

Grace Episcopal Church
The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 6th, 2024



Season of Pentecost 2024

Holy Eucharist Rite II
9:30 am

Processional:

Lord of all Hopefulness, Lord of all joy

Hymnal #482

Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p355

The Gloria

1. Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. 2. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. 3. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; 5. You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. 6. For you alone are the holy one, you alone are the Lord, 7. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

BCP 218

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

BCP 357

Job 1:1; 2:1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Psalm 26

Judica me, Domine

- 1 Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.
- 9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, *
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,
- 10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, *
and their right hand full of bribes.
- 11 As for me, I will live with integrity; *
redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.
- 12 My foot stands on level ground; *
in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

“What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels,

now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

Sequence Hymn

Glorify Your Name

Praise Book #30

Mark 10: 2-16

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Sermon

Fr. J. Jeffrey Baker

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Prayers of the People

Form VI

BCP 392

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

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

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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God.

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For The Rev. Michael Curry, Our Presiding Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop-elect and The Rt. Rev. Anne B. Jolly, our Bishop; and for bishops and ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

Lord, give us the courage to view the future with hope and expectancy and, most of all, with faith. In the face of change, help us set aside our fears, and urge us to seek and see your hand at work, while opening our hearts to recognize that change brings new life. ***Amen.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Especially we pray for Aaron Lephart, Valerie Lephart, Margaret, Gerald Brothers, Ray, Beth, Belle, Cheri L., Bill, Janet, Chris, Matthew and Janice, Jeanne K., Dorothy Ferguson, Pat & Ray Newyear, Sheila S., Deb B., Carolyn Stacks, George & Sandra Luther, Chuck Yaichner, Chris Junda, Tim Mackey, John and Joyce Hoste, Bev & Ken Schutt, Susan S., Mark S., Mary, Tara T., Teddy Trump, Frank Burkacki, Lucille P., Kathy Hill, Caroline H., Jeanne Schupp, Shirley Wilkes, Jennifer M., Joe, Amelia Nash, Karen, Sarah, and Margaret G., Drake, Willow, Luke B., Bill Lang, Cathy Waller, Paul Moore, Bob, Billy Stoldt, Katana E., Jeannine Wendorff, Jamie Seymour, Geri, and Riley Gumto.

Silence

The people may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We celebrate the birthday of Cathy Nash, Kenneth Schutt, Deb Baumgartner, and the anniversary of John & Joyce Hoste and the flowers are given today by Ray & Beth Sphatt in celebration of Matthew & Bill's birthday.

Silence

The people may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The people may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Lector and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; And so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life,

To the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace

Announcement

Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

Grace Choir

The Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharist Prayer B

BCP 367

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
 full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Memorial Acclamation

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Celebrant and People
 We re - mem - ber his death, We pro - claim his re - sur -
 rec - tion, We a - wait his com - ing in glo - ry.



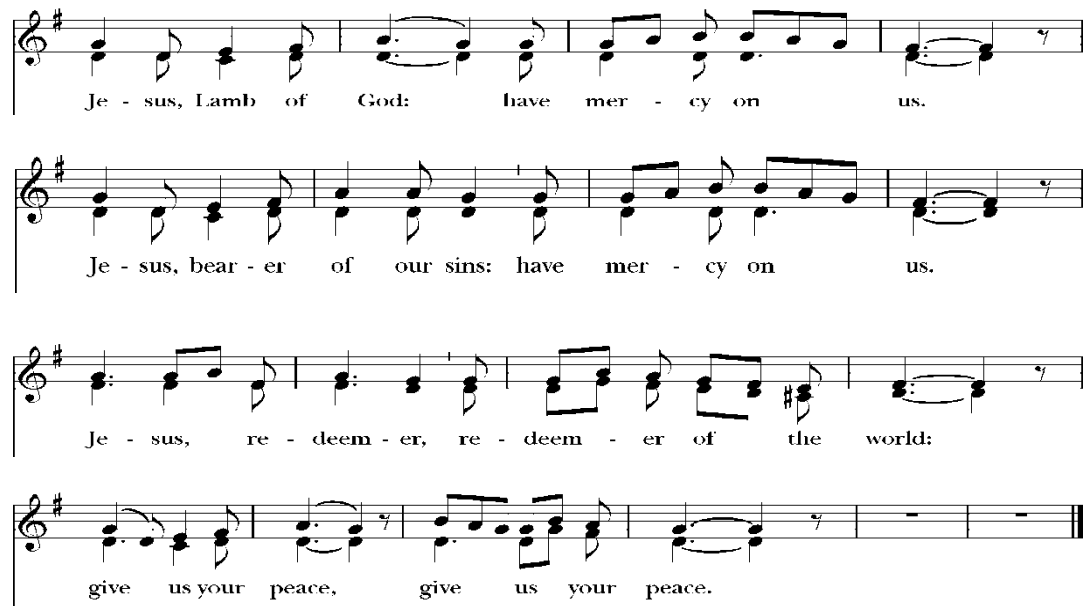
The Breaking of the Bread

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Fraction Anthem

Jesus, Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn

You Are Near

Praise Book #41

The Post-Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

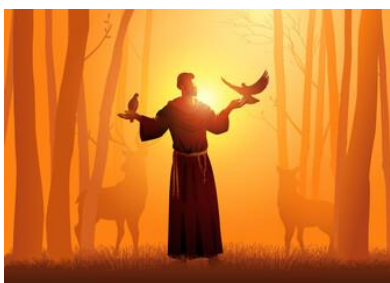
Closing Hymn

Now thank we all our God

Hymnal #397

The Dismissal

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Grace's Mission

We are disciples of Jesus, helping one another be the hands and feet of Christ by sharing God's love with the world.

