

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 7, 2022



PRELUDE

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION (VS 1,2,3,5)

HYMNAL 637

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

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.

THE GLORIA

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

HYMNAL S280

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

Please be seated.

**Welcome to Grace,
we're glad you are here!**

If you have any questions, our ushers, greeters and members are here to help, don't hesitate to ask!

Restrooms are located through the door to the left of the pulpit at the top and bottom of the stairs. There is also a handicap lift in the narthex (front entrance) if you need assistance getting to the lower level.

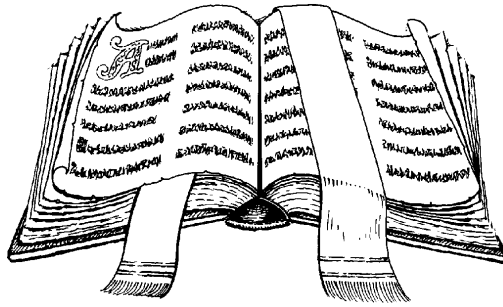
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CURRENT COVID PRECAUTIONS

- Masks are optional.
- Communion: Bread only

SERVING TODAY

ACOLYTE	Cary Brown
ALTAR GUILD	Pat Hallett
CANTOR	Stacey Cendrowski
FELLOWSHIP	Morgan Killmayer
GREET/USHER	Charlie Harris Pat Hallett
LECTOR	Bill Daniels
LIVESTREAM	Kathy Brown
TELLER	Brian Reid Bill Daniels



THE LESSONS

THE FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 1:1, 10-20

Lector A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

Read responsively by the whole verse

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; *
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 **Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, ***
God reveals himself in glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *
before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 **He calls the heavens and the earth from above ***
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers, *
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."
- 6 **Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; ***
for God himself is judge.
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: "O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.
- 8 **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; ***
your offerings are always before me.
- 23 Consider this well, you who forget God, *
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
- 24 **Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; ***
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God."

Lector A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand if you are able for the hymn and the proclamation of the gospel.

SEQUENCE HYMN

THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE (vs 1,2,4,5)

HYMNAL 401

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE HOMILY

THE REV. EDIE HOLTON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

When prompted, please stand if you are able.

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III

Lector Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Lector Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Lector We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Lector We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Lector Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Lector Give to the departed eternal rest.
People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Lector Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions, silently or aloud.

Celebrant Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

People **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.**

THE ABSOLUTION

Celebrant 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.

People **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord, in a safety conscious manner, such as waving or peace signs.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY HYMN

