

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“The Mission of Grace Episcopal Church is to promote an atmosphere for the expression of God’s love through Jesus Christ, which calls each of us to know God by reaching out to others and inwardly to ourselves.



**September 24, 2023**

**10:30a**

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

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*Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church. If you are new here, WELCOME! We are glad you're here! Please join us after the 10:30 service in the Parish Hall, adjacent to the church, for light refreshments and conversation. We ask that you maintain silence for prayer before the service and greet each other after the service.*

*Please note that the hymns are contained in one of two hymnals in your pew backs. "The Hymnal 1982" is generally blue in color and is referred to as simply "Hymnal" in the bulletin. Service music is marked with and S in the bulletin such as "S-000" and is in the front of the Hymnal. "Lift Every Voice and Sing II, is red and black and is abbreviated as LEVAS in the bulletin.*

## GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. William Yagel

PRELUDE *Woodbury* Eric Routley  
(1917-1982)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *Rise up, ye Saints of God!* Hymnal 551

OPENING ACCLAMATION Prayer Book 355

*Presider:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*Presider* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA *Gloria in Excelsis* Hymnal S-280

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Presider:* Let us pray.

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.*

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE OLD TESTAMENT

*The People Sit*

EXODUS 16:2-15

*Lector:* A reading from Exodus

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat."

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## THE PSALM

PSALM 105:1-6, 37-45

### *Confitemini Domino*

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; \*  
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, \*  
because they were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering \*  
and a fire to give light in the night season.
- 40 They asked, and quails appeared, \*  
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, \*  
so the river ran in the dry places.
- 42 For God remembered his holy word \*  
and Abraham his servant.
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, \*  
his chosen with shouts of joy.
- 44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, \*  
and they took the fruit of others' toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes \*  
and observe his laws.  
Hallelujah!

## THE EPISTLE

PHILIPPIANS 1:21-39

*Lector:* A reading from Romans

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

LEVAS 72

## THE GOSPEL

*The People remain standing*

*Presider:* The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

MATTHEW 20:1-16

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he

saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

*Presider:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## SERMON

Boy's Home of VA

*The People Stand*

## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father.  
 Through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
 and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
 in accordance with the Scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE VI

*The People may stand or kneel*

*The intercessor and the people pray responsively.*

*Intercessor:* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* For all people in their daily life and work;

*People:* For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

*Intercessor:* For this community, the nation, and the world;

*People:* For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

*Intercessor:* For the just and proper use of your creation;

*People:* For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

*Intercessor:* For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*People:* For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

*Intercessor:* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*People:* For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

*Intercessor:* For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Bishop, and William our Priest and for all other bishops and other ministers;

*People:* For all who serve God in God's Church.

*Intercessor:* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: JoAnn Allen, Jack Brockway, Michael Cluver, The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, Sean Donnelly, Frann Felch, Shelby Findley, Alice Gallimore, Dick Gregory, William Gregory, Powell Hendricks, Bill Jeffrey, Gary Jennings, Nancy Jordan, Noel Lawson, Adam Mejia, Georgia Mejia, Rev. Shelby Owens, Jim Slusher, Letitia Smith, Kirsten Uzzardo, Bill Weedon, and Rev. Steve Weston.

We pray for those who are serving in harm's way: for medical personnel and support staff; for first responders; for those ensuring we have access to food, medicine and other necessities of life; for teachers and school staff; for our armed forces; and all those who put themselves at risk in the service of others.

Pray today for the Bishops of the Episcopal Church as they gather this week at The House of Bishops. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines

*Silence, The People may add their own petitions*

*Intercessor:* Hear us, Lord;

*People:* For your mercy is great.

*Intercessor:* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Prayers for our young people who are away for their studies: Mason Sproule, India Black, Owen and Shea Himmell, Red Yagel, Ashleigh Bethea, Audrey Bucy, and Emma Brockway.

We pray for all of the student here in Radford that they may find challenge and wonder in their studies. For all students of Radford University and those we support at Red Door. We pray for all students in Grade school and especially for: Emma, Jacob, Ryan, and David.

