

## The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, without music (p. 323/340)  
(1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays)

11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite 2



Remember to silence all cell phones.

### Church Bell Tolls

**Prelude:** *Adagio* by Frank Bridge

**Processional Hymn # 390** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**Opening Acclamation** Book of Common Prayer page 355

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People: Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Collect for Purity**

**Gloria** (*standing*)

Hymnal S-280

**The Collect of the Day**

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### The Old Testament

A Reading from the Book of Exodus (14:19-31).

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites

walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### The Psalm

A Responsive Reading from the Psalms (114).

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, \*

**the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,**

<sup>2</sup>Judah became God's sanctuary \*

**and Israel his dominion.**

<sup>3</sup>The sea beheld it and fled; \*

**Jordan turned and went back.**

<sup>4</sup>The mountains skipped like rams, \*

**and the little hills like young sheep.**

<sup>5</sup>What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*

**O Jordan, that you turned back?**

<sup>6</sup>You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*

**you little hills like young sheep?**

<sup>7</sup>Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, \*

**at the presence of the God of Jacob,**

<sup>8</sup>Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*

**and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

### The Epistle

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans (14:1-12).

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the

judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Pre-Gospel Hymn # 478** (*v. 1*)

Jesus, our mighty Lord

**The Gospel**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (18:21-35)

**Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart." The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Post-Gospel Hymn # 478** (*v. 2-3*)

Jesus, our mighty Lord

**The Homily**

*The Very Rev. G. Miles Smith*

**The Nicene Creed**

BCP page 358

**Prayers of the People – Form V**

BCP page 389

**The Confession & Absolution**

BCP page 360

**The Peace**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Hymn** *Deep River*

African American Spiritual

**Presentation Hymn # 380** (*v. 3*) Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

**The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B** BCP page 367

**Sanctus** (*standing*)

Hymnal S-129

**The Lord's Prayer**

BCP page 364

**The Breaking of the Bread**

On receiving Communion: All are welcome to the Lord's table, kneeling or standing to receive. Baptized Christians may receive Communion and those not baptized or choosing not to receive may cross their arms upon their chest and receive a blessing. To receive wheat bread extend both hands together. To receive gluten-free bread please extend one hand only. Communion may be received in "one-kind", the bread alone, remaining in place with arms crossed as the chalice comes by. You may also receive by drinking from the chalice or by intinction (carefully dipping the bread in the wine). If you need the Sacrament brought to your pew, please notify an usher.

**Communion Hymn # 593** Lord, make us servants of your peace  
**Post Communion Prayer** BCP page 365  
**The Blessing**  
**Recessional Hymn # 400** All Creatures of our God and King (no \* verses)  
**Announcements**  
**Dismissal**  
**Postlude: March in G** by Henry Smart

**Welcome to our guests!**

We are happy you are visiting Grace Church. Please sign a guest card and leave it in the offering. Introduce yourself to our Clergy after the service and join us for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall. Thank you!

**Serving this Morning**

**Officiant** – The Very Reverend G. Miles Smith  
**Director of Music & Organist** – Joel VanderZee  
**Reader** – Bill Adams (9 am); Bill Remington (11 am)  
**Chalicerist** – Bill Adams (9 am); Cathy Bodkin (11 am)  
**Ushers** – Alison Walden & Merle Young  
**Vestry on Duty** – Kathy Trossi & Betsy Baten  
**Altar Guild** – Linda Crummette, Connie Pepper, & Dot Proffitt

**Altar Flowers**

*Given by Lesslie Crowell in Loving Memory of her Parents, on Their Wedding Anniversary*

Please sign up for Sunday service flowers given in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one or event. The 2023 sheet is posted in the narthex. You can also call Dot Proffitt at 295-4704 or email Kathy at [ParishAdministrator@gracekeswick.org](mailto:ParishAdministrator@gracekeswick.org). Make checks payable to Grace Church Altar Guild \$75.00 per Sunday. Please feel free to share the dedication and cost of flowers that are for the same Sunday. Thanks, *The Altar Guild*

**Prayer List**

Tom Faucett, Ellen Reed, Doug Wachenfeld, Lauren Wachenfeld, (Margaret Wachenfeld), Neil Horner (Chris Horner), Caryn Stefanchik (Beth Davis), Phil Ianna, Dottie Pratt, George Gaige, my brother-in-law, John Hart (Julie Russell), Jane Remington, Reverend Carol Sims, Pooh Johnson, Bob Burnett, Josephine Mazzoni, (The Bakers), Frank Huger (Tucker McQueen's brother), Patty DuPuis, Jennifer Whitcomb (Karen Whitcomb), Wanda Martin, Kelly Martin (Wanda Martin's daughter in law), Elizabeth Levaca, Anne Coyner (Jill Kavanagh), Mason Graham (Stephanie Shellenberger), Debby & Chuck Brown, Susan Campbell (Linda Verhagen), Betty Zavertrnik (Anne Young), Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Reverend Tige Newell (Miles Smith), Cyane Williams (Suzanne Nash), Janet Ritz (Kathy Trossi), Steve Manos (Jill Kavanagh), Gary Jenkins (Kathy Trossi), and Marcia Nemer (Jim Nemer).

