

GRACE



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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

29 September 2024

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Welcome to Grace!

Opening Voluntary - *Melodie Celeste*

Thomas Koschat

The Procession

Hymn #423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

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, from *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822–1877); harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906, alt.

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The Word of God

Song of Praise #314

1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.
lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;
tranced as it be - holds thee, shrined with - in the cloud.
what the Truth hath spo - ken, that for truth I hold.

Words: Att. Thomas Aquinas (1225?-1274); sts. 1-3, tr. *Hymnal 1940*; st. 4, tr. *Hymnal 1982*
Music: *Adoro devote*, French church melody, Mode 5, *Processionale*, 1697; acc. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt.

The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

The Psalm

Psalm 124

Nisi quia Dominus

- 1 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
- 2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
- 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
- 4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
- 5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
- 6 Blessed be the LORD! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
- 7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
- 8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

The Second Lesson

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Shepherd of Souls

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

Words: James Montgomery (1771–1845), alt.

Music: *St. Agnes*, melody John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876); harm. Richard Proulx (b. 1937), after John Bacchus Dykes (1823–1876)**The Holy Gospel****Mark 9:38-50**

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The Sermon

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The Peace

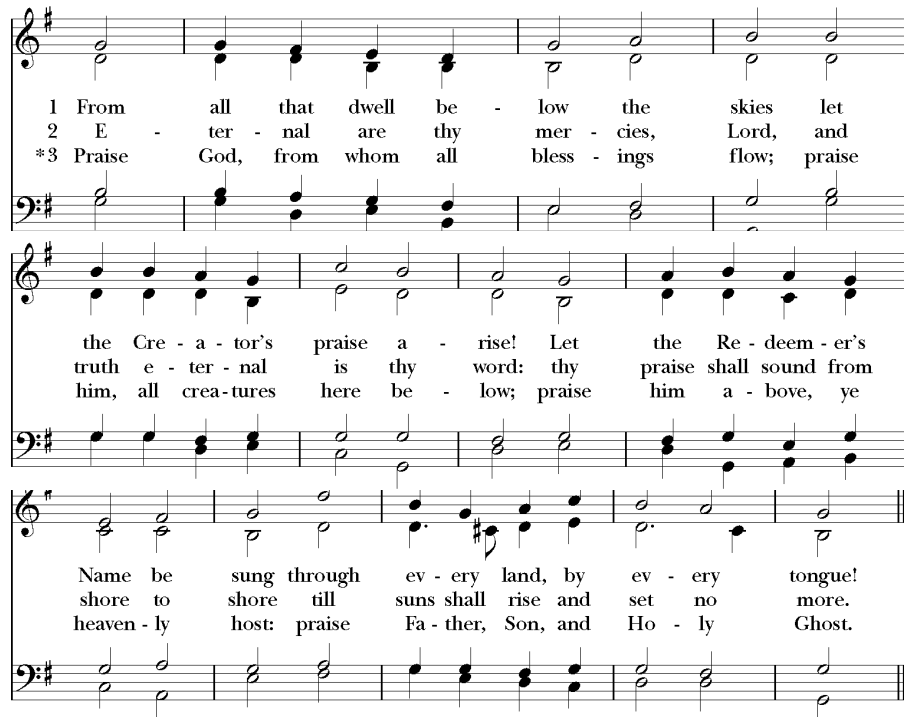
Announcements

Offertory - My Lord, What a Morning

arr. by William Farley Smith

Hymn 380

From all that dwell below the skies



1 From all that dwell below 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 Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A - page 361

Sanctus S-130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Fraction Anthem

Musical score for 'Fraction Anthem' in 3/2 time, featuring a treble and bass clef. The lyrics are: Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Words: Psalm 34

Music: James E. Moore Jr.

Communion Hymn #324

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Musical score for 'Communion Hymn #324' in 3/4 time, featuring a treble clef. The lyrics are: 1 Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and 2 King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on 3 Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard 4 At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim with trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - earth he stood, Lord of lords in hu - man on the way, as the Light of Light de - sleep - less eye veil their fac - es to the mind - ed, for with bless - ing in his hand ves - ture, in the Bo - dy and the Blood scend - eth from the realms of end - less day, Pres - ence, as with cease - less voice they cry, Christ our God to earth de - scend - eth, he will give to all the faith - ful that the powers of hell may va - nish "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!" our full hom - age to de - mand. his own self for heaven - ly food. as the dark - ness clears a - way. Al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

Words: Liturgy of St. James; para. Gerard Moultrie (1829–1885)

Music: Picardy, French carol, 17th cent.; melody from *Chansons populaires des Provinces de France*, 1860; harm. after *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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The Procession

Hymn #544
Jesus shall reign

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
2 throughto crown his head; his Name like sweet per -
3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.
4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674–1748), alt.
Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 1793)

