



The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Seventeenth Sunday
after Pentecost

September 24, 2023

8:00 am (said)
10:30 am (sung)

Grace Episcopal Church
The Plains, Virginia

Welcome to Grace Church in The Plains. We are grateful for your presence in worship today. If you would like to learn more about our life at Grace, or become more closely associated with this community, we encourage you to complete a pew card, which may be placed in the offering plate, given to our rector, or mailed to the church office. For detailed information about the ministry and witness of our parish, including the complete schedule of worship services and weekly events, visit: www.gracetheplains.org. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

Please remember to silence all mobile phones and other electronic devices.

The people stand as able at the ringing of the tower bell

Hymn 522

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Austria

Descant

4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, ci - ty

2 See! the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -

3 Round each ha - bi - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and

4 Blest in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -

deem - er's blood! Whom their souls re -

of our God; he whose word can - not be

ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and

fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a

deem - er's blood! Je - sus, whom their souls re -

ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

bro - ken formed thee for his own a - bode;

daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.

cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.

ly on, makes them kings and priests to God.

'Tis his love his peo - ple raise o - ver

on the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake thy
 Who can faint, when such a riv - er ev - er will their
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner, light by night, and
 'Tis his love his peo - ple rais - es o - ver self to

self to reign and as priests, his

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
 thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the Lord, the
 shade by day, safe they feed up - on the
 reign as kings: and as priests, his sol - emn

sol - emn prais - es each an of - fering brings.

round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 giv - er nev - er fails from age to age.
 man - na which he gives them when they pray.
 prais - es each for a thank - of - fering brings.

Words: John Newton (1725-1807), alt. Music: *Austria*, Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1807); desc. Michael Y. Young, (b. 1939).
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Celebrant
People
Celebrant

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

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.

Gloria
Sung by all at 10:30

Robert Powell

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - 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.

The Liturgy of the Word

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

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

The First Lesson Exodus 16:2-15

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus.

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

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

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

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

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

*Said by all at 8:00**Sung by the Cantor at 10:30*

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

The Second Lesson *Philippians 1:21-30**Reader* A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

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

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

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

Unison or harmony

1 Lamp of our feet, where - by we trace our path when wont to stray;
 2 bread of our souls, where - on we feed, true man - na from on high;
 3 pil - lar of fire, through watch - es dark, and ra - diant cloud by day;
 4 word of the ev - er - liv - ing God, will of his glo - rious Son;
 5 Lord, grant us all a - right to learn the wis - dom it im - parts;

1 stream from the fount of heaven - ly grace, brook by the trav - eler's way;
 2 our guide and chart, where - in we read of realms be - yond the sky;
 3 when waves would overwhelm our toss - ing bark, our an - chor and our stay;
 4 with - out thee how could earth be trod, or heaven it - self be won?
 5 and to its heaven - ly teach - ing turn, with sim - ple, child - like hearts.

Words: Bernard Barton (1784-1849). Music: *Nun danket all und bringet Ehr*, melody att. Johann Crüger (1598-1662), alt.

The Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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

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

The Sermon

The Rev. E. Weston Mathews

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 worshipped 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.

Prayers of the People

The Intercessor and People pray responsively
Congregational responses are in bold font

Intercessor

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this town, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, especially ICS Financial and The Front Porch Restaurant, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of Ireland.

Lord, have mercy.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, The Rt. Rev. Gayle E. Harris, and all Bishops participating in the House of Bishops meeting.

Lord, have mercy.

For The Grace 2024 Annual Giving Campaign, The Grace Church Vestry, Peas and Grace, Dark Horse Theatre, the families and teachers of Grace Montessori School, including Head of School **Jillian** Johncox, and Seminarian **Austin** Wendt.

Lord, have mercy.

For those away from home in the service of our country, including **Bishop Carl** Wright. Are there others?

Lord, have mercy.

For those preparing for Holy Matrimony, including: **Kaki** Elgin and **Marcus** Dahlstrand, and **Jack** Daunt and **Edie** Gage and for those preparing for Holy Baptism, including the family and godparents of **Eleanor** Knutsen.

Lord, have mercy.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list, including, our **Presiding Bishop Michael** Curry, **Richard** Asher, **Don** Austin, **Barbara** Carbaugh, **Kaitlin** Crosen, **Kelly** Crosen, **Obie and Claudia** Dugan, **Caroline** Havens, **Carol** Hershkowitz, **Rachel** Hibbin, **Ruth** Hooper, **John** Johnson, **Hope** Laingen, **Elizabeth** Lenhardt, **Allan** Rogoff, **Bunny** Wisecarver, **Scott** Wehner, and **Betty Lou** Wolfe. Are there others?

Lord, have mercy.