After the listed names, you will see the parishioner's name in parenthesis that placed the person on our prayer list. You can address the parishioner as to the wellbeing of their family member or friend. The list is revised monthly. Send changes to Kathy Trossi: [ParishAdministrator@gracekeswick.org](mailto:ParishAdministrator@gracekeswick.org).

**Birthdays & Anniversaries this Week**

September 18<sup>th</sup> – Danielle Dick  
 September 19<sup>th</sup> – Michael Latsko & Cesar Dcroz (2015)  
 September 20<sup>th</sup> – Keith Perry, Jim & Mary Holden (1958)  
 September 21<sup>st</sup> – Eleanor Adams  
 September 22<sup>nd</sup> – William Horner  
 September 23<sup>rd</sup> – Laurel Marr

**This Week in the Parish**

**Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 am. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 (Grace), no music, The Very Rev. Miles Smith  
 10:00 am. Choir Rehearsal (Grace)  
 11:00 am. Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 (Grace): The Very Rev. Miles Smith  
 Noon. Coffee Hour (Team #2)

**Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 pm. AA Meeting (Parish Hall)

**Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**

4:00 pm. Salvation Army Dinner (Team #2)

**Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**

9:30 am. Women's Study Group (Parish Hall Conference Room)

7:00 pm. Choir Rehearsal

**Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> - The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 am. Morning Prayer (All Saints)  
 10:00 am. Choir Rehearsal  
 11:00 am. Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 (Grace)  
 Noon. Coffee Hour (Team #3)  
 1:00 pm. Stewardship Committee Meeting (Conference Room)  
 4:00 pm. Young Families Service & Supper

**Announcements**

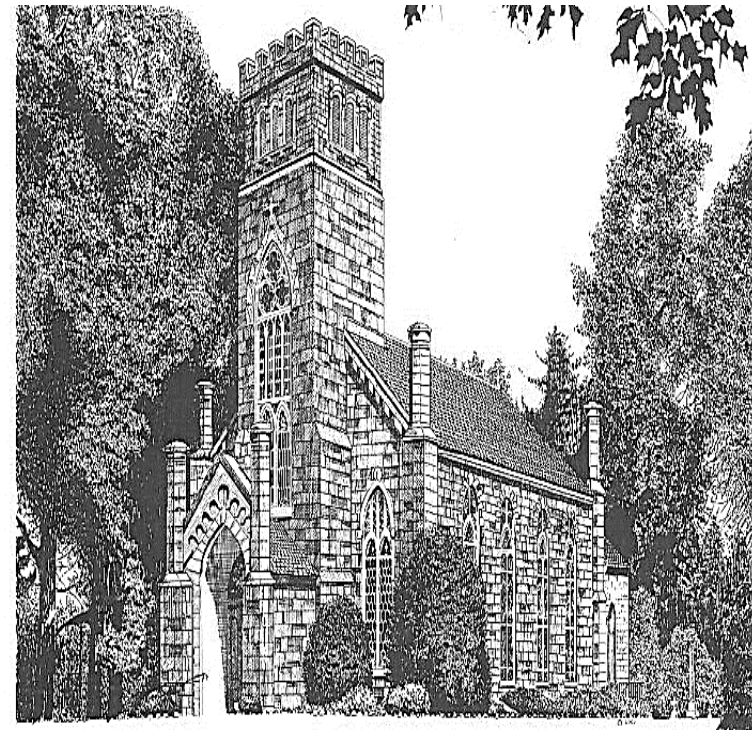
**Reserved Pews for Young Families**

The Renewal 2025 Task Force has been meeting over the past couple months to explore possibilities for the future of Grace Church membership and service as we approach the 280<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the parish. Young family representatives on the Task Force have asked us to reserve the two back pews for families with small children so it is easier for them to leave the service if their children get restless. For the next few months, we are piloting this idea – the two rear center pews will be reserved for this purpose. Look for the reserved signs and if you have questions, please see one of the ushers. Thank you for your support!

**Abandoned Cemetery Lots Available for Sale**

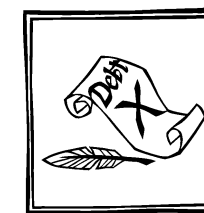
Grace has recently repossessed 14 cemetery lots in accordance with Virginia law on abandoned lots. These lots are on the north side of the church (to the left as you look at the church) inside the loop road. No lots have been available in this area for many years, but we now have 14 available for purchase. Cost is \$1000 per lot for active church members. If interested, please contact Dan Dick at [dan.dick@comcast.net](mailto:dan.dick@comcast.net) or 434-202-0776.

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We open wide the doors of this church to all who desire sincerely to worship the Eternal God whom Jesus revealed as our Heavenly Father. Through our worship we endeavor to know Jesus Christ and make Him known through our lives. We offer our church for the cure of souls who doubt and for the persuasion of those who have found faith difficult; for the encouragement of the discouraged; for the consecration of the strong, for the inspiration of all who face life daringly, and for the ever-deepening assurance of the life Eternal.

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