

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 30, 2018

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

Prelude *Aria della la Frescobaldi*

Frescobaldi

Hymn #546 *Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve*

The Opening Acclamation

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

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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 in Excelsis

Barry Cabena

Organ



Glo - ry to God in the high - est
and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav'n - ly King.
Al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the
Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us: you are seat - ed
at the right hand of the Fa - ther, re - ceive our prayer. For
you al - lone are the ho - ly one, you al - lone are the Lord,
You al - lone are the most High Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Collect of the Day [Proper 21]

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The First Lesson A Reading from the Book of Numbers [11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29]

4 The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, 'If only we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.' . . .

10 Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the Lord, 'Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, "Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child", to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, "Give us meat to eat!" ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.'

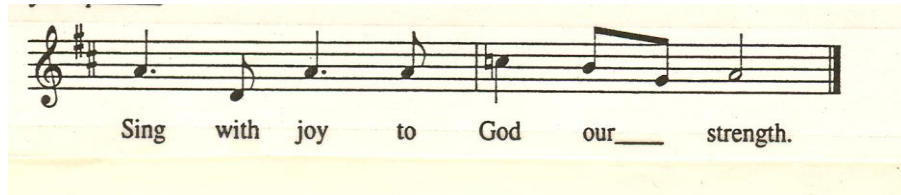
16 So the Lord said to Moses, 'Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you. . . .

24 So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

26 Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' ²⁸And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' ²⁹But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!'

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

Psalm 19:7-14



- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, * and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? * **cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Lesson: A Reading from the Letter of James [5:13-20]

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

Sequence Hymn: #509 *Spirit divine, attend our prayers*

The Holy Gospel The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark [9:38-50]

Response: Glory to You Lord Christ.

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

The Word of the Lord. **Praise to You Lord Christ.**

Sermon The Rev. Dr. Judith Lee

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

Prayers of the People

Priest 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 do not have what they need. *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**

The Priest:

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

Anthem *Fight the good fight*

Gardner

Hymn #609 *Where cross the crowded ways of life*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A BCP 361

Sanctus and Benedictus

Barry Cabena

Ho - ly Ho - ly Ho - ly Lord God of

6 Pow - er and mght heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho -

12 sa - na in the High - est Bles - sed is he who comes in the

17 name of the Lord Ho - sa - na in the High - est

The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei

Barry Cabena

Lamb of God you take a-way the
sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world have mer-cy on us Lamb of
God you take a-way the sin of the world grant us
peace.

Anthem *If God be with us* [from the Messiah]

Handel

Hymn **LEV&S #177** *It's me, Lord*

The Prayer of Thanksgiving BCP 365

The Blessing

Hymn **#545** *Lo! What a cloud of witnesses*

Dismissal

Postlude *Prelude and Fugue in G*

Buxtehude

Ministers of the Liturgy

Celebrant & Preacher The Rev. Dr. Judith Lee

Organist Peter Roberts

Featured Soloist Abigail Fischer

Lectors **8AM** Ella Fitzgerald, Barbara Wiggins

10AM Andrea Spencer, Arlene Grant

Intercessor: Carolyn Rogers

Eucharistic Ministers

8AM Brinda Bradley

10AM Andrea Spencer, Jean Chambers

Acolytes **10AM** Rudy Breach, Kaylee Owens, Sam Brown, Cameron Owens

Ushers **8AM** Stuart Madden

10AM Anna Kristina O' Hanlon, Nikolas O' Hanlon, Vika O' Hanlon, James Heffner, Michael Heffner

Vestry Greeters Vestry

Nursery Care is available during the 10:00 AM service.

Coffee Hour: World Café Hosted by The Vestry

Fr. Adolfo is celebrant at St. Bartholomew's this morning.

The altar flowers this morning are given by Judy Hutton and the Woodberry family
in loving memory of Stanley Hutton.

