

GRACE



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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

21 September 2025

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Grace!

Opening Voluntary - *Holy art thou*

George F. Handel

Bill Scott, Piano Steve Grant, Organ

The Procession

Hymn #368
Holy Father

Descant



4 God the Lord, through ev - ery na - tion let thy won - drous
mer - cies shine. In the song of thy sal - va - tion
love, and peace, look up - on the Me - di - a - tor,
hosts pro - claim, while we hear thy won - drous sto - ry,
from a - bove, touch our hearts with sa - cred fire,
mer - cies shine. In the song of thy sal - va - tion
ev - ery tongue and race com - bine. Great Je - ho - vah,
clothe us with his right - eous - ness; heaven - ly Fa - ther,
meet and wor - ship in thy Name, dear Re - deem - er,
fill them with the Sa - vior's love. Source of com - fort,
ev - every tongue and race com - bine. Great Je - ho - vah,
great Je - ho - vah, form our hearts and make them thine.
heaven - ly Fa - ther, through the Sa - vior hear and bless.
dear Re - deem - er, in our hearts thy peace pro - claim.
Source of com - fort, cheer us with the Sa - vior's love.
great Je - ho - vah, form our hearts and make them thine.

The Word of God

A Song of Praise S-280

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

Title: Canticle 20, Glory to God: *Gloria in excelsis*

Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932), rev.

The Collect

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."
The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

The Psalm

Psalm 113 (read responsively by half verse) *Laudate, pueri*

- 1 Hallelujah!
Give praise, you servants of the LORD; *
praise the Name of the LORD.
- 2 Let the Name of the LORD be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of the LORD be praised.
- 4 The LORD is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.
- 5 Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
- 6 He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.
- 7 He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.
- 8 He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.

The Second Lesson

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Gospel Hymn #404

We Will Extol You

1 We will ex - tol you, ev - er - bless - ed Lord; your ho - ly
2 Age shall to age pass on the end - less song, tell - ing the
3 You, Lord, are gra - cious, mer - ci - ful to all, close to your

Name for ev - er be a - dored; each day we live our
won - ders which to you be - long, your might - y acts with
chil - dren when on you they call; and slow to an - ger,

psalm to you we raise; you, God and King, are wor - thy of all
joy and fear re - late; praise we your glo - ry while on you we
mer - ci - ful and kind, in your com - pas - sion we your bless - ings

praise, great and un - search - a - ble in all your ways.
wait, glad in the know - ledge of your love so great.
find. We love you with our heart and strength and mind.

The first stanza may be repeated at the end.

Words: J. Nichol Grieve, alt.; para. of Psalm 145 Music: *Old 124th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551; harm. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

The Holy Gospel

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master

is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. John Nieman

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The Peace

Brief Announcements (three short bullet points, or preferably in Haiku format)

Offertory - *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*

Tom Fettke

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

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A - page 361 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. _____

The musical score is written in a single system with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four lines of music. The first line contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and'. The second line contains 'might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The third line contains 'san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who'. The fourth line contains 'comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____'. There are three triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) in the second, third, and fourth lines.

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: *Sanctus* Music: Robert Powell (b. 1932)

Fraction Anthem LEVAS #154

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:
give us your peace, give us your peace.

The musical score is written in a single system with a treble and bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of six lines of music. The first line contains the lyrics 'Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.'. The second line contains 'Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.'. The third line contains 'Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:'. The fourth line contains 'give us your peace, give us your peace.'. The score features a variety of musical notations including chords, eighth notes, and rests.

Title: The Holy Eucharist, Fraction Anthem: Jesus, Lamb of God: *Agnus Dei* Music: From *Deutsche Messe*; Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828); arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Communion Hymns #664

There is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to make the wound - ed
 whole, there is a balm in Gil - e - ad, to
 heal the sin - sick soul. soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged, and
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you
 think my work's in vain, but then the Ho - ly
 can - not pray like Paul, you can tell the love of

Repeat Refrain

Spi - rit re - vives my soul a - gain.
 Je - sus, and say, "He died for all."

