

Grace Episcopal Church

August 31, 2025

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 17

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.

Opening Hymn

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee

Blue Hymnal #376

Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p355

The Gloria

Praise Book S-280

The Collect

BCP p 211

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A Reading from the Book of **Jeremiah 2: 4-13**

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me
that they went far from me,
and went after worthless things, and became
worthless themselves?

They did not say, "Where is the LORD
who brought us up from the land of
Egypt,

who led us in the wilderness,
in a land of deserts and pits,
in a land of drought and deep darkness,
in a land that no one passes through,
where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land
to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land,
and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?"
Those who handle the law did not know
me;

the rulers transgressed against me;
the prophets prophesied by Baal,
and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says
the LORD,
and I accuse your children's children.

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,
send to Kedar and examine with care;
see if there has ever been such a thing.

Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory
for something that does not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this,
be shocked, be utterly desolate,
says the LORD,

for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me,

the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves,
cracked cisterns
that can hold no water.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 81: 1, 10-16

Exultate Deo

- 1 Sing with joy to God our strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- 10 I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."
- 11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, *
and Israel would not obey me.
- 12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, *
to follow their own devices.
- 13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! *
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14 I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.
- 15 Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, *
and their punishment would last for ever.
- 16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

A reading from Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.
What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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Sequence Hymn

What a wondrous love is this

Blue Hymnal #439

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

"The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Fr. J. Jeffrey Baker

The Nicene Creed

BCP p 358

Prayers of the People

Form III

BCP p 387

A Prayer for Change: 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.*

Let his resurrection power bring healing and hope to those for whom we pray, For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Especially we pray for Valorie Lephart, Vivian, Paul, Sue & Michael. Baby Drake, 2 yr old Aria, 8 yr old Charlie, Willow, George & Sandy Luther, Clare McElroy, Charlotte Stoldt, Martha Mackey, William Trsek, Phil Bennett, Beth and Ray, Bill, Janet, Chris, Matthew, Janice, Carolyn Stacks, Sheila Smith, Kathy Hill, Sherry Occkial , Franny E., Dick D., Kevin, Patty, Erin, Pat, Gail, and Riley Gumto. The Zimmerman family

We celebrate the birthdays of Erlene Trsek and Maggie Ores

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

The Peace

BCP 360

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn

All that We have

Praise Book #39

The Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharist Prayer B

BCP 367

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord

Praise Book S-130

Memorial Acclamation

Praise Book S-138

The Great Amen

Praise Book S-147

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP p 364

Fraction Hymn

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Praise Book S-164

Communion Hymn

You Satisfy the hungry heart

Praise Book #14

The Post-Communion Prayer

BCP p 366

The Blessing

Announcements

If you find an error on the website, please alert the office or Fr. Jeff.
This is the first-place prospective clergy will look at Grace and we want to make a good first impression.



ECW Survey - What do you need from the ECW?

One of the priorities coming out of the Episcopal Church Women's strategic planning process is how the ECW and Daughters of the King (DOK) communicate across the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio. To understand how people who identify as women want to be engaged in the work of the Church, we have created this survey, which is open to anyone in the Diocese to complete. We want to hear from you: What issues interest you? How do you prefer to be contacted? What ministries and issues are women engaging with in your congregation? Please take a few minutes to complete this short survey using this QR code.

The survey deadline is **Monday, September 1, 2025.**



Feast of Grace is planned for September 7th, 2025

- sign-up sheet is on the board in the lobby.

All are welcome