If you are visiting with us for the first time, we welcome you to Grace Church!
Our liturgy is found in the Book of Common Prayer.
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, Cynthia Cole, 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, Norman Stanton, Susan Stanton, Laura Stix, Barbara Vigliotti, Stacey Vitale, Natasha Vodyanitskaya, Emma Wainwright, Marthe Watkins, Ena Yearwood

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

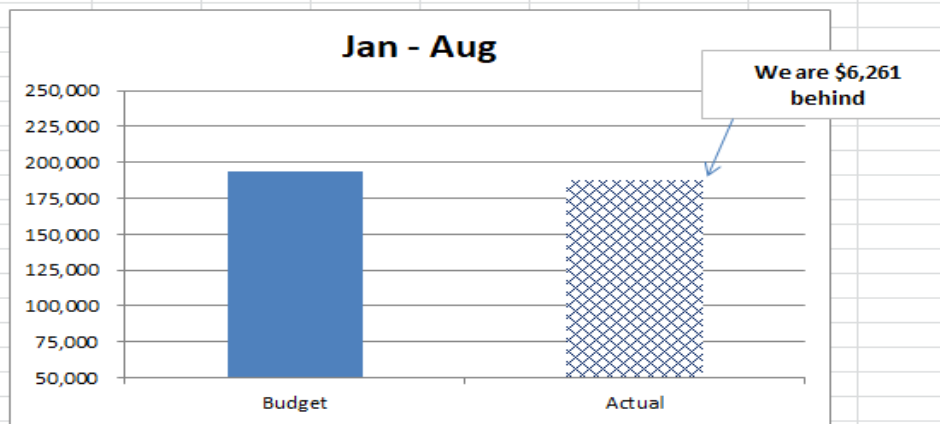
September 30th Krystian Suber **October 2nd** James J. Henderson, Jr., Jayden Newman

We pray for the young people of Grace who are preparing for Confirmation on October 28th:

Aaron Bradford, Maya Daughtry, James Heffner, Anan Kristina O'Hanlon, Nikolas O'Hanlon, and Kaylee Owens.

Almighty God, we thank you that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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 - August (actual vs. budget) for Grace and La Gracia. This chart will be updated each month.



2018 Stewardship Goal: \$290,850
% Goal Achieved: 65% (we should be at 67%)

Announcements for the Week of September 30th

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

Monday- October 1st

6:30 PM La Gracia San Romero Group - Library

Tuesday-October 2nd

12:05 PM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

Wednesday-October 3rd

12:10 PM Downtown Music at Grace

1:30 PM SAGE – Library

7:00 PM The Search Committee - Library

7:30 PM **No Bible Study this evening**

Thursday-October 4th

12:05 PM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

7:30 PM Santa Eucaristía in the Church

Friday- October 5th

12PM to 2AM TBD Site Rental - Parish Hall

Saturday-October 6th

4:30 PM to 6PM **1st Saturday at Grace:** Blessing of the Animals – Front Lawn

What's New:

TODAY: World Café after the 10 AM service

The Vestry will host small-group discussions of our ministries:

Looking Ahead:

Sundays in October

Saturday October 6th

4:30-6:00 pm First Saturdays at Grace:

Blessing of the Animals on the front lawn

Sunday October 7th

Columbus Day Weekend: No Sunday School Classes

Monday October 8th

Columbus Day Lunch at Grace's Kitchen: Volunteers needed

9 am – 3 pm Confirmands' Retreat

Sunday October 14th

11:30 AM Confirmands Meeting

Sunday October 21st

10:00 AM Family Service

Sunday October 28th

11:00 AM **One service at 11:00 AM: Bishop's Visitation**

Bible Study: In preparation for the Bishop's Visitation, on Wednesday evenings we will have discussions of Scripture from the Rite of Confirmation, and we will discuss different aspects of the Anglican tradition and the Episcopal Church. September 26th topic: The Anglican Tradition: Theology.

No meeting on October 3rd. The Gospel of Mark is the focus of our **weekly e- Bible Study**.

Sundays at 9:00AM: In preparation for the Bishop's visitation, we'll take the opportunity for a brief class/discussion of the Anglican Tradition and the Episcopal Church on Sundays, 9-9:30 AM in the

Library. If this proves to be a useful program, we'll continue with new topics in November & December.

