

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.



June 25, 2023

8:00a & 10:30a

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist Rite II

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We ask that you maintain silence for prayer before the service and greet each other after the service at the coffee hour.

GATHER IN THE LORD'S NAME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. William Yagel

PRELUDE

Lux Eoi

Arthur Seymor Sullivan
(1842-1900)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Christ for the world we sing

Hymnal 537

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Prayer Book 355

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

Gloria in Excelsis

Hymnal S-280

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT

The People Sit

Lector A reading from Genesis

GENESIS 21:8-21

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

PSALM 86:1-10,16-17

Inclina, Domine

- 1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, *
for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; *
save your servant who puts his trust in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; *
I call upon you all the day long.

- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, *
for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, *
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, *
and attend to the voice of my supplications.
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, *
for you will answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, *
nor anything like your works.
- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD, *
and glorify your Name.
- 10 For you are great;
you do wondrous things; *
and you alone are God.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

THE EPISTLE

Lector A reading from Romans

ROMANS 6:1B-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once

for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN *Praise the Lord through every nation* Hymnal 484

THE GOSPEL

The People remain standing

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

MATTHEW 10:24-39

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

The Rev. William Yagel

The People Stand

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 (Form VI)

Prayer Book 392

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: William Bell, Jack Brockway, Bishop Michael Curry, Darryl, Kathryn Haley Davis, Stephen Epstein, Frann Felch, William Gregory, Katie Harris, Bill Jeffrey, Bill and

Valerie Johnston, Noel Lawson, Anthea Pugh and the Pugh family, Elijah Shomaker, Jim Slusher, Letitia Smith, Theresa Summerlin.

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 others who put themselves at risk in the service of others.

In the Diocesan cycle of prayer, we Pray for:

The newly ordained Deacons in our Diocese: Tray Light, Sarah Lusk, and Tom Dumontier.

We pray for the Reverend Sue Bentley and the people of St. James in Roanoke as she retires from Parish Ministry and they celebrate her last service with them today.

Pray today for the Corporations of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, Trustees of the Funds, SVEF and SEH. 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.

God's animals inhabit the skies, the land, and the sea; we share the earth with them, and like them we rely on God's blessing to sustain and preserve us. We give thanks for the companionship of our pets on this earthly journey. Guide us in your wisdom to care for them and for all of your creation.

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, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Especially: Connie Gray Nester

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.

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 you, forgive you all your sins
through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in
eternal life. Amen.

PEACE

The People Stand

Presider The Peace of the LORD be always with you.

People And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION RITE II

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Melcombe

Samuel Webbe
(1740-1816)

DOXOLOGY *Praise God from whom all blessings flow* Hymnal 380 v3
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C

Prayer Book 361

The People Stand

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider : God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Presider : At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Presider : From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Presider : Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.

Presider: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy

Hymnal S-125

The presider continues:

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Presider: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Presider: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

Together in a loud voice, the people say: **AMEN**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us,
we are bold to say,

All:

Hymnal S-154

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist. Communion, which is offered in both kinds. Consuming bread only is also considered full communion. Wine is offered by drinking from the common cup, or by dipping (intinction) in a smaller chalice. Notify an usher to have the elements brought to your pew. To receive a blessing come forward with those communing and place your hands across your chest. Gluten free wafers are available.

Hymnal 455

Prayer Book 365

All Eternal God, heavenly Father,
 you have graciously accepted us as living members
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace,
 and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you
 with gladness and singleness of heart;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Rev. William Yagel

CLOSING HYMN

O Zion Haste

Hymnal 539

DISMISSAL

Prayer Book 366

POSTLUDE

Straf mich nicht

Johann Rosenmuller
(1615-1686)

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THOSE SERVING TODAY

PRIEST	The Rev. William Yagel
CRUCIFER/LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER	Mark Carper
ASSISTING LEM (LEM 2)	Cathy Caldwell
GOSPEL BEARER	Jacob Harris
LECTOR	Jennifer Hand
ALTAR GUILD	Penny Sweet Joy Hottenstein Pam Hall
COUNTERS	Kristi McCraw Sherri Carper
USHERS	Terry Nester Ben Caldwell

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Date	Crucifer/LEM	LEM 2	Lector	Counter	Altar Guild
6/25/2023	Mark Carper	Cathy Caldwell	Jennifer Hand	Kristi McCraw Sherri Carper	Penny Sweet Joy Hottenstein Pam Hall
7/2/2023	Tim Walker	Mark Carper	Ann Walker	Ann Walker Diana Jordan	Lee Slusher Robbie Nester Diana Jordan
7/9/2023	Eve Yagel	Tim Walker	Dick Gregory	Penny Sweet Lee Slusher	Lee Slusher Robbie Nester Diana Jordan
7/16/2023	Lee Slusher	Eve Yagel	Robbie Nester	Ann Walker Diana Jordan	Lee Slusher Robbie Nester Diana Jordan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JUNE MISSION

PROJECT LINUS

Project Linus is a volunteer non-profit organization that donates handmade blankets to children in the NRV who are sick, traumatized or abused. Blankets are given locally to hospitals, shelters, social

services, community services, schools and physicians' offices. Since starting in June 2000, the NRV chapter has donated over 43,000 blankets. New blanket makers are welcome. Monetary donations are used to purchase blanket making supplies. If you have any questions, please contact Penny Sweet (540-230-6209)

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!

RED DOOR—We need food donations for the Blessing Box in front of Red Door. You may drop off food directly, place it in the red box on the stage at church, or make a donation specific to the food ministry, the last option provides the greatest buying power, but any is appreciated! If you would like to join the Red Door team, please contact Cathy Caldwell.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: The Presbyterian Church of Radford, Grace, and St. Jude Catholic churches will combine to have a Vacation Bible School again this year. The theme is Operation Restoration and is free for kids in pre-school through 5th grade. You can sign up online via the link on our Facebook page or contact Samantha at the church office. The bible school will be run in the evenings from July 9-12.

PICNIC IN THE SCULPTURE GARDEN—Please mark your calendars for a time of fellowship and fun on June 11 at 4:00 PM. Members and friends are invited to join in a Bring-your-own-picnic at Charlie Brouwer's (Jennifer Hand's father) Sculpture Garden trail at 268 Akers Road NW, Willis. Pets on leashes are welcome. Please note that the sculptures are located along a natural trail on the property. Directions are available in the bell tower if you would prefer them to the GPS address. It is approximately a 40 minute drive.

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 or just write your name and email on the "friendship form" and give it to an usher or drop it in the plate.

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