

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 16, 2017 8:00 AM

Our liturgy can be found in the Book of Common Prayer, beginning on page 355.

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| The Opening Acclamation | BCP 355 |
| Collect for Purity | BCP 355 |
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| The Collect of the Day | BCP 233 [Proper 19] |

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson A Reading from Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he awakens— awakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore, I have not been disgraced; therefore, I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1-8

We will read responsively on the half-verse

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: * **“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”**
- 4 Gracious is the Lord and righteous; * **our God is full of compassion.**
- 5 The Lord watches over the innocent; * **I was brought very low, and he helped me.**
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, * **for the Lord has treated you well.**
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death, * **my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.**
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the Lord * **in the land of the living.**

The Epistle: Reading from the First Letter of James (3:1-12)

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark [8:27-38] Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’ And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’ He asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah.’ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the church and the world, saying “Jesus, Risen Savior, In your mercy, hear us.”

Jesus, Light of the World, Guide our leaders to establish peace among all nations. Watch over those who are serving our country in the military, in humanitarian organizations, and in diplomatic missions, to bring about peace. Inspire our candidates for political office to speak with courage and compassion.
Pause.

Jesus, Risen Savior, **In your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, Hope of the World, Inspire your church with an unshakable faith and a passion for justice so that we will speak with courage and compassion in the face of injustice, dishonesty, and greed. Guide the young people and adults of Grace La Gracia who are preparing for Confirmation. *Pause.*

Jesus, Risen Savior, **In your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, Bread of Life, Open our hearts and hands so that we will give to those who are hungry in body and spirit, sharing from all that we have with those who have nothing *Pause.*

Jesus, risen Savior, **In your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, our Way, our Truth, our Life, guide us in our search for knowledge and truth. Watch over our students and teachers, that they may find joy and peace in their studies. *Pause.*

Jesus, risen Savior, **In your mercy, hear us**

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, Guide our Search Committee that they may do their work with confidence and wisdom, and guide us to be productive during this time of transition. *Pause.*

Jesus, risen Savior, **In your mercy, hear us**

Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life, we give you thanks for our families, our teachers, and everyone who inspires us to live our lives with purpose. Keep under your protection all who have died, especially those we name silently or aloud. *Pause.*

Jesus, risen Savior, **In your mercy, hear us**

Let us pray. Gracious Father, your Son before he ascended to glory declared that your people would receive power from the Holy Spirit to bear witness to him to the ends of the earth: Be present with all who go forth in his Name. Let your love shine through their witness, so that the blind may see, the deaf hear, the lame walk, the dead be raised up, and the poor have the good news preached to them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession BCP 360

The Peace

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

BCP 365

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Ministers of the Liturgy

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Dr. Judith Lee

Lectors: Stuart Madden; Mary Baker

Eucharistic Minister: Brinda Bradley

Usher : Stuart Madden

Rest in Peace

Stanley Larrier, brother of Carmen Greenidge, passed into eternal life on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. We hold Carmen and all the family in prayer during the coming days and weeks.

Almighty God, our Father in heaven, before whom live all who die in the Lord: Receive our brother Stanley into the courts of your heavenly dwelling place. Let his heart and soul now ring out in joy to you, O Lord, the living God and the God of those who live. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we welcome you to Grace Church!
 Our communion is open to all baptized Christians.
 Please take the time to fill out one of our visitor cards which the ushers have available.
 Your presence is a blessing to us; may our worship together be a blessing to you.

Grace Church Prayer List: We hold the following people in prayer:

Eric Anastas & Family, Corine Bradley, Bernice Burton, Jennifer Toppin-Canner, Cindy Courtien, Inez Dale, Jimmy Delaney, Carol DiGilio, Vincent Doria, Bill Dunphy, Cathy Dunphy, Deacon Edgar Ervin, Sandra Esannason, Lydia Green, Faith Hite & Family, Marie Huckabry, William Jackson, Jr., Jackie Jansky, Ivy John, Evgeniy Kaufman, Manoris Long, Gail and Dave Matthew, Trisha McGuinness, Janice Moore, Giovanna Mustac, Selena Perry, Canon Blake Rider, Gladstone Reid, Leroy Reid, Renee Reid, Uriel Reid, Thomas Russo, Phil Sawyer, Norman Stanton, Susan Stanton, Laura Stix, Barbara Vigliotti, Stacey Vitale, Natasha Vodyanitskaya, Emma Wainwright, Marthe Watkins

