



Kathe Harris

THE PEACEABLE KINGDOM

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

16 November 2025

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Twenty - Third Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to Grace!

Opening Voluntary - Pie Jesu

Andrew Lloyd Webber
Bill Scott, piano Steve Grant, organ

The Procession

Hymn 607 *O God of every Nation*

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery, race and land,
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that we may find re - lease
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,
re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc-tion through the night,
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,
where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
from pride of race and na - tion and blind-ness to your way,
when hope and cour-age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
till dawns the morn-ing glo-rious when truth and jus - tice reign
in love and mer-cy guide us and heal our strife-torn world.
de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray!
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

Words: William Watkins Reid, Jr. (b. 1923), alt. Music: Llanglofan, melody from *Hymnau a Thonau er Gwasanaeth yr Eghvys yng Nghymru*, 1865; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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The Word of God

A Song of Praise LEVAS #216

In My life, Lord be Glorified

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens
 and a new earth;
 the former things shall not be remembered
 or come to mind.
 But be glad and rejoice forever
 in what I am creating;
 for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
 I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
 and delight in my people;
 no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
 or the cry of distress.
 No more shall there be in it
 an infant that lives but a few days,
 or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
 for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
 and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
 They shall build houses and inhabit them;
 they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
 They shall not build and another inhabit;
 they shall not plant and another eat;
 for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
 and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
 They shall not labor in vain,
 or bear children for calamity;
 for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD--
 and their descendants as well.
 Before they call I will answer,
 while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

The Psalm

Canticle 9 (read responsively by half verse)
Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

The Second Lesson

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Gospel Hymn LEVAS #136

I have decided to follow Jesus

1. I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus, _____
2. Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
3. The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me, _____

1. — I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus, _____
 2. — Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
 3. — The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me, _____

1. — I have de - cid - ed _____ to fol - low Je - sus, _____
 2. — Though no one join me, _____ still I will fol - low, _____
 3. — The world be - hind me, _____ the cross be - fore me, _____

— No turn - ing back, _____ no turn - ing back! _____
 (no turn - ing back,)

Words: Ascribed to an Indian Prince; as sung in Garo, Assam

Music: Indian Folk Melody; arr. Norman Johnson

The Holy Gospel

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be

able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

The Sermon

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The Peace

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

The Sending Forth



Celebrant

Dear Friends in Christ, we have been in companionship with Hugh and Jan Osburn, and Bryan and Dixie Harris on the journey of faith. Their time with us is drawing to a close. We now send them forth to continue their journey. Together Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

O Lord, we give thanks for Hugh, Jan, Bryan, and Dixie's time with us and for their building up our common life. Bless them as they go forth; be with those who leave and with those who stay; and grant that all of us, by drawing ever near to you, may always be close to each other in the communion of your saint. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, in whom all things hold together. *Amen.*

Offertory - *My Wordless Prayer*

Craig Courtney
Addie Ehlert, Cello

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.

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A - page 361

Sanctus S-125

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

Title: The Holy Eucharist II, Holy, holy, holy Lord: Sanctus Music: From A Community Mass; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Fraction Anthem LEVAS #154

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 Hymns LEVAS #203

Balm in Gilead

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. Fine

1. Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, And think my work's in vain, But
 2. If you can - not preach like Pet - er, If you can - not preach like Paul, You can
 3. Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged For Je - sus is your friend, And

1. then the ho - ly spir - it Re - vives my soul a - gain.
 2. tell the love of Je - sus, And say He died for all.
 3. if you lack for know - ledge, He'll ne'er re - fuse to lend. D.C.

Words: Traditional Music: American Melody; arr. Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *The Haywood Collection of Negro Spirituals*

Hymn LEVAS #138

Lord I want to be a Christian

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian In my heart, In my heart;—
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart, In my heart;—
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart, In my heart;—
 4. I don't want to be like Ju - das In my heart, In my heart;—
 5. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart, In my heart;—

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris - tian In my heart, _____
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov - ing In my heart, _____
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho - ly In my heart, _____
 4. I don't want to be like Ju - das In my heart, _____
 5. Lord, I want to be like Je - sus In my heart, _____

In my heart, In my heart, In my heart, In my heart, In my heart,

1. Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian In my heart.
 2. Lord, I want to be more lov-ing In my heart.
 3. Lord, I want to be more ho-ly In my heart.
 4. I don't want to be like Ju-das In my heart.
 5. Lord, I want to be like Je-sus In my heart.

