

Announcements

The Holy Communion

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Grace Notes

- **Annual Giving Report** \$30,060 (Surplus)
- **Flowers** are given in Memory of Barbara Scott by Bill Scott.
- We are **In Need** of adults to assist with children's church. If you are interested, please contact Sharon George at (864) 978-6265 or slgeorge864@gmail.com
- **Fiber Friends and Fellowship** Join us as we knit, crochet, chat and get to know one another. Bring any portable project of handcrafting. We meet **Tuesdays at 11 a.m.**
- **Coffee Hour** just after the **10:30 Service**, in the Parish Hall..... Join US, Everyone is Welcome!
- If you would like to look at the **Notes from the General Convention 81** from Bishop Richards or information about Presiding Bishop Elect Sean Rowe visit <https://www.edusc.org/>
- **Let's keep the Blessing Box/Little Food Pantry filled!!!** A list of suggested items can be found on the bulletin board and in the cloister.
- **Vestry Meeting: Monday, August 19th at 6 p.m.**
- **WWW Summer Social: Tuesday, August 20th from 6:30 - 8 p.m.**
- **EYC** will not meet tonight.
- **Farewell Reception:** There will be a farewell reception for Rodney Cleveland today **Sunday, August 4th** during coffee hour. Join us as we send him forth on his new adventure.
- **Choir Practice returns: Wednesday, August 7th at 6:30 p.m.**
- **Mental Wellness: Friday, August 9th at 1:30 p.m.**
- **Brookdale Eucharist: Monday, August 12th at 11 a.m.**
- **Outreach: Tuesday, August 13th at 5:30 p.m.**
- **Grief Support: Thursday, August 15th at 10 a.m.**
- **Grace Guys Gathering: Thursday, August 15th at 6 p.m.**
- Outreach will be serving lunch at **South Main Chapel and Mercy Center on Sunday, August 18th.**
- The **EDUSC Deputation to the 81st General Convention** of the Episcopal Church invites you to participate in a forum to learn about the work of the convention. Churches in the Upstate and Midlands will host two forums. Each forum should last an hour-and-a-half depending on the amount of discussion and number of questions. **Forum 1** is **Saturday, August 24th at 10 a.m.** at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Spartanburg. **Forum 2** is **Saturday, September 28th at 10 a.m.** at St. Michael and All Angels in Columbia.

Those who serve
Vestry-in-Charge: Mike Digby
Second Counter: Debbie Hand
Lector: Kathe Harris
Intercessor: Kathe Harris
Chalice: Kathe Harris
Church Opener: Jim Harris

Those with birthday's this week

Eric Kent
Carmie Trotter
Pat Bradham

Vestry Members

Cindy Baker - 2022-2024
Bess Boyer - 2022-2024
Beth Lollis, Sr. Warden- 2022-2024
Rob Homer-Drummond - 2023-2025
Janet Rippy, Clerk - 2023-2025
Louis Lebrun Jr. Warden - 2023-2025
Kirri Kinley - 2024-2026
Mike Magaha - 2024-2026
Cory Trotter - 2024-2026
Debbie Hand - 2024-2026
David Burden - 2024-2025
Mike Digby - 2024

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Henry Ossawa Tanner 1922

THERE WERE TWO MEN IN A CERTAIN CITY

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

4 August 2024

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Grace!

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The Word of God

The Collect

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the LORD: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

The Response

Psalm 51:1-13

Miserere mei, Deus

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

The Second Lesson

Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the

saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The Holy Gospel

Deacon or Priest: *The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John*

People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

John 6:24-35

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Deacon or Priest: *The Gospel of the Lord.*

People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon

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The Peace