

# 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.



**July 23, 2023**

**10:30a**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**

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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

PRELUDE

*Herzlich tut mich Verlangen*

J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Praise to the living God*

Hymnal 372

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.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot

ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### THE OLD TESTAMENT

*The People Sit*

*Lector:* A reading from Genesis

GENESIS 28:10-19A

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

### THE PSALM

**Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23**

***Domine, probasti***

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
 you discern my thoughts from afar.

- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning \*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me \*  
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \*  
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day; \*  
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; \*  
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me \*  
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

## THE EPISTLE

*Lector:* A reading from Romans

ROMANS 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of

God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

*Lector:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

## SEQUENCE HYMN

*For the fruit of all creation*

Hymnal 424

## THE GOSPEL

*The People remain standing*

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

*People:* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

### MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who

sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

*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: Jack Brockway, Vicki Spiers Catellacci, Kathryn Haley Davis, Charlotte Paschall Doelling, Ross Doelling, Ruth Duncan, Stephen Epstein, Nancy, Frann Felch, William Gregory, Anne Gray Herring, Bill Jeffrey, Bill and Valerie Johnston, Noel Lawson, Bishop Heath Light, Michaela Miller, Rev. Shelby Owen, the Pugh family, Jim Slusher, Letitia Smith, Theresa Summerlin, Cooper Tweed, Amanda Windsor

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:

The Non-Canonically Resident Clergy serving in the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia. 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, especially for Jim Neighbors, Dane, Missy Linkous, Bob Miller, Gerald Duncan, and Eric

*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

*Rhosymedre*

John Edwards  
(1806-1885)

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.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer C

Prayer Book 369

*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:*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM

*Christ our passover*

Hymnal S-154

*Presider:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.  
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in  
your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*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.*

COMMUNION HYMN

*Judge eternal throned in splendor*

Hymnal 596

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Prayer Book 365

*Presider:* Let us pray.

*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

*Lord dismiss us with thy blessing*

Hymnal 344

DISMISSAL

Prayer Book 366

POSTLUDE

*Eventide*

William Henry Monk  
(1823-1889)

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**THOSE SERVING TODAY**

PRIEST	The Rev. William Yagel
CRUCIFER/LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER	Mark Carper
ASSISTING LEM (LEM 2)	Lee Slusher
GOSPEL BEARER	Jacob Harris
LECTOR	Robbie Nester
ALTAR GUILD	Lee Slusher Robbie Nester Diana Jordan
ORGAN PLAYER	Eve Yagel
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>
7/23	Mark Carper	Lee Slusher	Robbie Nester	Eve Yagel	Sherri Carper Kristi McCraw	Lee Slusher Robbie Nester Diana Jordan
7/30	Cathy Caldwell	Cathy Caldwell	Jennifer Hand	Will Harris	Ann Walker Diana Jordan	Lee Slusher Robbie Nester Diana Jordan
8/6	Tim Walker	Mark Carper	Ann Walker	Eve Yagel	Penny Sweet Lee Slusher	Eve Yagel Judy Bethea
8/13	Eve Yagel	Tim Walker	Dick Gregory	Will Harris	Terry McCraw Terry Nester	Eve Yagel Judy Bethea

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## JULY MISSION

## AUGUST KIDS

August Kids is a local program sponsored by The Radford Clothing Bank. Its purpose is to give children attending Radford City Schools a chance to start the school year with brand new clothing. On August 1st, we will provide a voucher to each student of qualifying families to purchase back-to-school clothes at our local Radford Walmart. Last year August Kids served 270 students in Radford, and we anticipate a larger number of applicants this year. With new clothing, these students will gain self-confidence to start the year in a positive way.

Thank you for supporting this local mission. Please indicate “August Kids” or “monthly mission” on your gift. If you have questions about this program, please contact Marcy Harless or Martha Kincaid through the Radford Clothing Bank, 540-633-5050.

**Please make your donations by TODAY, so we can send our contribution before the end of the month. Thank you!**

**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!

**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.

**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.

**THE HISTORY OF GRACE**—On Wednesday August 2nd The Reverend Scott West, Historiographer for our Diocese, will speak following Noonday prayer at Grace. He will offer bits of history about the Montgomery Parish and the Radford Parish which preceded Grace Church. All are welcome, please sign up in the parish hall as a light lunch will be provided by the Archives Committee!

**ORGAN “PLAYERS” NEEDED**—If anyone is interested in “playing the organ” please let William or Samantha know. The work does not require musical skill, just a willingness to sit at the bench, follow the service, and press “play” at the right time. This is a great way to gain a more intimate

understanding of the movement of our liturgy and to assist in our worship!

**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.

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