

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 2026

The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Chorale prelude on A Mighty Fortress

Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

Opening Hymn 541 Come, labor on

1 Come, labor on.
Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain,
while all around us waves the golden grain?
And to each servant does the Master say,
"Go work today."

2 Come, labor on.
The enemy is watching night and day,
to sow the tares, to snatch the seed away;
while we in sleep our duty have forgot,
he slumbered not.

3 Come, labor on.
Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!
No arm so weak but may do service here:
by feeblest agents may our God fulfill
his righteous will.

4 Come, labor on.
Claim the high calling angels cannot share—
to young and old the Gospel gladness bear;
redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly.
The night draws nigh.

5 Come, labor on.
No time for rest, till glows the western sky,
till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,
and a glad sound comes with the setting sun.
"Servants, well done."

The Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Collect for Purity

All 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

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty 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 scat - 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.

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The Collect of the Day

Priest The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

The Readings

All may sit.

The First Lesson: Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet,

and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

[The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.” And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”]

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 116:1, 10-17 *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.

10 How shall I repay the Lord *
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the Lord *
is the death of his servants.

14 O Lord, I am your servant; *
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and call upon the Name of the Lord.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord *
in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the Lord's house, *
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

The Epistle: Romans 5:1-8

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All may stand.

The Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)

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

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of

Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”]

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

All may sit.

The Sermon

A message usually based on the readings and their relevancy to life today.

All may stand.

The Nicene Creed

Creed comes from the Latin 'Credo', 'I believe.' The Nicene Creed was created in the formative years of the Church, to be a symbol of common faith. It pertains to the Holy Trinity – a core belief which distinguishes Christianity from other faith traditions.

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.

The Prayers of the People

Form I (BCP, p.383)

The community of the Church is called to pray in Christ's name for the needs of the world. Standing for the Prayers is a sign of our calling to be a corporate priestly community (the priesthood of all believers), praying for those needs.

*The petitions in the Prayers of the People end with the phrase, "God of love." You are invited to respond "**Hear our prayer.**"*

The Peace

The Peace is meant as an encounter with Christ in others, and a reconciliation with one another and with ourselves in anticipation of the kingdom of God.

Priest The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

All may sit.

Greeting

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn 321 My God, thy table now is spread

1 My God, thy table now is spread,
thy cup with love doth overflow;
be all thy children thither led,
and let them thy sweet mercies know.

2 O let thy table honored be,
and furnished well with joyful guests:
and may each soul salvation see,
that here its sacred pledges tastes.

3 Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord,
in countless numbers let them come
and gather from their Father's board
the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.

4 Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest
till through the world thy truth has run,
till with this Bread shall all be blessed
who see the light or feel the sun.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer D (*BCP, p.372*)

This is the prayer of blessing over the bread and wine, based on Jewish table prayers. It begins with the priest inviting the people to join giving thanks, since the whole congregation are together "celebrants."

The People remain standing.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also 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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

Sanctus

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

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Celebrant We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love... Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

All We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy ... Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

People and Priest

**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

This is a sign that the bread is to be shared by all.

Priest: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Agnus Dei

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

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The Communion of the People

All who seek God, and are drawn to Christ, are welcome at his table. If you do not wish to receive Communion, but desire a blessing from the priest, simply cross your arms across your chest to indicate this, and the priest will say a prayer of blessing over you. If you require a gluten-free communion wafer, please go to one of the Communion stations at the front of the church. Wine may be consumed from the chalice. Intinction, the dipping of the bread into the wine, is NOT allowed.

Postcommunion Prayer

This prayer gives thanks for the gift of Communion, that it may bear fruit in daily life.

All **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.**

The Blessing

The traditional ending of the service. We are reminded that God is with us and empowering us.

Recessional Hymn 535 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

1 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful Name;
the Name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious; he rules over all.

2 God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh: his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

3 Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

4 Then let us adore, and give him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
and honor and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never-ceasing and infinite love.

Dismissal

At the point of leaving, the Church sends us forth. In Christ's name we are sent out for mission and service in daily life.

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Saint Anne's fugue

J.S.Bach
(1685-1750)

Serving at the Altar Today

9:30 am	Celebrant	The Rev. Eliot Moss
	Preacher	The Rev. Steven Wilco
	Lectors	Patrick Kelly, Kanae Nagasaki
	Eucharistic Ministers	Mark Marshall, Janet Teng
	Ushers	Sarah Chadwick, Mark Leonas

Please remember in your prayers

For strength and healing: Carolyn Collette, Jane Buckloh, Bob Banks, Cecilia Gonzalez, Greta James Maxfield, Nicholas Oleksak, Don Allison, Patty Vogt, Jenifer Price, Jim Garrett, Danny Shanahan, Jane Kirkman-Smith, Laura Smith-Martin, Nancy Boyd, Michael Erard, Lisa, Emrys Bond, Mia, Trish Callard, Gretchen Gerzina, Laura Klock, Meg Kelsey Wright, Robin, Scottie Faerber, Carl Miller, Lauren & Stephen, Greta, Sara Stelzner, Jon Zobel, Jona Hammer, Nancy Rose, Norah, Mary Sidney Treyz, Peter, Alan Musgrave, Penny Lane, Stephen Dogero, Doug Adler, Chris & Deanne Riddle, Patricia Tillona, Pam Wilkinson, Maida, Amy, Steve, Kenneth Page, Tim Callard, Castor Moss, Marion, Cyndee & Dennis Grader, Reynolds Winslow, Annmargret Wobst Wille, Joey Baker, Jane Pemberton, Michael Baker

For the repose of the souls of Chris O'Carroll, Gillian Brown

For all those having birthdays this week including Danielle Federa, Andrew Gnatek, Ellie C. Smith, Sarah Malzone, Jasper Labor, Amanda Seaman, Samuel Leonard

For Natalia Wobst for the work she is doing through St Jude's Hospital in Eastern Europe

For peace with justice in Ukraine, Palestine and Israel.

