



**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 29, 2021**  
**10:30 a.m.**

Grace Episcopal Church  
123 W. Washington Street  
Lexington, VA 24450

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Lexington Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude Fantasia in E

G.P. Telemann

Hymn 423 Immortal, invisible God only wise *St. Denio*

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Music: *St. Denio*, Welsh hymn, fom *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822-1877); harm. *The English Hymal*, 1906, alt.

## Opening Acclamation

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

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

## The Collect of the Day (Proper 17)

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## The Lessons

*Song of Solomon 2:8-13*

The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away."

**Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10** led by a choir member, said responsively with congregation by verse.

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;  
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; \*  
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men; \*  
grace flows from your lips,  
because God has blessed you for ever.
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, \*  
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;  
you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
- 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you \*  
with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, \*  
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- 10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; \*  
on your right hand is the queen,  
adorned with the gold of Ophir.

*James 1:17-27*

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

Hymn 291 We plow the fields and scatter *Wir pflugen*

1 We plow the fields, and scat - ter the good seed on the land,  
 2 He on - ly is the Ma - ker of all things near and far;  
 3 We thank thee, then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,

but it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand;  
 he paints the way - side flow - er, he lights the eve - ning star;  
 the seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:

he sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,  
 the winds and waves o - bey him, by him the birds are fed;  
 the gifts we have to of - fer are what thy love im - parts,

the breez - es and the sun - shine, and soft re - fresh - ing rain.  
 much more to us, his chil - dren, he gives our dai - ly bread.  
 but chief - ly thou de - sir - est our hum - ble thank - ful hearts.

*Refrain*

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heaven a - bove;

then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

Words: Matthias Claudius (1740-1815); tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878), alt. Music: *Wir pflugen*, Johann Abraham Peter Schulz (1747-1800)

*Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

## **The Sermon**

### **The Nicene Creed**

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.

## **A Litany of Healing**

*The Celebrant introduces the Litany with this bidding*

**Celebrant:** Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

*Please pray for the wider Church and intercessions requested by our Congregants: Pray for The Anglican Communion, The Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, Standing Committee of the Diocese of Haiti as they search for their new Bishop, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines, the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Justin Badi Arama, the Episcopal Church in the United States of America and our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Michael B Curry, the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, and our Bishop Mark Bourlakas. Pray today for the Bishop's Visitation to Trinity Rocky Mount. Pray for the students and staff of Stuart Hall and their headmaster, Michael Robinson.*

*Pray for Bettie Cadden, Lynda DeMaria, Bob DeMaria, Peter Fyfe, Pat Gibson, Alleane Taebel, Lucy Moise, Dean Stenzel, Kate Roy Christian, Karen Clark (cousin of Sharon White), John Belsick (friend of the Hotchkiss family), Juanita Ruth One, Kay Glore, William Gibson (brother of Keith Gibson), John Fairchild (friend of the Gibsons), Debbie Arnn, Ginger Bell Trice (cousin of Tuck Bowerfind), Anne Weede, Prescella Yowal (member of Sudanese diaspora 4 in Roanoke), Lynn McCoy (friend of the Cranfords), John & Patti Reich (friends of the Habermans), Judy Eaton, Mary Jane Hubbard, Don Fleming (uncle of Patrick McGuire), Carol Wedd, Peggy Riethmiller, Bob Crewdson, Letta (friend of Drusie Milford), Marsden and Sadie,*

*premature infants of Meredith and Josh Cranston, Donald Graham (son-in-law of Alice Furgerson), David Burford, Jerome Coleman, Shelley (friend of the Lemmers), Ben Nelson, Robin & Robert Hutton (sister and brother-in-law of Chris Howison), Ed Craun, Pam Adams, Daniel McCarthy (son-in-law of Susan Williams), and those we name in our hearts.*

*Pray for those serving in the military.*

*Pray for those who have died.*

*Pray for those affected by unsafe living conditions, poverty, disease, violence and oppression. Pray for the people of Haiti. Pray for the people of Afghanistan.*

*In thanksgiving for the marriage of Caitlin Bott and Kate McGuire (daughter of Patrick & Lisa McGuire).*