The Sending Forth - page 366
Closing Voluntary -

Grace Notes

- **Annual Giving Report** \$2,089 (Deficit) as of 9/22/2024
- **Flowers** are given in Memory of Josephine Baber, by George and Tracey Lidlow.
- We are **In Need** of adults to assist with children's church. If you are interested, please contact Sharon George at 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!
- **South Main Chapel and Mercy Center** is in need of Men's and Women's socks and underwear. Donations may be left in the cloister or by the church office
- **WWW** meets **Tuesdays 6:30 - 8 p.m.**
- The **New Grace Webpage** is now up and live, the address is grace-churchanderson.com. If anyone has any ideas or suggestions for the webpage, send them to the Communications Committee at mike.digby@bellsouth.net.
- We will not have **EYC** this week at Grace. We will be going to **LEAF in Greenville**. If your student wants to go, please contact Sharon so we have enough seats to carpool.
- **EYC Parent Meeting:** There will be a 10-15 minute meeting **TODAY** immediately after the 10:30 Service for all parents of youth going on the youth retreat. This meeting is required for students to go on the retreat.
- Please join us for a **Baby Shower** honoring Kirri and Brent Kinley Today, **Sunday, September 29**, after the 10:30 service during coffee hour. If you would like to give a present, they are registered with www.babylist.com/list/kirri-kinley.
- **NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!** Interested in marriage, or baptism, or confirmation or studying the faith? The next class of **Episcopal Christianity** will meet in the parish library on the following dates. today **Sept. 29, Oct. 6, 13 and 27. at 9:15 a.m.**
- **Blessing of the Animals** **Sunday, October 6th, during the 10:30 Service**. The Service will be held on the front lawn. All animals are welcomed. Please be sure your four legged furry friend is on a leash or under your control. Share your joy and love for less fortunate animals by bringing dog or cat food, newspapers, paper towels and toilet paper rolls to donate to PAWS in Anderson. There will be two drop off areas around the church.
- **St. Catherine's Guild** will meet **Monday, October 7th at noon** in the Parish Hall.
- **Save the date - Grace's 26th annual BBQ** will take place at the Farmers Market **from 5:00 to 8:00 on October 26th**, with proceeds going to Family Promise. This is a wonderful way to support each other and our community. We will need your help. There are many ways you can assist in making this happen. Danny will have tickets for you to take and sell, and sign-up sheets will be in the cloister in early September. Did we mention it's great food and tons of fun! If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Danny Ehlert (864) 276-2579 or Carol Miller (303) 507-8816.
- **Diocesan Middle School Converge Retreat** is October 26-27, and registration is open. More information and registration can be found here: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/5map677>

Those Who Serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Beth Lollis

Second Counter: Cory Trotter

Lector: Brett Dixon

Lector: Sharon George

Intercessor: Hugh Osburn

Chalice 2: Bryan Harris

Chalice 1:

1st Crucifer: Cory Trotter

Server/Gospel Bearer: David Burden

Torch Bearers: Anna Rose Burden, Anna Swinford

Ushers: Nathanael Burden, Christopher Wilford, Maxwell Jeffers

Linen Guild: Pam Herold

Altar Guild: Cindy Baker, Lisa Arnold, Jodie Wedd, Pam Herold

Interim Organist/Choirmaster: Bill Scott

Organist Emeritus: Bill Scott



Those with birthdays this week

Don Cleveland

Jane Trammell

JT Cooper

Ian Tucker

Elise Talbert

Joe Ormes

Please keep these expecting families in your prayers:
Brent and Kirri Kinley, and Kevin and Samantha Thompson.

Vestry Members

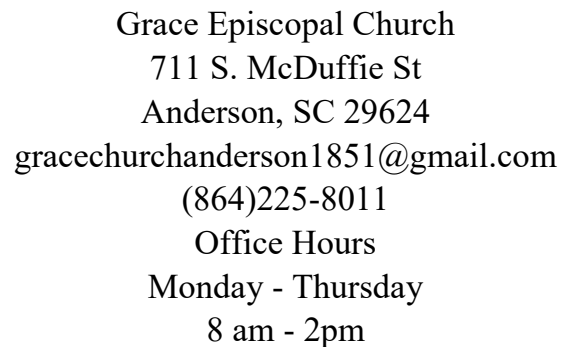
Cindy Baker - 2022-2024
Bess Boyer - 2022-2024
Beth Lollis, Sr. Warden - 2022-2024
Rob Homer-Drummond - 2023-2025
Janet Rippy, Clerk- 2023-2025
Louis Lebrun, Jr. Warden - 2023-2025
Kirri Kinley - 2024-2026
Mike Magaha - 2024-2026
Cory Trotter - 2024-2026
Debbie Hand - 2024-2026
David Burden - 2024-2025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

Delegates to the Convention

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