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 for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People

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

Celebrant

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The people are seated

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Offertory Anthem

Steal Away

African-American Spiritual
Arr. André Vierendeels

Refrain

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus!
Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here!

My Lord he calls me, he calls me by the thunder,
the trumpet sounds within my soul. I ain't got long to stay here.

Refrain

Green trees are bending, poor sinner stands a-trembling,
the trumpet sounds within my soul. I ain't got long to stay here.

Refrain

Tombstones are bursting, poor sinner stands a-trembling,
the trumpet sounds within my soul. I ain't got long to stay here.

Refrain

My Lord he calls me, he calls me by the lightning,
the trumpet sounds within my soul. I ain't got long to stay here.

Refrain

Sung by Grace Church Choir

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
 2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
 *3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
 the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
 truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
 him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
 Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
 shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
 heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711). Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?).

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing as able

Said at 8:00

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord
 our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks
 and praise.**

Sung at 10:30

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, Holy, Holy S 125

Said by all at 8:00

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Sanctus

Sung by all at 10:30

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Celebrant

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

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Memorial Acclamation S 133

Said at 8:00

Mysterium

Sung at 10:30

Ambrosian chant

Celebrant

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

There - fore we pro - claim the mys - ter - y of faith:

Celebrant and People

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

The celebrant continues

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

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

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

Fraction Anthem

Said at 8:00

Celebrant

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been
sacrificed for us;

People

Therefore let us keep the feast,
Alleluia.

Pascha nostrum David Hurd

Sung at 10:30
This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Behold what you are. Become what you receive.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those worshipping at home & online *adapted from St. Alphonsus de Ligouri*
Said by all

Celebrant and people

Lord Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We love you above all things, and long for you in our souls. Since members of your body cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into their hearts. As though you have already come, we embrace you and unite ourselves entirely to you; never permit us to be separated from you. Amen.

Communion Hymn 309

O food to pilgrims given

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen

1 O Food to pil - grims giv - en, O Bread of life from
 2 O stream of love past tell - ing, O pur - est foun - tain,
 3 O Je - sus, by thee bid - den, we here a - dore thee,

hea - ven, O Man - na from on high! We
 well - ing from out the Sa - vior's side! We
 hid - den in forms of bread and wine. Grant

hun - ger; Lord, sup - ply us, nor thy de - lights de -
 faint with thirst; re - vive us, of thine a - bun - dance
 when the veil is riv - en, we may be - hold, in

ny give us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.
 give us, and all we need pro - vide.
 hea - ven, thy coun - te - nance di - vine.

Words: Latin, 1661; tr. John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945), alt. By permission of Oxford University Press. Music: *O Welt, ich muss dich lassen*, present form of melody att. Heinrich Isaac (1450?-1517), alt.; harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750).

1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
 2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
 3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is

is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
 wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
 liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.

Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
 Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
 Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who

days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
 from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.

Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see that God is good.
 Taste and see that God is good.

The Postcommunion Prayer*The people kneel as able**Celebrant* Let us pray.*Celebrant and People*

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.

Celebrant

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who are traveling the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn**The Kingdom of God***Laudate Dominum*

1. The king - dom of God is jus - tice and joy;
 2. The king - dom of God is mer - cy and grace;
 3. The king - dom of God is chal - lenge and choice;
 4. God's king - dom is come, the gift and the goal;



For Je - sus re - stores what sin would de - stroy.
 The cap - tives are freed, the sin - ners find place,
 Be - lieve the good news, re - pent and re - joice!
 In Je - sus be - gun, in heav - en made whole.



God's pow - er and glo - ry in Je - sus we know;
 The out - cast are wel - comed God's ban - quet to share;
 God's love for us sin - ners brought Christ to his cross:
 The heirs of the king - dom shall an - swer his call;



And here and here - af - ter the king - dom shall grow.
 And hope is a - wak - ened in place of de - spair.
 Our cri - sis of judge - ment for gain or for loss.
 And all things cry "Glo - ry!" to God all in all.

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 Tune: LAUDATE DOMINUM, 10 10 11 11; Charles H. H. Parry, 1848-1918

The Dismissal*Celebrant*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Closing Voluntary

Grand Chœur in B-flat

Théodore Dubois

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Serving Today

Celebrant and Preacher The Rev. E. Weston Mathews

Organist and Choirmaster Dr. Jason Farris

Seminarian Austin Wendt

Reader & Eucharistic Minister 8:00 Scott Christian | ***10:30*** Neil Polhemus

Ushers 8:00 Tim Karney | ***10:30*** Rick Miller and Alan Caudill

Tellers Rick Miller and Alan Caudill

Audio Visual Minister Shane Pixton

The Grace Church Choir

The Grace Church Altar Guild

The Grace Church Flower Guild

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Kenneth Garrett, Junior Warden

