

# Grace Episcopal Church

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May 5, 2024

## **Our Mission**

Grace Episcopal Church is a congregation in communion with all that is in God, seen and unseen.  
We are led by the example of Jesus Christ and are empowered by the Holy Spirit  
to support each other through prayer, formation, worship, and service.

## **Our Vision**

We will welcome all with kindness, acceptance, and love, with God's help.  
We are Grace, grounded in faith and relentless in compassion.

## Holy Eucharist Rite I 8:15AM

*Helpful notes: The 8:15 early service is a simple, contemplative service that offers you a time and space for prayer. It uses the more traditional language that can be found within the Anglican Tradition and primarily comes from the earlier 1928 Book of Common Prayer. Please feel free to take advantage of the quiet space before the service begins for your personal devotions.*

### Community Minute

#### Opening Acclamation

BCP 323

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

#### Collect for Purity

BCP 323

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

#### Gloria

BCP 324

#### The Collect of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The First Reading: Acts 10:44-48

Reader: Chaudron Gille Leaflet, page 3

#### Psalm 98

Leader: Chaudron Gille Leaflet, page 4

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#### The Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

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**Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:45AM**

**Prelude**

*Prayer*

Engelbert Humperdinck

**Community Minute**

*Helpful notes: The word "liturgy" means "the public work of the people that has a personal cost." We invest our energy and resources into our common prayer. The opening portion of the liturgy invites us to gather in this space at this time, bringing all of ourselves into this shared worship as we focus our attention on God's love for us. We are made more aware of our union with God and with one another as we remember that our worship of God is the core element of our lives as Christians.*

**At the Entrance: Hymn 400**

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

**The Opening Acclamation**

BCP 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.*

**Collect for Purity**

BCP 355

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: Hymn S280** *Hymns beginning with an S are found in the service music section at the front of the hymnal.*

**The Collect of the Day**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Blessing of the Children and Dismissal to Children's Chapel**

Children ages three through second grade are invited to come forward.

People: *God of all, We pray for our children as they learn about you and your Word. May they live fully, love well, and honor the light of Christ within themselves and within others. Amen.*

*Helpful notes: Our attention now turns to the assigned texts for the day, as we listen for the Spirit's guidance through ancient texts that connect with our present circumstances. We remember that it is not so much that "we read the texts," as it is that "the Spirit reads us through the texts." Following the readings and hymn, the preacher will offer a sermon that seeks to help nurture our personal and communal reflection.*

**The First Reading: Acts 10:44-48**

Reader: Daniel Grizzle

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

Sing to the Lord a new song, \*

for he has done marvelous things.

With his right hand and his holy arm \*

has he won for himself the victory.

The Lord has made known his victory; \*

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*

and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*

lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*

with the harp and the voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*

shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*

the lands and those who dwell therein.

Let the rivers clap their hands, \*

and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,

when he comes to judge the earth.

In righteousness shall he judge the world \*

and the peoples with equity.

**The Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6**

Reader: Susan Lahey

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears, all  
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise, the  
 3. This is my Fa-ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres. This  
 morn-ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's praise. This  
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet. This

is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought of  
 is my Fa - ther's world: he sines in all that's fair; in the  
 is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done; Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.  
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ery where.  
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

**The Gospel Reading: John 15: 9-17**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

*Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Homily: The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Park**

**The Nicene Creed** said by all

BCP 358

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.

**The Prayers of the People Form III**

Leader: Susan Lahey BCP 387

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our bishop, Robert; priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Remembering parishioners Jo Lineberger and Tom Mundy; Evelyn Luke, sister of parishioner Marsha Kump; Ben McFry, friend of Pat Guthrie, have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Remembering those who have died; give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

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### **The Peace**

Celebrant        The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People            *And also with you.*

Please be seated.