*In thanksgiving for the S.T.E.P.S. program, mentors, and recipient Richard Jones.*

*In thanksgiving for the birthday this week of David Howison (8/28), Barton Dick (8/30), Pat Gibson (8/31).*

**Reader:** God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation; *We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;  
*We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;  
*We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;  
*We praise you and thank you, O Lord.*

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole; *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence; *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit; *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill,

sympathy and patience; *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved; *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world; *Hear us, O Lord of life.*

You are the Lord who does wonders: *You have declared your power among the peoples.*

With you, O Lord, is the well of life: *And in your light we see light.*

Hear us, O Lord of life: *Heal us, and make us whole.*

**Celebrant:** Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Confession of Sin**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

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

### **Laying on of Hands and Anointing**

*Those who wish to receive laying on of hands and/or anointing for themselves or for another are invited to come forward at this time.*

**Celebrant:** May the God who goes before you through desert places by night and by day be your companion and guide; may your journey be with the saints; may the Holy Spirit be your strength, and Christ your clothing of light, in whose name we pray. *Amen.*

### **The Peace**

## **The Holy Communion**

*Offertory*

**Anthem WLP 778** We all are one in mission

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*Glory to you for ever and ever.*

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*By your will they were created and have their being.*

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.*

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Sanctus and Benedictus qui venit:** Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior

Christ has taught us,

we are bold to say,

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**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
 Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of  
 Communion  
 Hymn 707

1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;

take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
 Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.

take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.  
 Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Words: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), alt. Music: Hollingside, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

Hymn  
 who saves

1 Sure - ly it is God who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not  
 2 Make his deeds known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed

fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing  
 Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his

help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -  
 might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with

va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -  
 you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the

liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.  
 great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

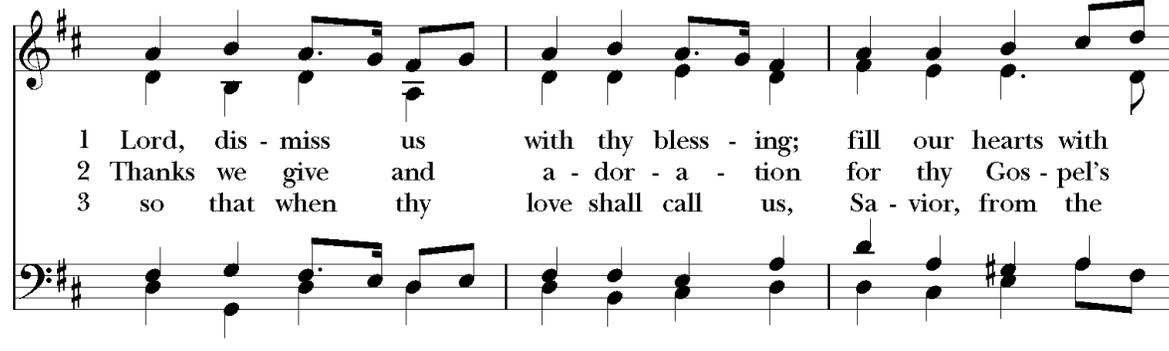
679 Surely it is God  
 me Thomas Merton

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944); para. of *The First Song of Isaiah* Copyright ©1982, Carl P. Daw, Jr. Music: Thomas Merton, Ray W. Urwin (b. 1950)  
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*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

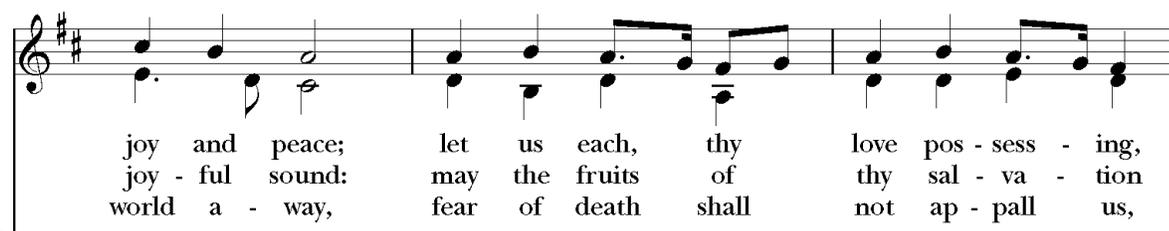
Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now

and love you  
ness



1 Lord, dis - miss us with thy bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and a - dor - a - tion for thy Gos - pel's strength  
3 so that when thy love shall call us, Sa - vior, from the courage to  
and serve with glad-  
and single-  
of heart;