Words: African-American spiritual

Music: *Balm in Gilead*, Afro-American spiritual; acc. David Hurd (b. 1950)

Hymn #669

Commit

1 Com - mit thou all that grieves thee and fills thy heart with
 2 O trust the Lord then whol - ly, if thou wouldst be se -
 3 Thy last - ing truth and mer - cy, O Fa - ther, see a -
 4 Hope on, then, bro - ken spi - rit; hope on, be not a -

care to him whose faith - ful mer - cy the
 cure; his work must thou con - sid - er for
 right the needs of all thy chil - dren, their
 fraid: fear not the griefs that plague thee and

skies a - bove de - clare, who gives the winds their
 thy work to en - dure. What prof - it doth it
 an - guish or de - light: what lov - ing wis - dom
 keep thy heart dis - mayed: thy God, in his great

cours - es, who points the clouds their way; 'tis
 bring thee to pine in grief and care? God
 choos - eth, re - deem - ing might will do, and
 mer - cy, will save thee, hold thee fast, and

 he will guide thy foot - steps and be thy staff and stay.
 ev - er sends his bless - ing in an - swer to thy prayer.
 bring to sure ful - fill - ment thy coun - sel good and true.
 in his own time grant thee the sun of joy at last.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748); para. of Psalm 23 Music: *Resignation*, American folk melody, acc. David Hurd (b. 1950)

Post Communion Prayer - page 366

The Blessing of the People

The Procession

Hymn #529

In Christ there is no East or West

Unison or harmony

1 In Christ there is no East or West, in
 2 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what -
 3 In Christ now meet both East and West, in

 him no South or North, but one great fel - low -
 e'er your race may be! Who serves my Fa - ther
 him meet South and North, all Christ - ly souls are

 ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 as his child is sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him, through - out the whole wide earth.

Words: ohn Oxenham (1852-1941), alt. Music: *McKee*, Afro-American spiritual; adapt. and harm. Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949)