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. Bring a picture and a story about a beloved pet, and we will have a prayer of blessing for all our pets. Blessings! Marie Barrow

October 6th: 4:30 -6 PM First Saturdays at Grace: Blessing of the Animals on the front lawn. In a celebration of St. Francis of Assisi, we welcome members of the community to bring their pets to Grace church for a blessing: Rain or Shine. There will not be a liturgy: Guests are welcome to come and go.

Volunteers are needed in Grace's Kitchen: Columbus Day, Monday, October 8, 2018 between 8:30 am and 11:30 am. If you can volunteer a few hours, we look forward to working with you. Monetary contributions are always welcome and needed. Food contributions of salads, fresh fruit, desserts, snacks and beverages always make the occasion more festive. The signup sheet is posted on the bulletin board near the parish hall. *Michael Heffner and Walter Simon*

Book Club Update: Please note that there will be no book club meeting in October. For our next meeting on Tuesday, Nov 13, the book club will discuss **The Other Einstein** by Marie Benedict and investigative reporter Bob Woodward's bestseller, **Fear: Trump in the White House** (an additional optional read for Nov). Interested in the book club? Contact Karen Odom (karenodom@yahoo.com).

General Information:

Bishop's Visitation: Sunday October 28th – 11 AM Bi-lingual service

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.

Concerts to Benefit the Organ Fund

Grace Church will host three concerts to benefit the Organ fund for repair and maintenance of our organ. On **Saturday November 3rd, at 5 PM** an orchestra and chorus will perform Mozart's Requiem. On **Sunday November 11th at 4:30 PM** the Colombian Jazz Quintet Folklore Urbano will perform and on **Saturday, December 8th at 5 PM** Jazz Vespers with The Alex Auld Jazz Quartet.

All performances are sponsored in collaboration with Downtown Music. Thanks to Eileen McClean and Barbara Biles for their leadership in organizing these events.

Parish Retreat: Saturday December 1, 2018, 10am – 6 pm. *The Way of Love: Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life*. We will have prayers and discussions in English and Spanish centered on Bishop Curry's call for the Jesus Movement. 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 posted on the bulletin board near 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.

Vestry Highlights September 25, 2018

Resolved

- ✓ Authorized Michael Heffner to continue necessary steps to repair the elevator

Reports

- ✓ Repairs have been scheduled at the Rectory, to be completed by the end of November
- ✓ Repairs to the elevator have been approved and will be completed by the spring of 2019.
- ✓ A 3-year timeline is in place for repair and refurbishment of the organ. Plans for funding are underway.
- ✓ Installation of a new comprehensive security system began this week.
- ✓ Steps are being taken for commercial cleaning of Grace's Kitchen, replacement of the kitchen door (donated by a parishioner), and a new exterminator for addressing rodent problems in the kitchen.
- ✓ The front fence has been repaired at no cost to Grace Church.
- ✓ Michael Heffner continues to refine enhanced audio-visual capability in the Sunday School classrooms, the Parish Hall, and the library; worship in the sanctuary can now be viewed in the parish hall and the library. All the new audio-visual equipment has been donated by parishioners.
- ✓ La Gracia's Fiesta on September 15th was a great success. The proceeds have been designated for the Grace La Gracia operating budget and for the Grace/La Gracia Sunday lunch program.
- ✓ Pledge income from La Gracia has increased over last year, even though it continues to be under budget for 2018.
- ✓ We will have two new The Episcopal Church Welcomes You signs: one at the corner of Church and Main has been hung; the second will be on Main Street closer to Renaissance Park.
- ✓ A New "Contacts List" has been posted on the bulletin boards and on the website to inform parishioners whom to call in emergencies and when they have general questions about specific topics.
- ✓ We have a Master Calendar for the 2018-2019 Program Year so that different groups can coordinate special events.

Discussion

In the past 6 months, what have we done well?

- ✓ Improved transparency and clarity of communication
- ✓ We have taken action on long-delayed projects and longstanding goals
- ✓ There has been more collaboration between individuals and committees, with strong commitment and clear accountability
- ✓ Individuals feel that their ideas and concerns are being heard.

In the past 6 months, what could we have done better?

- ✓ We need to find ways to engage and invite young adults



GRACE CHURCH

of the Episcopal Diocese of New York

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
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VESTRY

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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.