*Silence, The People may add their own thanksgivings*



*Intercessor:* We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*People:* And praise your Name for ever and ever.

*Intercessor:* We pray for all who have died, especially for Matthew Brunner, Kenny Kohberger, and Larry Walker

*Silence, The People may add their own petitions*

*Intercessor:* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*People:* Who put their trust in you.

*The Presider will add a concluding Collect.*

*Presider:* Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our Neighbor.

*People may Stand or kneel.*

*In Unison:* Most merciful God,  
 we confess that we have sinned against you  
 in thought, word, and deed,  
 by what we have done,  
 and by what we have left undone.  
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
 have mercy on us and forgive us;  
 that we may delight in your will,  
 and walk in your ways,  
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Presider:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## PEACE

*The People Stand**Presider:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.*People:* And also with you.

## OFFERTORY SENTENCE

*Presider:* Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## HOLY COMMUNION RITE II

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Helmsley*Ralph Vaughn Williams  
(1872-1958)

## DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

Hymnal 380 v3

*Presider:* All things come of Thee, O Lord.*People:* And of Thine own have we given Thee.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## Eucharistic Prayer C

Prayer Book 369

*The People Stand**Presider:* The Lord be with you.*People:* And also with you.*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.*People:* We lift them to the Lord.*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*People:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.*Presider :* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.*People:* *Glory to you for ever and ever.**Presider :* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.*People:* *By your will they were created and have their being.*

*Presider :* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People:* *Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.*

*Presider :* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People:* *By his blood, he reconciled us.  
By his wounds, we are healed.*

*Presider :* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS HYMN

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

Hymnal S-125

*The presider continues:*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*People:* *We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.*

*Presider:* Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for

renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.*

*Presider: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.*

*Together in a loud voice, the people say: AMEN*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*All:*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM

*Christ our passover*

Hymnal S-154

*Presider: The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in  
your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.*

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist. Communion, which is offered in both kinds. Consuming bread only is also considered full communion. Wine is offered by drinking from the common cup, or by dipping (intinction) in a smaller chalice. Notify an usher to have the elements brought to your pew. To receive a blessing come forward with those communing and place your hands across your chest. Gluten free wafers are available.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me  
Let us break bread together*

Hymnal 685

Hymnal 325

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Prayer Book 365

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*All:* Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
 you have graciously accepted us as living members  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 and you have fed us with spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
 Send us now into the world in peace,  
 and grant us strength and courage  
 to love and serve you  
 with gladness and singleness of heart;  
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

*Guide Me, O thou great Jehovah*

Hymnal 690

## DISMISSAL

Prayer Book 366

*Presider:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*Ton-y-Botel*

Thomas John Williams  
 (1869-1944)

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**THOSE SERVING TODAY**

PRIEST	The Rev. William Yagel
CRUCIFER/LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER	Tim Walker
ASSISTING LEM (LEM 2)	Eve Yagel
GOSPEL BEARER	Jacob Harris
LECTOR	Dick Gregory
ALTAR GUILD	Cathy Caldwell Jennifer Hand Sherri Carper
ORGAN PLAYER	Will Harris
USHERS	Terry Nester & Ben Caldwell

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Crucifer/ LEM</b>	<b>LEM 2</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Organ Player</b>	<b>Counter</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>
9/24	Tim Walker	Eve Yagel	Dick Gregory	Will Harris	Ann Walker Diana Jordan	Cathy Caldwell Jennifer Hand Sherri Carper
10/1	Cathy Caldwell	Mark Carper	Robbie Nester	Eve Yagel	Penny Sweet TBD	Penny Sweet Joy Hottenstein Pam Hall
10/8	Tim Walker	Cathy Caldwell	Margaret Hrezo	Anna French	Terry Nester Terry McCraw	Penny Sweet Joy Hottenstein Pam Hall
10/15	Eve Yagel	Mark Carper	Will Harris	Eve Yagel	Sherri Carper Kristi McCraw	Penny Sweet Joy Hottenstein Pam Hall

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SEPTEMBER MISSION

### BOYS HOME OF VIRGINIA

For 107 years, Boys Home has been providing residential care and education for boys ages 6 to 18 who are socially and economically disadvantaged. No child is turned away due to their family's inability to pay. It takes over \$500.00 PER CHILD to provide these young men with clothes, underwear, shoes, and school supplies for the year. By Providing residential education, the Boys Home continues to focus on socially and economically disadvantaged young men aged 6 to 18. They operate with 97% private funds, so your donations are important!

