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HOSPITALITY

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

20 July 2025

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Grace!

Opening Voluntary - *But the Lord is mindful of his own*

By Felix Mendelssohn
Maren Reaves, Violin

The Procession

Hymn #423
Immortal, Invisible

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

A Song of Praise LEVAS#216

1. In my life, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
2. In my song, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;
3. In your church, Lord, be glo - ri - fied, be glo - ri - fied;

1. In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
 2. In my song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
 3. In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

Words: Bob Kilpatrick (b. 1952)

Music: Bob Kilpatrick

The Collect

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Genesis 18:1-10a

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."

The Psalm

Psalm 15 (*read responsively by half verse*)

Domine, quis habitabit?

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

The Second Lesson

Colossians 1:15-28

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Gospel Hymn LEVAS #196

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass clef with a 12/8 time signature and a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics provided for three different verses. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the bass line.

1. What a fel - low - ship, what a joy di - vine,
2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way,
3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,

1. Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; What a bless - ed - ness,
2. Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; O how bright the path
3. Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms; I have bless - ed peace

1. what a peace is mine, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 2. grows from day to day, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 3. with my Lord so near, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;
 Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,
 Lean - ing, lean - ing, Lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 Lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus,

Words: Elisha A. Hoffman (1829–1929)

Music: Anthony J. Showalter (1858–1924); arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *Songs of Praise*

The Holy Gospel

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Luke 10:38-42

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon

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The Peace

Announcements

Offertory - *In Remembrance of Me*

By Buryl Red

Hymn 380

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 Pseumes Octante trois de David, 1551, alt. ; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561)

The Holy Communion

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Sanctus S-129

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. _____

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus*

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Fraction An- #154

them LEVAS

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness
of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and

Fine

see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Words: Psalm 34 Music: James E. Moore, Jr.

Communion Hymns #711

Seek ye First

1

Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you,
 and its right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
 seek, and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be
 add - ed un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
 o - pened un - to you; Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Refrain

2

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2, Matthew 7:7

Music: *Seek Ye First*, Karen Lafferty (20th cent.)

Hymn #488

Be thou my Vision

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,

all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880–1931); tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860–1935), alt.
Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. David Evans (1874–1948)

Post Communion Prayer - page 366 The Blessing of the People

The Procession

LEVAS Hymn #189 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

1. There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee;
2. Sun, moon and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
3. Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

1. Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not,
2. Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness,
3. Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



1. As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 2. To thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
 3. Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed,

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!

Words: Traditional Music: African American Spiritual

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Closing Voluntary - *Sheep May Safely Graze*

By Bach
 Maren Reaves, Violin

Grace Notes

• SAVE THE DATE:

- Grace Church BBQ will be **Oct. 11 2025**
- Grace Fall Festival/Rally day will be **September 14th from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**

- **Summer Food For Kids** continues **every Friday in June and July and ends on Aug. 1st.** If you are interested in participating, meet at the church at 11:45 a.m. All are Welcome! For more information contact Deacon Mary Jeffers at jeffers6sc@att.net **School Supplies** are needed for the children in the neighborhoods that we serve. If you would like to donate items, please bring donations to the church by **July 29th.** The school supplies will be given out on **Friday, August 1.**

- **WWW** Our fall book results are in! We'll be reading *Everything Happens for a Reason (And Other Lies I've Loved)* by Kate Bowler, *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor, and *Searching for Sunday* by Rachel Held Evans. Join us in September as we start with *Everything Happens for a Reason.*

- **WWW Save the Date:** our next social will be Tuesday, August 19th at 6:30 p.m. If you would like to be added to the email list please contact Beth Lollis at gracewomenwine-andwisdom@gmail.com

• THE GRACE CODE



Scan to visit:

- New to Grace
- Outreach giving
- VBS signups
- Facebook page
- Family Promise

- **Fr. Jack's summer class** on Paul's letter to the Romans continues today **July 20th at 9:15 a.m.** in the Parish Library. Bring your bible and your own copy of *When in Romans* by Beverly Gaventa. Read chapter 3 of the book and chapters 9-12 of Romans.
- **The Last Confirmation Class** before Bishop Richards's visit on **Nov. 2nd begins on Sunday, Aug. 3rd at 9:15 a.m.** in the Parish Library. Also good for baptisms, weddings, new members, and studying the faith.
- **Assistance for Texas July 4th flood:** If you would like to give a donation follow visit <https://dwtx.fellowshiponego.com/external/form/f759d68a-f266-4968-806d-51941f70919e>
- **Did we mention the LAST Confirmation class???**
- **Summer Suppers:** The Next Summer Supper will be **Wednesday, August 13th.** More details to come.
- **VBS is July 28- Aug. 1. From 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.** To register our child or volunteer scan the OR Code below. We are also in need of the following items capri suns, eaters and single serve bags of chips. All donations can be dropped off in the parish hall by **July 25th.** Thank you so much!
- **South Main Chapel and Mercy Center** has an urgent need for tuna, potted meats and other canned foods with pop-top lids for their snack packs that are given to people in need.
- **Book of Common Prayers for the Pews:** Grace needs additional copies of the Book of Common Prayer for the pews. If you would like to make a donation for a BCP, they cost 24.26. You can designate your donation with "Book of Common Prayer" in the memo line.
- **Funeral Pall:** Grace commissioned a beautiful new Funeral Pall and Veil to replace our 60 year old pall that was donated by the family of a former member. If you would like to make a donation to this support project, please designate your donations with "Funeral pall".
- **Habitat for Humanity** is beginning a "Faith Build" this summer. The "Kick Off" event will be a site blessing and breakfast. This event begins on **Wednesday, July 23rd at 8:30 a.m.** at 128 Prairie Lane, Anderson. Please join our friends from St. George's and other churches to support this project! If you have any questions, please call Bruce McLeLand (Sr. Warden at St. George's): 864-221-4613.
- The Vestry is hosting the **Sunday Dinner at South Main Chapel and Mercy Center today,** right after the service. Please come down by 12 noon to help serve our neighbors and enjoy a meal and some fellowship with them!
- If you would like to **donate to Family Promise** scan the Grace QR Code.

Those Who Serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Debbie Hand

Second Counter: Cory Trotter

Lector: Sharon George

Lector: Mary Harris Edwards

Intercessor: Hugh Osburn

Chalice 2: Bryan Harris

1st Crucifer: Nathanael Burden

Server/Gospel Bearer: Brett Dixon

Torch Bearers:

Ushers: Cory Trotter, Michael Cerps, Buddy Bilbrey

Linen Guild: Joanie Roberts

Altar Guild: Jodie Webb, Michelle King,

Organist/Choirmaster: Steve Grant

Organist Emeritus: Bill Scott

Those with birthdays

this week

Howard Tallent

Ken Murch

Renee Potter

Frances Hardaway

Ben Dixon

Furman Walter

Melissa Cashman

Judy Parham

Baptismal

Newbirth Day

29 March

01 January

24 November

15 August

17 September

Those with Baptismal Newbirth Day this week

Lang Foster Jr. 20 July

