grace: We weave together a diverse community on Sundays, Mondays, and Saturdays, and we proclaim the Gospel through our welcome in each of those settings. To advance this in the year ahead: I commit to continuing our program of service and welcome with my time, my creativity, and my resources. I commit to inviting those I know to be part of our community, and welcoming all as my brothers and sisters.

Amen.

2026 Annual Meeting Agenda

1. Declare the Meeting Open

2. Approve the minutes from the 2025 Annual Meeting

3. Vestry Election
    a. Introduce the candidates for:
        i. Senior Warden
        ii. 2 Vestry Members (3 year terms)
    b. Entertain motions for election by acclamation
    c. If no motion for acclamation is made or passed:
        i. Distribute ballots
        ii. Balloting to be closed after 15 minutes
        iii. Tally tabulation
        iv. Election results announced

4. Presentation of Reports
    a. Junior Warden's Report
    b. Senior Warden's Report
    c. Treasurer's Report
    d. Rector's Report

5. Motion to close the meeting

2026 Annual Meeting Ballot

Warden Election

Senior Warden (2 year term)

Braden Murphy _____

Vestry Election

Vestry Member (3 year term)

Margaret Lenzner _____

Vestry Member (3 year term)

Scott Shaughnessy _____

Vestry Member (3 year term)

Write in _____

Grace's Mission Statement

Grace Church manifests God's love by offering a sacred space in Georgetown where diverse communities weave together their gifts and blessings. We welcome each person as a beloved neighbor.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 8th	**Annual Meeting** Following the 10:30 AM service
Wednesday, November 11th Veterans Day	**11:00 AM** Veterans Day Service of Remembrance, at the Memorial Cross **The Office will be closed** in observance of Veterans Day
Sunday, November 15th The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost	**8:30 AM** Holy Eucharist, *Contemplative Service* **9:30 AM** Adult Forum, in the Parish Hall **10:30 AM** Holy Eucharist *with music & live-streamed* *Coffee Hour after 10:30 service*
Sunday, November 22nd The Last Sunday after Pentecost: Christ the King	**8:30 AM** Holy Eucharist, *Contemplative Service* **9:30 AM** Adult Forum, in the Parish Hall **10:30 AM** Holy Eucharist *with music & live-streamed* *Coffee Hour after 10:30 service*
Sunday, November 29th The First Sunday of Advent	**8:30 AM** Holy Eucharist, *Contemplative Service* **9:30 AM** Adult Forum, in the Parish Hall **10:15 AM** Prayers for the Fallen, the Nation, and the World, at the Memorial Cross **10:30 AM** Holy Eucharist *with music & live-streamed* *Coffee Hour after 10:30 service*

Recurring Events

Last **Monday** of each Month	**7 PM** Open Mic Night, in the Sanctuary
Tuesdays	**12:15 PM** Virtual Centering Prayer
Saturdays	**11 AM - 12:15 PM** Grace's Table Feeding Ministry Contact Beth Lee at gracestable@gracedc.org for more info.
Office Hours	**10 AM - 3 PM** Monday - Friday *(The Rector's regular day off is Friday)*

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