

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023

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

All Saints Chapel: 9:00 a.m. (2nd/4th Sundays)

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



Remember to silence all cell phones.

Church Bell Tolls

Prelude: J.S. Bach

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

Processional Hymn # 574

Before thy throne, O God, we kneel

Opening Acclamation

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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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The Old Testament

A Reading from the Book of Exodus (17:1-7).

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?” The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

A Responsive Reading from the Psalms (78: 1-4, 12-16).

¹Hear my teaching, O my people; *

incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

²I will open my mouth in a parable; *

I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

³That which we have heard and known,

and what our forefathers have told us, *

we will not hide from their children.

⁴We will recount to generations to come

the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *

and the wonderful works he has done.

¹²He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *

in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

¹³He split open the sea and let them pass through; *

he made the waters stand up like walls.

¹⁴He led them with a cloud by day, *

and all the night through with a glow of fire.

¹⁵He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *

and gave them drink as from the great deep.

¹⁶He brought streams out of the cliff, *

and the waters gushed out like rivers.

The Epistle

A Reading from Paul’s Letter to the Philippians (2:1-13).

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be exploited,

but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him

and gave him the name

that is above every name,

so that at the name of Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Pre-Gospel Hymn # 554 (v. 1)

’Tis the gift to be simple

The Gospel

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (21:23-32)

Glory to you, Lord Christ

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.” The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Post-Gospel Hymn # 554 (v. 1)

’Tis the gift to be simple

The Homily

The Very Rev. G. Miles Smith

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People – Form IV

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The Confession & Absolution

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The Peace

Voices From The Pews

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: Medieval plainsong

Now, my tongue, the mystery telling

Presentation Hymn # 380 (v. 3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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Sanctus (*standing*)

Hymnal S-129

The Lord’s Prayer

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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 # 339

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

Recessional Hymn # 348

Lord, we have come at your own invitation

Announcements

Dismissal

Postlude: J.S. Bach

Little Fugue in G minor

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 – Mark Zanin (9 am); Duncan Nixon (11 am)

Chalicer – Mark Zanin (9 am); Jeb Baker (11 am)

Ushers – Linda Price & Bill Adams

Vestry on Duty – Beth Baptist & Betsy Baten

Altar Guild – Kathy Trossi, Rachel Harrison, Sharon Merrick

Altar Flowers

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. 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 Zavertnik (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), Juanita Taylor (Betsy Baten), Joan Todd (Beth Sutton's sister), Nancy Mastin (Don & Tucker McQueen).

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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries this Week

October 1st – Sally Fields

October 2nd – Mark Zanin, Daniel Baptist

October 3rd – Lynn Dick, Matt Wiest, John Henry & Jennifer Jordan (1987)

October 4th – David Trossi

October 5th – Sandy & Susan Rives (1991)

October 6th – Bruce Clemons

October 7th – Tom Estes

This Week in the Parish

Sunday, October 1st - The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost – STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN BEGINS

9:00 am. Holy Eucharist, Rite 1, no music (Grace)

10:00 am. Choir Rehearsal

11:00 am. Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 (Grace)

Noon Special Coffee Hour Recognition for Dot Proffitt (Team #4)

4:00 pm. Three Notch'd Road Concert

Monday, October 2nd

4:00 pm. Salvation Army Dinner (Team #1)

7:30 pm. AA Meeting (Parish Hall)

Thursday, October 5th

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

7:00 pm. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, October 8th – The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9:00 am. Holy Eucharist (All Saints)

10:00 am. Choir Rehearsal

11:00 am. Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 (Grace)

Noon Coffee Hour (Team #5)

4:00 pm. Blessing of the Animals, with refreshments

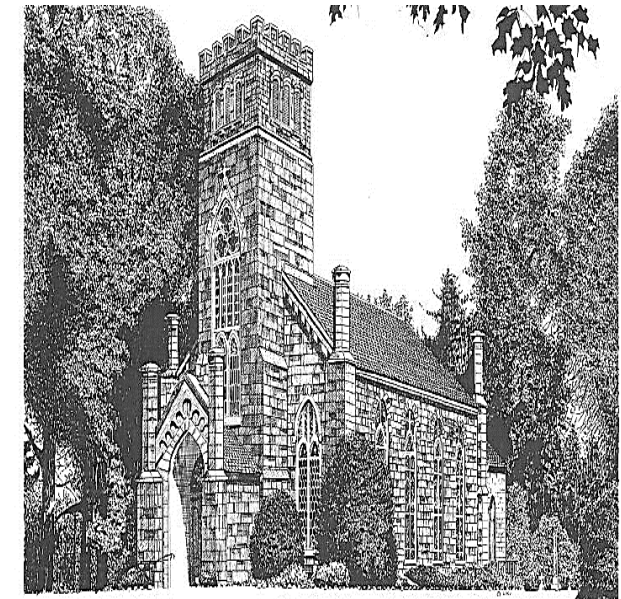
Announcements

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 280th 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!

Discretionary Fund Offering

The Vestry has designated the First Sundays of each month for any gifts you wish to make to the Clergy Discretionary Fund. This is a fund that exists in every Episcopal parish and is utilized under the discretion and supervision of the Rector to confidentially help people in need and assist in the ministry and mission of the parish beyond the regular budget. This fund is accountable and audited along with all the other church funds. If you wish to make a contribution to this fund, please make checks out to Grace and write: *Clergy Discretionary Fund* in the note. Thank you.



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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