Words: Traditional Music: African American Spiritual; arr. Edward C. Deas

Post Communion Prayer - page 366
The Blessing of the People
 The Procession

Hymn #482
Lord of all Hopefulness

1 Lord of all hope-ful-ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea-ger-ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind-li-ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen-tle-ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev-er child-like, no cares could de-destroy,
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
 your hands swift to wel-come, your arms to em-brace,
 whose voice is con-tent-ment, whose pres-ence is balm,

be there at our wak-ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our lab-ors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom-ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep-ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Words: Jan Struther (1901-1953) Music: Slane, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927; harm. *Hymnal* 1982

The Sending Forth - page 366
Closing Voluntary - Hymn to Joy

Beethoven

Grace Notes

- **Flowers** are given in living memory of Josephine Baber from the Lidlow family.
- **WWW:** Our next book is *Searching for Sunday* by Rachel Held Evans's. Join us on **Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.** in the parlor as we explore themes of faith, doubt, and grace through Evans' reflections on the sacraments. All women are welcome. Come as you are and bring a friend!
- 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 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall.
- 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.
- Join us for **Breakfast with Saint Nicholas** on **Dec. 6th at 9:00 a.m.** We will learn about St Nicholas, visit with Saint Nicholas, and eat a yummy breakfast. Tickets can be purchased online (see the Grace Code).
- If you were confirmed, received, or reaffirmed your faith on **Nov. 2nd**, please see Sharon Dorsey for your certificate.
- **THE GRACE CODE**
Scan or tap to visit:
 - New to Grace
 - Outreach giving
 - Facebook page
 - Family Promise
 - Breakfast with St. Nichoals
- **Celebrate Grace's 175th** anniversary of being allowed into the Diocese, **Thursday, February 12th 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** Reception following. Bishop Richards will be there and we will have confirmations, receptions and reaffirmations as part of the celebration.
- **Ready for a Leap of Faith?** Our next Episcopal Christianity Class begins **Sunday, December 28th at 9:15 a.m.** in the parish library. It is the last chance to prepare before the Bishop's February 12th visit. This class is for anyone interested in Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation, or to simply study the faith.
- **Special Farewell Coffee hour** today **Sunday, Nov. 16th**. Join us as we say goodbye to Bryan, and Dixie Harris, and Hugh and Jan Osburn.
- There will be a **concert** to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the inauguration of the Zimmer Organ today **Sunday, Nov. 16th at 4:00 p.m.** in the Church. Robert Glick will be performing.
- **EYC** will have **Friendsgiving** today **Sunday, Nov. 16th from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**
- There will be a **Clergy Chapter meeting** in the parish hall **Thursday, Nov. 20th from 10:00 a.m. - noon.**
- **Grief Support** will meet **Thursday, Nov. 20th at 10:00 a.m.**
- **Guy's Gathering at Grace** will meet **Thursday, Nov. 20th at 6:00 p.m.**
- **Happening #93** for 10th - 12th grade is **Nov. 21st - 23rd**.
- **Church Office** will be closed **Thursday, Nov 27th** for Thanksgiving.
- If you would like to **donate to Family Promise**, scan the Grace QR Code.
- Does washing and ironing altar linens to prepare His Table for services sound like a ministry you would like to join? This ministry is once a month on a rotating basis with 3 other women. Please contact Pam Herold, pherold@herolds.com or (864) 356-1662 if you would like to learn more about this meaningful ministry. Thank you.
- **Breaking News:** A new photo directory is in the planning stage. If you would like to be apart of organizing please contact Connie Pearce at conniepearce56@gmail.com
- **Morning Prayer with Communion** will be **Sunday, Nov. 30th** for both services.
- **Christmas kids lists** are available in the cloister. Consider helping a child have an amazing Christmas by adopting a child. Thanks for your continued generosity.

Those Who Serve

Vestry-in-Charge: Bill Scott
Second Counter: Louis LeBrun
Lector: Mary Harris Edwards
Lector: Kate Wilford
Intercessor: Jodie Webb
Chalice 1:
Chalice 2: David Burden
1st Crucifer: Christopher Wilford

Server/Gospel Bearer: Nathanael Burden
Torch Bearers:
Ushers: Cory Trotter, Maxwell Jeffers
Linen Guild: Dixie Harris
Altar Guild: Cindy Baker, Lisa Arnold
Organist/Choirmaster: Steve Grant
Organist Emeritus: Bill Scott

Those with birthdays this week

Joe Herold
Helen Kerley
Ella Clark
John Taylor
Ed Barnwell
Julie Bates

Baptismal Newbirth Day

04 December
01 April
21 December
17 May
01 December
06 January

Pledge Drive

Week 5

2026: Pledged: \$299,569

Cards : 87

2025 Pledged: \$256,050

Cards: 76

Stewardship Report

As of 9/30/2025

YTD 2025 Revenue \$296,595

YTD 2025 Expenses \$324,406

YTD 2025 Deficit \$27,811

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
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