Serving	Today
Celebrant	Fr. J. Jeffrey Baker
Altar Guild	Nancy Brother, Lynn Kramp, Peggy Burkacki
9:30 am Lectors	Harry Dodds Peggy Burkacki
9:30 am Chalice Bearer	Harry Dodds
9:30 am Crucifer	Greg Mackey
9:30 am Usher	Kathy Hill
9:30 am Zoom Host	Elizabeth Estep
Music:	Scott Arra and Grace Choir

Updates and Reminders

Pet Blessing today at 11am down at the Gazebo, weather permitting. Back-up plan, the undercroft. Bring your furry, feathered, or finned friends. With leashes please. You are also welcome to bring a picture, a stuffed animal to represent your friend.

Choir Practice has started up again Thursdays, at 7pm.

Come warm-up and learn some beautiful music with us!!

Update from the Vestry on the progress of the Search Committee. Work is being done to update the Grace Website. The search committee meets twice a month. Beth Sphatt is your contact person.

The Altar Flower Sign-up Sheet is in the hallway for 2024, please consider signing up. Altar Flowers are a way to express our thankfulness and celebrate the many blessings we have. Flower arrangements for a Sunday are \$40. Please note more than one person/family can sign up for the same Sunday.

Please sign-up for a Sunday to **Host Coffee Hour** after the service. Provide a tray of a yummy treat (cookies, brownies, fruit etc..) make coffee. Put out water and juice. Then clean up.

Help Needed: Could you possibly help in the office in case of an emergency?

Our Administrative Assistant is waiting for a call from her younger sister who is to receive a transplant of a liver. When Sherrie receives that call, she will be traveling to St. Pete Florida. Once her sister

makes it through the surgery, she will have a 6month recovery time. During several different transitions, Sherrie will be making several trips back and forth to help her sister out.

Sherrie is working ahead and trying to write down as many notes as possible. If you could drop in and possibly learn more about what might need to be done in preparation for when our Grace family comes together on Sunday morning for worship, please do. This would help ease her anxieties going forward.

Office hours are Monday & Friday 8-2pm Tues. Wed. and Thurs. 1:30-3:30pm

This Week at Grace

Sun, 6-October

9:30 am	Eucharist with Music	Sanctuary
11 am	Worship Mtg	Meeting Rm
11 am	Pet Blessing	Gazebo
3-5pm	Gaining Independence(Social skills Grp)	Gathering Rm
5 pm	Scouts BSA	Undercroft
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts	Undercroft

Mon, 7-October

5:30 pm	Building & Grounds	Gathering Rm
6 p	Search Committee	Gathering Rm
7:30 pm	NA Meeting	Undercroft

Tues, 8-October

5:30 p	Finance	
7 p	Bible Study	Online, link on website
7 p	GA	Undercroft
7:30 p	AA	Undercroft

Wed, 9-October

10 am	Group Study	Online, link on website
3:30 p	Gaining Independence(Social skills Grp)	Undercroft

Thu, 10-October

7 p	Choir	Sanctuary
7 p	GA	Undercroft
7:30 p	AA	Undercroft

Fri, 11-October

12 noon	Social Hour	Online, link on website
7:30 p	AA	Undercroft

Sat, 12-October

Sun, 13-October

9:30 am	Eucharist with Music	Sanctuary
2 pm	Eagle Advancement	Meeting Rm
5 pm	Scouts BSA	Undercroft
6:30 pm	Cub Scouts	Undercroft



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 Music Director- Scott Arra

Vestry members and officers for 2024.
Senior Warden: Walt Iliff
Junior Warden: Phil Davis
Vestry: Nancy Brothers, Kathy Hill, Thora Scott*, Beth Sphatt, Dave Zimmerman
Treasurer/Clerk: Elizabeth Estep
Asst Treasurer: Harry Dodds
 * Cathy Nash resigned as she is moving away. Thora Scott will complete her term.

Grace Search Committee
 Dawson Moorer, Search Consultant
 Konnor Thompson, Mary Miragliotta, Peggy Burkacki, Ray Sphatt, and Greg Mackey

Anyone interested in more information about the **Episcopal Church**, becoming a member, **being received**, this book study will help those interested walking down this path in a fun and interesting way. The book: **Walk in Love, Episcopal Beliefs & Practices**. Let Fr. Jeff know or leave a message with the office. 440-942-1015 office@gracewilloughby.org