For our partners in Haiti: St. Matthieu, Bayonnais—its priest, teachers, students and their families

For our partners at the Episcopal Technical & Vocational Training Center in Ramallah, Palestine

According to the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. John's, Northampton; Trustees for the Diocese

According to the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Province of South East Asia

Please note that names are removed from the prayer list after one month unless you specify otherwise.

Parish Announcements June 14, 2026

We are now on our summer service schedule, with one service at 9:30am. The regular service schedule will resume on Sunday, September 13th

Introducing Grace's *pro tem* Clergy Team

Eight (8) clergy from the parish will be leading Sunday services and handling pastoral care throughout the Summer and into the Fall until an Interim Priest assumes that position. For urgent concerns, to contact the Team, call the Parish Office at 413-256-6754, and referrals will be forwarded from there. The Clergy Team includes:

- The Rev. Heidi Frantz-Dale
- The Rev. John Horn
- The Rev. Raisin Horn
- The Rev. Rebecca Grant
- The Rev. James McDonald
- The Rev. Eliot Moss

- The Rev. Susan Schaeffer
- The Rev. Raymond Webster

That's 5 former Rectors, 1 former Vicar, 1 active Deacon, and the former Dean of a Cathedral! The Team thanks you for your prayers and support.

Updates and Transitions

Sunday June 14th after the 9:30 AM service in the Parish Hall Canon Steven Wilco will meet with us to describe the search process for a new Rector and answer questions. All are encouraged to attend.

Climate Action At Grace will meet in the Fireplace Room after the 9:30 service on Sunday, June 14. We will check-in and talk about future plans. We will likely go on hiatus for July and August so come by to learn about what folks have been up to. Share what you might be planning for the summer and the beginning of the fall.

Raising the Questions, Tuesday, June 16 at 9:30am in the Connector

Raising the Questions is a Grace Church reading and discussion group that focusses on theology and liturgy. We meet monthly on the third Tuesday at 9:30 am. Got questions? Come join us.

Haiti Ministry Uniform Fund

The Haiti uniform Fund is off to a good start! New uniforms and supplies are vital in ensuring that the students at St. Matthieu have what they need for a successful school year. In addition, your donations help the community -especially the locally sourced and made uniforms. Donations can be made after the service on Sunday, or as described below. **All contributions are appreciated.** For each student, a uniform is \$50 and supplies are \$25. Other donations contribute toward these amounts and help with potential cost increases. To donate: **write a check to Grace Episcopal Church** with "Haiti Ministry-uniforms" in the subject line; **or go to the church website**, click "give". go to "Haiti Ministry" in the dropdown, and mention uniforms in the "note" space. Mesi anpil!

Connector air conditioner

The air conditioner is set up in the Connector. Please do not open the windows while the unit is running.

Publicity for your Event?

Please let the Communications Committee know if you need help with your event. Please fill out this form: <https://www.gracechurchamherst.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Request-for-Event-Publicity-Form-2023.pdf>, also located on the "Outreach" page of the church website. The committee requests at least 6 weeks notice. Please forward questions to Patrick Kelly or Sarah Chadwick.

Coffee Hour

The hospitality committee keeps a small supply of treats on hand but this often is not enough. Won't you please be so kind as to donate a baked good for all to enjoy? Coffee cakes, quick breads, muffins, or bagels are always appreciated as well as other baked goods. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness. Please see Sarah Chadwick if you have questions or want to help out further.

You are welcome!

We want you to know that you are welcome here. If you are new to Grace Church please reach out, because we are here to invite, embrace, and welcome you into our community. Whether you are:

- New to the area
- New to our church (and perhaps new to the Episcopal faith)
- A longtime resident in search of connection and community
- Part of the LGBTQ community and are looking for a spiritual home where you are welcomed and affirmed
- A New Student, looking for a place of safety and comfort during your time studying here
- A Mom or Dad of a student and want a place that will support your child while they live and study here

We are here for you. Please fill out a blue Card, and reach out to someone wearing a WELCOME badge and come back AGAIN !

Save the Date

Joy of Living Group, 7:00-8:30 p.m., 2nd and 4th Mondays

This group combines meditation, practices integrated in the flow of life, and discussion. Next meeting, in the Connector: June 22, 2026.

Fourth Sunday, June 28

Grace Church's 4th Sunday offering will go to the **American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem (AFEDJ)** for its support of the Ahli Arab Hospital, one of the few hospitals still operating in Gaza and one of the only hospitals left in the region that continues to serve people regardless of ethnicity, religion, or ability to pay. Despite an unstable electrical grid and limited supplies of medications, its emergency department sees about 130 emergency and trauma cases every day, while the outpatient clinics treat approximately 100 patients. It's also treating a growing number of patients with chronic diseases such as heart disease, kidney disease, etc because patients have been unable to access reliable and consistent medical care. . If you write a check, please make it payable to Grace Church and add "outreach" on the memo line. Thank you for any gift you are able to give.

Air Conditioning Plans

On Sunday June 28 after the 9:30 service in the Parish Hall

Vestry members will give an update concerning the Air Conditioning Project. All are encouraged to attend.