

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

“The Mission of Grace Episcopal Church is to promote an atmosphere for the expression of God’s love through Jesus Christ, which calls each of us to know God by reaching out to others and inwardly to ourselves.



**August 20, 2023**

**10:30a**

## **Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost Liturgy of the Word**

### **GRACE CHURCH STAFF**

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*Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church. If you are new here, WELCOME! We are glad you're here! Please join us after the 10:30 service in the Parish Hall, adjacent to the church, for light refreshments and conversation. We ask that you maintain silence for prayer before the service and greet each other after the service.*

*Please note that the hymns are contained in one of two hymnals in your pew backs. "The Hymnal 1982" is generally blue in color and is referred to as simply "Hymnal" in the bulletin. "Lift Every Voice and Sing II, is red and black and is abbreviated as LEVAS in the bulletin.*

## GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

ANNOUNCEMENTS		Rev. William Yagel
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PRELUDE	St. Helena	Calvin Hampton (1938-1984)
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PROCESSIONAL HYMN	<i>Jesus shall reign where're the sun</i>	Hymnal 544
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OPENING ACCLAMATION		Prayer Book 355
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*Presider:* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*Presider* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

GLORIA	<i>Gloria in Excelsis</i>	Hymnal S-280
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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Presider:* Let us pray.

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE OLD TESTAMENT

*The People Sit*

GENESIS 45:1-15

*Lector:* A reading from Genesis

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## THE PSALM

PSALM 133

*Ecce, quam bonum!*

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \*  
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head \*  
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \*  
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \*  
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: \*  
life for evermore

## THE EPISTLE

ROMANS 11:1-2A, 29-32

*Lector:* A reading from Romans

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.*People:* Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

*I want Jesus to walk with me*

LEVAS 70

## THE GOSPEL

*The People remain standing*

MATTHEW 15:10-28

*Presider:* The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

*Presider:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## SERMON

*The People Stand*

Tim Walker

## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE VI

*The People may stand or kneel*

*The intercessor and the people pray responsively.*

*Intercessor:* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

*Intercessor:* For all people in their daily life and work;

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

*Intercessor:* For this community, the nation, and the world;

*People:* For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

*Intercessor:* For the just and proper use of your creation;

*People:* For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

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

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

*Intercessor:* For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*People:* For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

*Intercessor:* For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Bishop, and William our Priest and for all other bishops and other ministers;

*People:* For all who serve God in God's Church.

*Intercessor:* For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

We pray for those on our parish prayer list: Jack Brockway, Matthew Brunner, Frann Felch, Jan Fore, William Gregory, Bill Jeffrey, Carol Jennings, Gary Jennings, Valerie Johnston, Noel Lawson, Rev. Shelby Owens, Jim Slusher, Letitia Smith, Bill Weedon, Rev. Steve Weston, Nancy, Sarah, Bea, and Lucy Savarie, Maria, Stonie, Ann, Pam, and Becky. Pray for Shirley Reudy, who has died.

We pray for those who are serving in harm's way: for medical personnel and support staff; for first responders; for those ensuring we have access to food, medicine and other necessities of life; for teachers and school staff; for our armed forces; and all those who put themselves at risk in the service of others.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we Pray for: Pray today for the Bishop's Visitation to Trinity, Arrington. Pray for the people of Trinity, Arrington and their rector, the Rev. Donna Steckline. For Grace and Peace in the Diocese of Haiti. Our companion diocese, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines

*Silence, The People may add their own petitions*

*Intercessor:* Hear us, Lord;

*People:* For your mercy is great.

*Intercessor:* We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Prayers for or young people who are away for their studies: Mason Sproule, India Black, Owen and Shea Himmell, Red Yagel, Ashleigh Behtea, Audrey Bucy, and Emma Brockway.

*Silence, The People may add their own thanksgivings*

*Intercessor:* We will exalt you, O God our King;

*People:* And praise your Name for ever and ever.

*Intercessor:* We pray for all who have died, especially for The Rev. Shirley Reudy, and Phil Savarie.

*Silence, The People may add their own petitions*

*Intercessor:* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

*People:* Who put their trust in you.