Bethel Nursing and Rehabilitation Center: Verna Brown

Cedar Manor, Ossining: Robert Auld

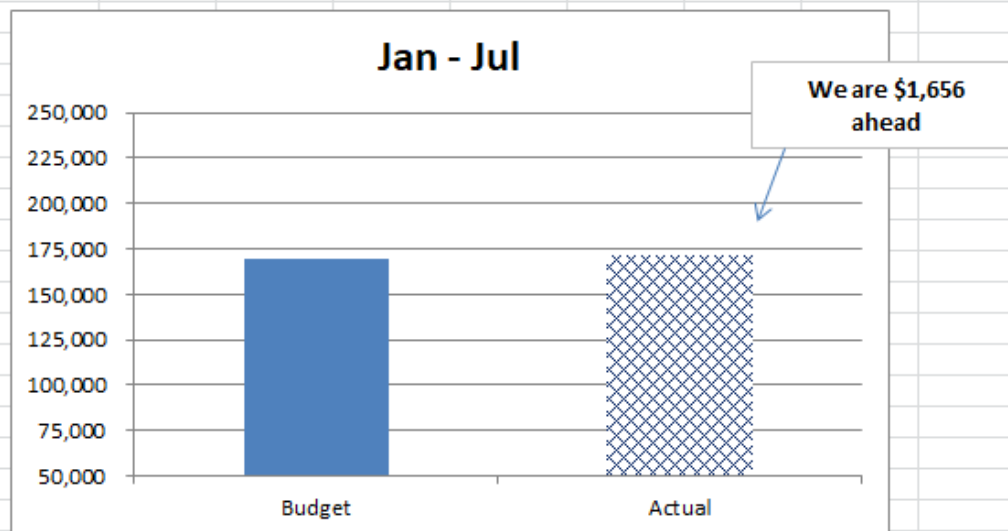
Serving in the Armed Forces: Kenny Duffy, Denny J. Edmondson, Christopher P. Halstead, David Packer, Sgt. Christopher Vigliotti, Gunnery Sgt. Les Yearwood.

Please call the Parish Office or contact Sandy Gadsden McAllister if you would like to place someone's name on our prayer list

Birthdays

September 17th Cecilia Peagler, Mia Diaz
 September 19th Elaine Reid, Thomas Roach, Christopher Elliott
 September 20th Akeem Spencer
 September 21st Virginia Blanchard
 September 22nd Monica Powell, Evan Matherly, Benjamin Heavner

In the effort to communicate to the congregation about our progress toward meeting our 2018 Stewardship Goal, the below chart shows Total Pledges for January - July (actual vs. budget) for Grace and La Gracia. This chart will be updated each month.



2018 Stewardship Goal: \$290,850
% Goal Achieved: 59% (we should be at 58%)

Announcements for the Week of September 16th

Prayer in the Time of Transition:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday – September 16th

11 AM Holy Eucharist Bi Lingual Service

12 PM Grace/La Gracia Pot Luck Coffee Hour

Tuesday - September 18th

8 AM Executive Committee Meeting – at the Rectory

Noon Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Wednesday - September 19th

12:10 PM DTM at Grace

7:30 PM Bible Study- Library

Thursday – September 20th

12:05 PM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

7:30 PM Santa Eucaristía in the Church

Friday – September 21st

10 AM to 12 PM Urban League Voter Registration – Parish Hall

What's New:

Youth Ministries: Sunday School, Rite 13, & J2A

Schedule change this year: Rite 13 and J2A will meet at 10 AM during the service, instead of after the service. We hope this will be more convenient for families. **All classes will begin Next Sunday September 23rd.**

Next Sunday: Parish Forum after the 10 am service in the Library: Priscilla Read will lead a discussion of current Israel- Palestine relations and actions that the Episcopal Church has taken to address the economic and social consequences of the conflict. A colleague from Jewish Voice for Peace join the discussion.