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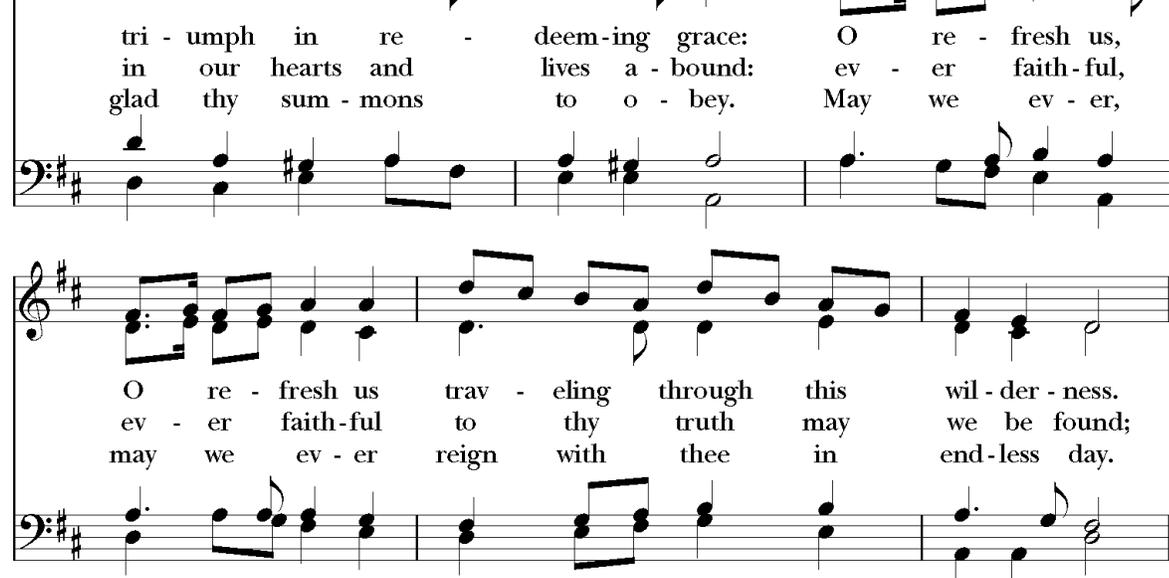


joy and peace; let us each, thy love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound: may the fruits of thy sal - va - tion Amen.  
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us, **Blessing &**  
**missal**

miss  
*Sicil-*



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: O re - fresh us,  
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,  
glad thy sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er, **Hymn 344**  
Lord dis -  
us with thy  
blessing  
*ian Mariners*



O re - fresh us trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful to thy truth may we be found;  
may we ev - er reign with thee in end - less day.

Words: Att. John Fawcett (1739/40-1817) Music: *Sicilian Mariners*, Sicilian melody; first published *The European Magazine and London Review*, 1792, alt.

**Postludes will return when the Casavant organ arrives!**

**Altar Guild**

Elizabeth Harralson, Marlys Craun, Sharon Humphreys,  
Nancy Walker, Diana Kenney, Sue Denson,  
Elizabeth Branner, Kitty Wainwright, Jane Brook, chair

**Flower Guild**

Elizabeth Boetsch, Claudia Ellis, Gail Dick, Rene Glidden, Carol Gosse,  
Catherine Marcus, Elizabeth Harralson, Peggy Riethmiller,  
Joy Harris, Kathy Kozak

**Readers & Chalcist**

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Elizabeth Harralson

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Steve Riethmiller, James Keane, Gail Dick

**Coffee Hour Host**

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