## PLEASE JOIN US AFTER THE 10:30AM SERVICE FOR OUR ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC!

**BOY'S HOME RAFFLE**—In addition to a visit from the Boys on the 24th, every year we are invited to join in their raffle to win a print by P. Buckley Moss. Please consider picking up a form from the bell tower and buying a ticket or two! Please contact Robbie Nester with any questions about Boy's home or the raffle. robertanester083@gmail.com

**ANOINTING SERVICE**—We will offer anointing and healing prayers monthly on the second Sunday at the 10:30 service and on the fourth Sunday at the 8:00 service.

**BIBLE STUDY UPDATE**—The first meeting of our bible study was a great success, please consider joining us! This series will last 6 weeks and will follow the theme of Shalom throughout scripture and will look at its call in our lives today. Meetings will be every Tuesday night at 6:00 in the parish hall. Bring your open heart and discerning spirit. All are welcome. margaretmmaryhrez@gmail.com

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**—Please join us Saturday October 7 when we will have a blessing of the animals in our Garden of Grace. It should be a wonderful day where we remember St. Francis of Assisi by praying for our beloved pets. It is a great day to invite friends and neighbors to join us. Please contact Sheri Carper if you would like to help! sherricarper@gmail.com

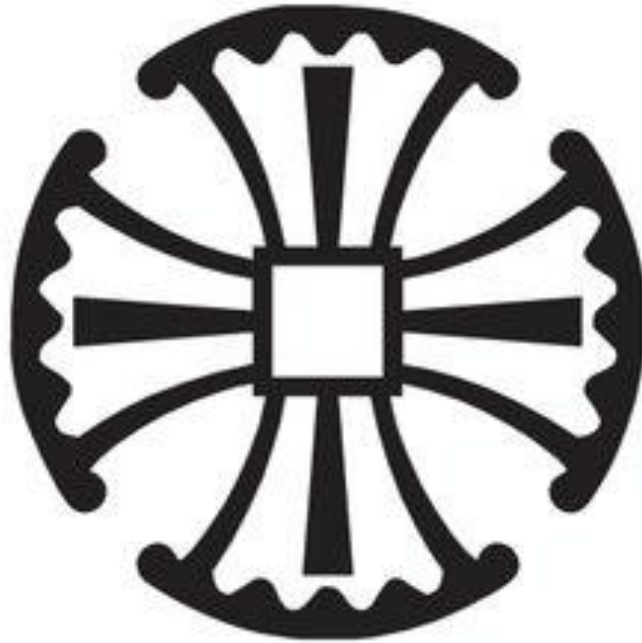
**NEWCOMER'S DINNER**—Grace will host a reception and dinner for all of our newcomers on October 18 (with leadership from some of our most recent newcomers, the Harris'). More information to follow. Many thanks to Will and Katie for leading this event!

**JOIN THE CHOIR**—New members of all ages and skill levels are welcome to join anytime! Every Sunday the Choir will rehearse starting at 9:45 in the Sanctuary!

**CALL FOR SERVICE PARTICIPANTS**—We are looking for Ushers in particular, but if you would like to serve as a Lector, Usher, Lay Eucharistic minister, Acolyte, or Organ "player" please let us know. Send Samantha an email at [office@graceradford.org](mailto:office@graceradford.org) to let us know how you would like to serve! There is always room so serve and many hands make light work!

**GRACE NOTES**—Please sign up for our weekly e-newsletter to hear the latest about what is happening with Grace. Email Samantha to be **added** to the list at: [office@graceradford.org](mailto:office@graceradford.org) or just write your name and email on the "friendship form" and give it to an usher or drop it in the plate.

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