The Sending Forth - page 366

Closing Voluntary - *The Heavens declare the Glory of God*

Benedetto Marcello

Grace Notes

- **Flowers** are given in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord for Brent, his upcoming birthday, and the many blessings in our life. We love you Dada xx Kirri and Campbell.
- **SAVE THE DATE:**
 - **Grace Church BBQ** will be [Oct. 11, 2025](#)
 - **Halloween Party and Dinner** on [Oct. 29th](#). More information to come.
 - **All Saints Ale** on All Saints [Sunday, November 2nd, 4-7 p.m.](#) on Grace Church Patio.
- **WWW** meets [Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8 p.m.](#) in the Parlor. We will be reading *Everything Happens for a Reason (And Other Lies I've Loved)* by Kate Bowler. All women are welcome.
- The **Music Ministry** at Grace church is growing. Our choirs meet [Wednesdays](#) with Children's Choir at 5:15 p.m. and Adult Choir at 6:15 p.m.
- **Fiber Friends and Fellowship** meets every [Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.](#) in the Parish Hall.
- If you would like to **donate to Family Promise**, scan the Grace QR Code.
- The **Saints and Sinners dinner groups** will start up again this month. This is a great way for both newcomers and long-time parishioners to meet others within the parish. If you are interested in joining us this fall, please contact the church office or Debbie Hand at 316-617-2409 or handrab@yahoo.com.
- **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.
- **Part II of the confirmation class** meets on [Sunday, Oct. 5th and 12th](#) at [9:15 AM](#) in the parlor.
- If you are **interested in being confirmed** on Nov. 2nd with Bishop Richards's visit, contact the parish office. You will need to fill out a form.
- **Grief Support** meets [Thursday, Sept. 25th at 10 a.m.](#)
- **Moms Meet-Up** is [Saturday, Sept. 27th at 9:30 a.m.](#) at E-City Java.
- **EYC** will attend **LEAF** on [Sunday, Sept. 28th from 4-6 p.m.](#)
- **Blessing of the Animals** will be [Sunday, Oct. 5th, during the 10:30 service](#). The service will be held on the front lawn. All animals are welcome. Please be sure your four legged 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.
- Want to learn more about helping with Sunday Worship? Anyone twelve and older is welcome to become a Crucifer, Torch Bearer, or Server/Gospel Bearer. Youth are welcome, but these roles are NOT just for kids. Confirmed members over eighteen can also serve as Eucharistic Ministers (Chalice Bearers) . We have openings for all roles at both the 8:00 and the 10:30 services. Please contact Abigail Burden at Mrs_Burden@yahoo.com for information about the 10:30 service, or Kathe Harris at kbeach4s@charter.net for the 8 a.m. service.
- **Save the date - Grace's 27th annual BBQ** will take place at the Farmers Market on [Saturday, Oct. 11th from 5-8 p.m.](#) 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. Sponsorships at the 1/2 Pig, Whole Pig, and Whole Pig+ level are available! If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Danny Ehlert (864) 276-2579 or Carol Miller (303) 507-8816.
- **Friday Night BBQ TAILGATE:** Join us on Friday, Oct 10th from 5:30 - 8:00 for the annual Pre-que Tailgate. Pre-order your chicken quarters and/or babyback ribs, and bring a side to share and beverage of your choice. Contact Danny Ehlert (text 864-276-2579) or sign up on the pre-order sheet. Cost of the chicken and ribs will be based on purchase price (typically \$2.50 for chicken and \$10 for a rack of ribs). We'll have an informal chili cook-off too, so if you've been wanting to showcase your chili, bring it on Friday night to see if yours is really the best!

Those Who Serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Louis LeBrun

Second Counter: Heiko Erlenkeuser

Lector: Jodie Webb

Lector: Tracey Lidlow

Intercessor: Susan Whatley

Chalice 2: Jane Williams

Chalice 1: Brett Dixon

1st Crucifer: Nathanael Burden

Server/Gospel Bearer: Brett Dixon

Torch Bearers:

Ushers: Cory Trotter, Buddy Bilbrey, Debbie Hand, Maxwell Jeffers

Linen Guild: Dixie Harris

Altar Guild: Jodie Webb, Michelle King, Rosemary Digby

Organist/Choirmaster: Steve Grant

Organist Emeritus: Bill Scott

Those with birthdays this week

Betty Gurrad

Jane Williams

Rosalind Hammett

Carly Campbell

Brent Kinley

Jeri Sellers

Baptismal Newbirth Day

10 April

11 April

15 May

17 August

21 March

Those with Baptismal Newbirth Days this week

Ken Langford

21 September

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Stewardship Report
 As of 8/31/2025
 YTD 2025 Revenue \$271,871
 YTD 2025 Expenses \$294,049
 YTD 2025 Deficit \$22,178

Vestry Members

- Mike Digby - 2025
- Janet Rippy, Clerk- 2023-2025
- Louis Lebrun, Jr. Warden - 2023-2025
- David Burden - 2024-2025
- Kirri Kinley - 2024-2026
- Mike Magaha - 2024-2026
- Debbie Hand, Sr. Warden - 2024-2026
- Henry Todd - 2025-2026
- Jodie Webb - 2025-2027
- Bill Scott - 2025-2027
- Cyndi Dougherty - 2025-2027
- Heiko Erlenkauser - 2025-2027

Delegates to the Convention

- Melissa Langford
- Carol Miller
- Janet Rippy
- Louis Lebrun
- Cindy Baker
- Jodie Webb

Grace Church Endowment

- Matthias Kloeck
- Lee Hancock
- Ken Langford, Treasurer
- Carol Miller
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