*Helpful notes: We have arrived at the point of the liturgy that focuses our attention on Christ's presence with us in the Holy Eucharist. "Eucharist" means "thanksgiving," and we are called to remember our gratitude to God for the blessings of our lives. Together, we share in Holy Communion, which we believe is the Real Presence of Christ both within the bread and wine and within each soul present. We offer ourselves and visualize ourselves on the altar, as we pray for a transformation of heart that will nurture our ongoing lives.*

### **The Offertory Anthem**

*Panis Angelicus*

Caesar Franck (1822-1890)  
Sung in Latin, Bass Chorale

Panis Angelicus fit panis hominum  
Dat panis coelicus figuris terminum  
O res mirabilis! Manducat Dominum  
Pauper, pauper, servus et humilis.

The angel's bread becomes the bread of men,  
The heavenly bread ends all symbols,  
Oh, miraculous thing! The body of the Lord will nourish  
The poor, poor, and humble servant.

**At the Presentation: Hymn 205 verses 1, 5**

*Gelobt sei Gott*

**The Great Thanksgiving**        *Please stand as you are able.*

BCP 361

### **Eucharistic Prayer A**

                                 The Lord be with you.  
People                    *And also with you.*  
Celebrant                Lift up your hearts.  
People                    *We lift them to the Lord.*  
Celebrant                Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People                    *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (the Celebrant will offer a prayer for the day)

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus: Hymn S130**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Christ has died.*

*Christ is risen.*

*Christ will come again.*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. Amen.

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

*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.*



## The Breaking of the Bread

### The Fraction Anthem: Hymn S154

Celebrant Behold who you are: The Body of Christ.  
People *May we become what we receive.*

Please be seated.

### Communion Music

Hymn 664

Hymn 676

**Prayer after Communion** *Please kneel or stand as you are able.*

BCP 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

*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.*

*Helpful notes: We remember now that we have not left the world; rather, we have brought our entire selves into this time and space to be transformed by the Spirit's presence in our hearts. Now, we give thanks for this time of shared prayer, and we look toward the ways we can embody the Light of Christ in the world.*

### The Blessing

Closing Hymn 494

*Diademata*

### The Dismissal

Postlude

*Psalm XVIII*

Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

## ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers this morning are given to the glory of God and in honor of Brenda Morgan from the clergy and staff of Grace Church.

## FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- Today is our last regularly scheduled **CE hour** of the 2023-2024 academic year. We'll occasionally gather for special events on Sundays from 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM over the summer, such as the poetry reading and reception on May 19. Watch the newsletter for details. CE classes will begin again on September 8.
- Fall/winter 2023 and spring/summer 2024 **high school and college graduates** should submit the information form at [www.gracechurchgainesville.org/graduate](http://www.gracechurchgainesville.org/graduate) before 9:00 AM on Monday, May 13 to be included in the slideshow.
- Join the Pentecost Party on Sunday, May 19! We will have snacks in the parish hall from 9:30 - 10:30 AM, with time to share a **poetry reading and reflection** on the role of spiritual imagination in the life of a Christian community. Staff will be available in the greeting area to help guide people in use of the **online directory**. We will **honor graduates** at the 10:45 AM service. The choir will offer **Evensong for the Feast of Pentecost** at 4:00 PM.
- Save the date for **Bingo Night** on Wednesday, June 12; **Creation Camp** June 25-27; and a **Gwinnett Stripers Baseball Night** on Friday, July 19. Details coming soon!

## THINGS TO NOTE

- We invite **visitors and newcomers** to fill out a Welcome Card, online at [www.gracechurchgainesville.org/welcome](http://www.gracechurchgainesville.org/welcome) or in the pew, so we can share additional information about Grace Church and answer any questions you may have.
- The **nursery** is located in the children's education wing and is available to all children age 4 and under on Sunday mornings from 8:00 AM until noon.
- Services at Grace Church are **live-streamed/recorded** so that we may include those who cannot be with us physically. [www.gracechurchgainesville.org/photo-video-policy](http://www.gracechurchgainesville.org/photo-video-policy)

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