Pat Tucker

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April Gaines

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Annual Giving 2024

Roster of Pledging Members

From the Annual Giving Team and Finance Committee:

In the coming weeks, as you receive a 2024 Annual Giving pledge packet in the mail, and as we receive your pledges to the 2024 Annual Giving Campaign, please check this space for your name. When we receive your pledge, your name will be listed in this space as part of the Roster of Pledging Members in 2024. Generous annual giving is the lifeblood of our financial foundation at Grace and we are grateful for your participation and pledges.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wood Ministry Information Sessions

Sunday, September 24, 2023

After the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Services in the Parish Hall

The Wood Ministry invites anyone who would like to volunteer to help drive, coordinate, maintain equipment and/or stack and load/unload wood to attend one of the information sessions, led by Outreach Chair April Gaines, that will be held after both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services in the parish hall on Sunday, September 24.

Happening Tonight!

Grace Church Concert Series

MÊLERensemble with Tanya Gabrielian

(music for piano quintet)

Sunday, September 24, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

The MÊLERensemble is committed to educating new generations of musicians and music lovers in diverse settings, blending their unique cultural backgrounds through collaborations ranging from the standard canon of repertoire, to unusual and rarely-performed chamber works. Passionate and dedicated to community engagement and education, the ensemble invites audiences to become active participants in the concert experience, through promoting social causes, art as activism, and multidisciplinary collaborative performances. The name of the group comes from the French word mêler, meaning “to combine”.

Featuring a return performance by pianist Tanya Gabrielian, this concert will also highlight violinist Stephanie Zyzak, violinist and violist Ryo Usami, cellist Khari Joyner, and double bassist Michael Marks. To include chamber works by Debussy and Rachmaninoff, the evening will conclude with the thrilling piano quintet by Hermann Goetz.

Learn more and purchase tickets for the Grace Church Concert Series:

<https://www.gracetheplains.org/grace-church-concert-series>

St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals Service

Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.

at the Middleburg Humane Foundation

In partnership with Middleburg Humane Foundation, Grace Church, and the families and staff of Grace Montessori School, the annual St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals will take place at the Middleburg Humane Foundation at 3:00 pm. followed by a light reception. All creatures great and small are welcome!

The Middleburg Humane Foundation is located at:
5000 Cunningham Farm Dr, Marshall, VA 20115

Paragon Philharmonia in Residence at Grace

Mostly Mozart

Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Paragon Philharmonia with Miriam Burns, Artistic Director and Conductor
Jeff Ward, bassoon

Learn More and Purchase Tickets: <https://www.paragonphilharmonia.org/>

Grace Montessori School

Grace montessori School serves children ages 18 months – 6 years old and offers a variety of programs including school year and 12-month programs. Scholarship and subsidized tuition programs are available through the Windy Hill Foundation and the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Social Services.

For more information or to schedule/refer a family you know for a visit please contact Grace Montessori at info@gmsthplains.org.

Coffee Hour

Join us in the parish hall for coffee hour after the 10:30 a.m. worship service.
Ginny-Len Potter Hazel and April Gaines have graciously volunteered to be co-chairs for a renewed Hospitality Committee which will be overseeing coffee hour on Sunday mornings.

If you'd like to volunteer, please contact Ginny-Len at ginnylenhazel@gmail.com.

Small Group Engaging Scripture

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. & Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Family Room

Looking for an opportunity to enhance your spiritual development and connect with others in Christian Fellowship?

Each meeting features a short worship, time to connect with other participants, and a discussion of the four lectionary readings for that Sunday's service. Rather than structured Bible study, SGES is an opportunity to simply explore how God is speaking to each of us through scripture. Participants find that their Sunday worship experience is enhanced by having read and discussed the four readings ahead of time.

For more information on Sunday SGES -email Scott Christian at fscott5195@gmail.com

For more information on Tuesday SGES -email Tim Karney at tkarney@comcast.net

Peas & Grace Food Pantry

Tuesdays & Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

The Peas & Grace Food Pantry is open to serve the public Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Please share this information with those in the community who may need food assistance.

*** The Peas and Grace Food Pantry could use 2lb bags of dried black beans. ***

For more information: peasandgrace@gmail.com

Yoga Class

Mondays at 6:00 p.m.

Mondays at 6:00 p.m. yoga classes continue in the Parish Hall.

Classes will last approximately 75 minutes including a meditation time.

For more information, please contact Kerry Waters at kwaterspirit@yahoo.com

Alcoholics Anonymous at Grace

For more information on the time and meeting place of our meeting or other services, please call the Northern Virginia Intergroup of AA at **703-293-9753**.



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