Looking Ahead:

Sundays in September

September 23rd Sunday School Classes, Rite 13, and J2A begin at 10 AM

11:30 AM Parish Forum: The Episcopal Church, General Convention, and Israeli-Palestinian Relations – in the Library

September 30th **11:15 AM** World Café Parish Forum

Bible Study: Our Wednesday evening meetings will resume on this **Wednesday September 19th.** In preparation for the Bishop's Visitation, our first 4 weeks (September 12th – October 17th **no class on October 3rd.**) will begin with discussion of Scripture from the Rites of Baptism & Confirmation, and

we will discuss different aspects of the Anglican tradition and the Episcopal Church. September 12th topic: The Anglican Communion and the Episcopal Church: Governance & Policy. The Gospel of Mark will be the focus of our **weekly e-Bible Study beginning this week**.

World Café: September 30th after the 10 AM service: The Vestry will host small-group discussions of our ministries: Sunday School & Family Ministries; Stewardship, Welcoming, Advocacy, Worship, Music, Pastoral Care, Communication. This is an opportunity for you to share insights and ideas, and your discussion will serve as preparation for the Vestry interviews with Rector candidates.

S.A.G.E. will kick off the beginning of the year with a PARTY! New members are welcome! We will meet on **Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 1:30 pm in the library**. Hope to see you all there. Let's catch up with each other after our summer break. Blessings! Marie Barrow

General Information:

Downtown Music at Grace: Wednesday: September 19th at 12:10 PM- Jonathan Henken, piper, will perform a program of ancient airs and dances of Scotland.

Bishop's Visitation: Sunday October 28th – 11 AM Bi-lingual service. Please see Mother Judith or Father Adolfo to discuss how to prepare for Baptism, Confirmation, Reception into the Episcopal Church (if you have been confirmed in the Lutheran or Roman Catholic traditions), and Renewal of Baptismal Vows. The Bishop's Visitation is a very important milestone in the life of the church: Please plan to be present to welcome Bishop Dietsche, to celebrate with our Confirmands, and to give thanks for the grace that has brought us together.

Parish Retreat: Saturday December 1, 2018, 10am – 6 pm. The day will end with our First Saturdays at Grace Holy Eucharist.

Host a Sunday Coffee Hour- Hosts & Welcoming Assistants Needed!

we are looking for volunteers to host coffee hours and as welcoming assistants from January to June 2019. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board next to the parish hall.

Bulletin Boards: We have established a new practice so that Maria Campos oversees all postings on the bulletin boards in the building. Fr. Adolfo will oversee postings on the La Gracia bulletin board. This will improve consistency, complementarity, and coherence in the way we share news and information with our visitors. All postings should be given to Maria: by email, mail, or in person.

Paying Pledges by check or online

We now offer the opportunity to pay your pledge through PayPal on our website (www.gracechurchwhiteplains.org/Giving). If you pay by check, please note the current posted date and write your pledge number on the memo line. To arrange automatic payments of your pledge, please contact Maria Romeo in the parish office (mromeo@gracechurchwhiteplains.org).

E-mail news: In upgrading our Microsoft software, some email addresses were inadvertently deleted from our database. And our new weekly e-newsletter may be going to your SPAM folders. If you or anyone you know is not receiving parish emails, please contact Maria Campos at mcampos@gracechurchwhiteplains.org or 914-949-2874.





The Right Reverend Andrew ML Dietsche, Bishop
The Right Reverend Allen Kunho Shin, Bishop Suffragan
The Right Reverend Mary Glasspool, Assistant Bishop
The Reverend Dr. Judith Lee, Interim Pastor
The Reverend Adolfo Moronta, Associate Priest
Peter Roberts, Director of Music of Grace Church
Juan Carlos Abreu, Director of Music of La Gracia
Donna Louis, Youth Ministry Coordinator
Maria Campos, Secretary
Taurino Juárez, Sexton

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VESTRY

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Hillary Fleming, Treasurer
Sorraya Sampson Elliott, Clerk

Class of 2018: Irene Alves, Karen Odom, Amy Auld Owens, Sorraya Sampson Elliott

Class of 2019: Trisha McGuinness, Marisol Ortega, Charlotte Roberson

Class of 2020: Daisy Calderon, Hillary Fleming

Grace Church is a diverse congregation committed to a common life sustained by worship. We bear witness to God's love in Christ through our life together and our service to the wider community. All are welcome.