

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 A COMMUNITY OF GRACE, ANCHORED IN CHRIST,
 LIVING TO LOVE, GROWING TO SERVE

September 12, 2021
 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 19



A Celebration of the holy Eucharist: RITE II at 10:30 AM

WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT QUIET BE MAINTAINED PRIOR TO WORSHIP SO THAT
 PEOPLE MAY PRAYERFULLY PREPARE FOR THE LITURGY.

*The Book of Common Prayer (BCP) is the black book in the pew racks.
 The Hymnal (HM) is a red book in the pew racks. (S numbers are located in the front of the hymnal.)*

Prelude *Elegy* *G. Thalben-Ball*

At the introduction to the opening hymn the congregation stands and prepares to sing.

Opening Hymn *O Love, How Deep* **HM 448**

The Liturgy of The Word

Opening Sentences **BCP 355**

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity **BCP 355**
Paul Vasile

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good - ness shines on me,
 2 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now and ev-er shall be. A - men.

The Collect of the Day
The People sit for the lessons

BCP 233

Lessons

First Lesson

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 wakens— wakens 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 backward.

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 Response

Psalm 116:1-8 *Dilexi, quoniam*

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.

Second Lesson

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.

People
 Celebrant
People

Thanks be to God.
 The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The Gospel **Mark 8:27-38**

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."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

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

Sermon

The Rev. H. Pickett Wall

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

**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.**

Prayers of the People Form III

The Leader and People pray responsively

BCP 385

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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

THE LITURGY OF THE ALTAR

The Offertory

Presentation of the gifts

Offertory

Doxology

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Old Hundredth

The Holy Communion

The people remain standing

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

BCP 361

Argentine Santo

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My
San - to, san - to, san - to. ¡Mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi

heart knows how to say to you: you are ho - ly, Lord!
co - ra - zón te sa - be decir: ¡San - to e - res, Se - ñor!

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional)

BCP 364

The Fraction

Fraction Anthem

Agnus Dei

BCP 364

HM S164

The Communion of the People: *The invitation to Communion*

Communion Hymns	<i>Day by Day</i>	HM 654
	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	HM 494

The liturgy concludes with the closing thanksgiving. The congregation kneels.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving		BCP365
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The Blessing

Closing Hymn	<i>God is Love</i>	HM 379
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The Dismissal

The People Respond **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude	<i>O God Our Help in Ages Past</i>	<i>Paul Manz</i>
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Prayers of the People As of September 12, 2021

We pray for the Church, for +Michael, Presiding Bishop and Primate; +Andrew our Bishop; for Pickett+ our rector.

We pray for Joe our President; for the leaders of the nations, Henry our Governor; Alfred Mae our Mayor and all first responders in our city and country.

We pray for those who are in need of God's healing, especially: Patty Baker, Bob Barinowski, Michael Beard, Collins Coker, Pat McKinney Criminger, Effie Taylor Ellis, Virginia Ferguson, Barbara Goode, Mary Hendrix, Rodney Hungerford, Peggy Mullikin Kinney, Gene Lockhart, Judy Martin, Jack McGee, Laurie Owen, Jim Parrish, Mel Pearson, Rich Pinkerton, Alma Raley, Jamie Raley, Helen Royall, Sara Jane, Neal Stegner, Bob Vaughn, Carl Wylie

Please call church office, if there are additions or updates to the Wednesday extended or Sunday prayer lists. Names will be removed every four (4) weeks unless notified.

We pray for those serving in the Armed Forces: Alex Baker, Afghanistan; Holden Brunson, Camp Lejeune, NC; Hunt Brunson, Syria; Mitchell Edwards, Charleston; Allen Dempsey, Texas; Campbell Freitas, Norfolk, VA; Riley Kohn, OCS Navy training; AMN Dara O'Neal, McChord AFB, Washington; Chris Smith, Korea; Joe Todd, Ft. Gordon, GA; Parker White, New River, NC; and those around the world and at home.

For those celebrating birthdays this week: 9/12-Amy Long; 9/14-Johnson Griggs; 9/16-David Blanks, Margaret Ellis

For those celebrating anniversaries this week:9/17- Dan and Daphne Cantey

The Flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Pat Wylie, by Nancy Wylie

Announcements

- ✳️ **Join us for a Blue's Brunch** in Richardson Hall to close out the Down Home Blues Festival. Great music and great food provided by Loopy Lemon. Only 65 tickets will be sold so don't wait!

- ✳️ **Beginning next week the Wednesday**, Sept. 15th, 5:30 PM Healing Eucharist will be moved to Noon on Wednesday. We hope this will allow more people to attend. Plenty of room to social distance and a time for quiet reflection and prayer.

- ✳️ **Please give us updates on our Armed Forces:**
Send updates to office@gracechurchcamden.org
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 Hunt Brunson, Syria
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 Allen Dempsey, Texas
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**Submissions for bulletin announcements, need to be in by Wednesdays.*

Calendar

Sunday 12

8:00 AM	HE Rite I-Church
9:00 AM	Breakfast
9:30 AM	Sunday School Only
10:30 AM	HE Rite II – Church

Tuesday 14

6:45 AM	Men's Bible Study
1:30 PM	Women's Bible Study

Wednesday 15

Noon	HE w/Healing
6:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal

Lector -Rogers Pender
Crucifer -Lizzie Conder; **Jr. Crucifer**-Nate Roberts; **Torch's**-Noah Roberts, Sophia Roberts; **Gospel Book**- Mary Elizabeth Long
Ushers -Keith Brunson, Dwight deLoach
Altar Guild- Cathy Kovacs, Kay Wages; Pam Jackson & Marcia Cashion (Polishing Team)
Flower Guild - Nancy Wylie (Marti Wallace)
Kitchen Angel- Marjorie Huntington
VPOD - Helen Walker

Vestry Roster

Yr. End 2021- Marcia Cashion, Pam Jackson, Margaret Pennebaker, David Williams

Yr. End 2022- Keith Brunson, Jr. Warden, Margaret Ellis, Bev Ferguson, Nelson Lindsay, Sr. Warden

Yr. End 2023- Johnny Kornegay, Lisa Long, Ben Mackey, Helen Walker