

Grace Episcopal Church
November 16, 2025
The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 28
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

O God of every nation

Blue Hymnal #607

Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) p355

The Gloria

Blue Hymnal S-280

The Collect

BCP p 211

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 Lessons

A Reading from the Book of 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.

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

Canticle 9

The First Song of Isaiah *Ecce Deus*

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.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A reading from 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.

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Sequence Hymn

If thou but trust in God to guide thee

Blue Hymnal #635

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 21:5-19

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

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

The Sermon

The Rev. 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, Aria, 8 yr old Charlie, Willow, George & Sandy Luther, Clare McElroy, Charlotte Stoldt, Martha Mackey, 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, Sue, Sherrie, Sharon, Riley Gumto and the Sherman and Miragliotta families.

Confession of Sin

BCP 359

The Peace

BCP 360

Announcements

Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn		Grace Choir
The Doxology		Hymnal 380(v3)
The Great Thanksgiving	<i>Eucharist Prayer B</i>	BCP 367
Sanctus	<i>Holy, holy, holy, Lord</i>	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	<i>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia</i>	Praise Book S-164
Communion Hymn	<i>Just a closer walk with Thee</i>	Praise Book #40
The Post-Communion Prayer		BCP p 366
The Blessing		
Closing Hymn	<i>All my hope on God is founded</i>	Blue Hymnal #665
The Dismissal		

A Sourton Welcome

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay, confused, very rich, comfortable, or very poor.

We extend a particular welcome to wailing babies and excited toddlers.

We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl to yourself. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing', just woke up, or just out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury or haven't been to church since Jack's christening.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit mums, football dads, starving artist, tree-huggers, latte sippers, vegetarians, vegans, junk food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps, or don't like 'organised religion'. (We're not that keen on it either!)

We offer a welcome to those that think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell or are here because granny is visiting and wanted to come to church.

We welcome those who are tattooed, pierced or both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as children, or got lost on the road and wound up here by mistake.

We are here **to welcome** pilgrims, holiday makers, seekers, doubters.....and **YOU!**

Announcements



Christmas Flowers Sign-Up

Cost \$15 per pot

If you would like a poinsettia on the altar for the Advent /Christmas season, please fill out the slip below and return to the church office by Sunday November 23rd

Given in loving memory of _____

OR

Given in thanksgiving for _____

By _____

Please make checks payable to Grace Church Altar Guild

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Little Feet Fundraiser-Donations are still welcomed !! Make checks out to Grace Episcopal Church (Little Feet on the memo line) or drop your donation into the big boot in the lobby! Thank you!!! Blessings! The Evangelism/Outreach Team

Please sign up to help out with our Little Feet Shopping Days, Dec. 6 & 7.

Mark your calendars now!!!! Saturday December 13, 2025 is our annual Christmas Party!!! Details on Lobby board and in the PACE!!!