*The Presider will add a concluding Collect.*

*Presider:* Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask, help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*



## CONFESSION OF SIN

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our Neighbor.

*People may Stand or kneel.*

*In Unison:* Most merciful God,  
 we confess that we have sinned against you  
 in thought, word, and deed,  
 by what we have done,  
 and by what we have left undone.  
 We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
 have mercy on us and forgive us;  
 that we may delight in your will,  
 and walk in your ways,  
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*Presider:* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins  
 through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all  
 goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in  
 eternal life. Amen.

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Poor Little Jesus*

Jack W. Burman  
 (b. 1946)

## DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

Hymnal 380 v3

*Presider:* All things come of Thee, O Lord.

*People:* And of Thine own have we given Thee.

## CLOSING HYMN *How wondrous and great thy works, God of Praise!* Hymnal 533

## DISMISSAL

Prayer Book 366

*Presider:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*Decatur Place*

Richard Wayne Dirkson  
 (1921-2003)

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**THOSE SERVING TODAY**

PRIEST	The Rev. William Yagel
CRUCIFER/LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER	Tim Walker
LECTOR	Robbie Nester
ALTAR GUILD	Eve Yagel Judy Bethea
ORGAN PLAYER	Will Harris
USHERS	Terry Nester & Ben Caldwell

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Crucifer/ LEM</b>	<b>LEM 2</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Organ Player</b>	<b>Counter</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>
8/20	Tim Walker	Eve Yagel	Robbie Nester	Will Harris	Sherri Carper Kristi McCraw	Eve Yagel Judy Bethea
8/27	Cathy Caldwell	Lee Slusher	Margaret Hrezo	Anna French	Ann Walker Diana Jordan	Eve Yagel Judy Bethea
9/3	Mark Carper	Cathy Caldwell	Will Harris	Eve Yagel	Penny Sweet Lee Slusher	Cathy Caldwell Jennifer Hand Sherri Carper
9/10	Tim Walker	Mark Carper	Jennifer Hand	Will Harris	Terry Nester Terry McCraw	Cathy Caldwell Jennifer Hand Sherri Carper

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## AUGUST MISSION

### RED DOOR CAMPUS MINISTRY AT RADFORD UNIVERSITY

As the fall semester is about to begin, the vestry seeks to reconnect Grace Church with our Red Door ministry. Cathy Caldwell and Anna French (the student President of Red Door) have been working tirelessly to get the house and program year started. The year promises to be exciting, and the students of Red Door could use our support! In addition to programming, the Blessing Box has been a popular way that Red Door connects with the community, providing food and supplies 24 hours a day from their location on Tyler Avenue.

We ask that you consider giving to Red Door in general to support all programming or the blessing box in particular, if you prefer! Please indicate “Blessing Box or Red Door food on Tithely” if you would like to specifically support that unique ministry!

**DONATIONS NEEDED**—Very large mouth vases that the altar flowers can easily be transferred into by the altar guild members are needed. The flowers are either returned to the donating parishioner or given to guests. Thank you!

**JOIN THE CHOIR**—New members of all ages and skill levels are welcome to join anytime! Every Sunday the Choir will rehearse starting at 9:45 in the Sanctuary!

**BIBLE STUDY**—Many thanks to Margaret Hrezo who has agreed to take the lead on the bible study for Grace! There is a sign up sheet in the parish hall and a copy has been included in the weekly Grace Notes email to let her know your interest and availability.

**GRACE NOTES**—Please sign up for our weekly e-newsletter to hear the latest about what is happening with Grace. Email Samantha to be **added** to the list at: [office@graceradford.org](mailto:office@graceradford.org) or just write your name and email on the “friendship form” and give it to an usher or drop it in the plate.

**VACATION**—William will be out of the office Thursday August 17– Monday August 21. Next week’s service will be Liturgy of the Word.

**PARISH COOK OUT**—Mark your calendars for September 24th when we will have a parish cook out following the service! A group from Boy’s Home of VA will join us on that day!

*Go in Peace to love and serve the Lord.*



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