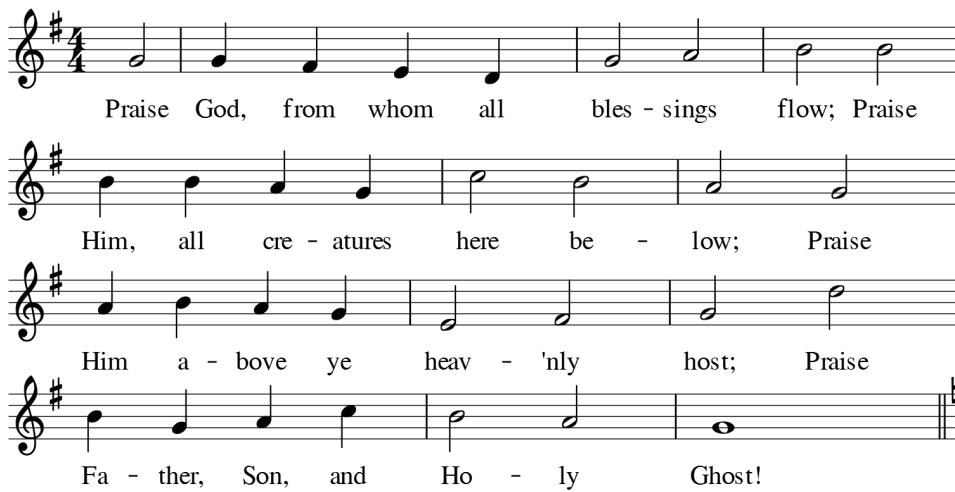
O GOD OF BETHEL, BY WHOSE HAND

HYMNAL 709

PRESENTATION HYMN

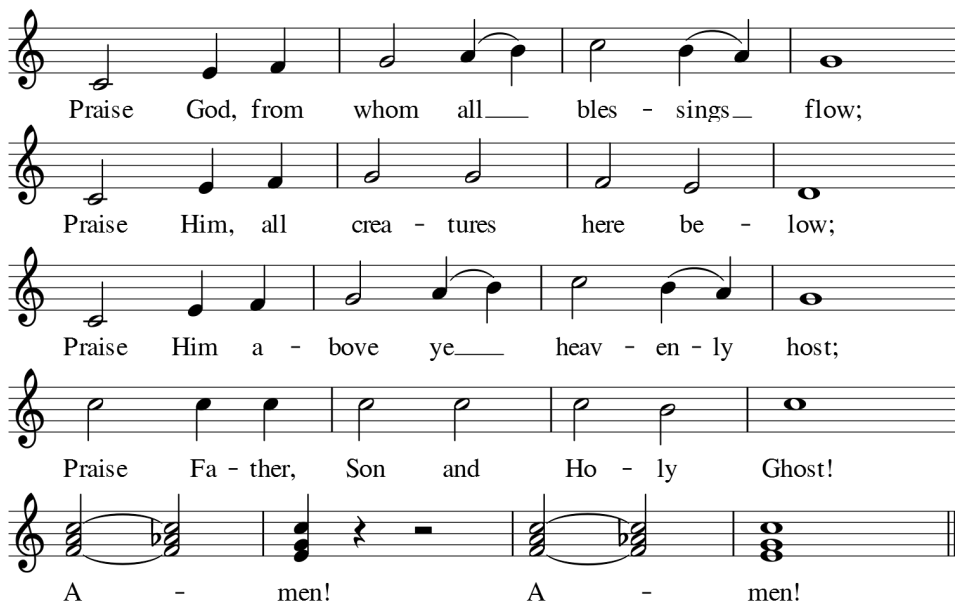
THE DOXOLOGY (*Sung to Two Tunes*)

Please stand if you are able.



Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise
Him, all cre - atures here be - low; Praise
Him a - bove ye heav - 'nly host; Praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

(Second Tune, sung after the organ interlude)



Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow;
Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;
Praise Him a - bove ye heav - en - ly host;
Praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost!
A - men! A - men!

First tune: Old 100th, Public Domain; Second Tune: New Doxology, Public Domain. Arranged by David L.M. Gunning, Jr.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING | EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing :

SANCTUS

DEUTSCHE MESSE

HYMNAL S130

The people remain standing or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

Celebrant All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

People **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

People **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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

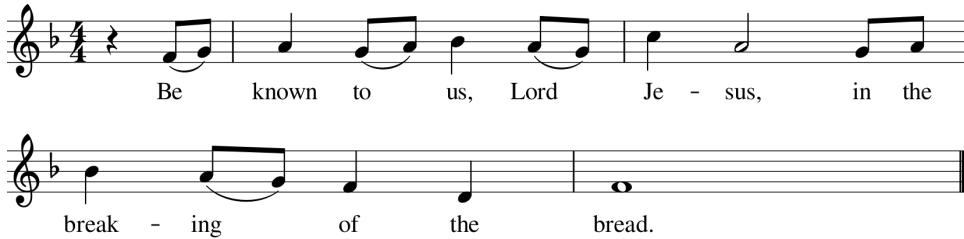
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ

People **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

FRACTION ANTHEM

BE KNOWN TO US, LORD JESUS



The cantor or choir sing the verses

1. The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.
2. One body are we, alleluia, for though many, we share one bread.

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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

May all who share these gifts be found in Christ and may Christ be found in you.



*All are welcome to come forward and receive the Body of Christ. Simply come forward,
and when it is your turn extend your arms, resting one hand on top of the other.
If you would rather not receive, you can still come forward to receive a blessing.
Just cross your arms across your chest and the clergy will bless you.*



COMMUNION HYMN

IF THOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE THEE

HYMNAL 635

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us Pray.

People **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant ✠ God's Blessing be with you, Christ's peace be with you,
the Spirit's outpouring be with you, now and always.

People **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

O DAY OF RADIANT GLADNESS

HYMNAL 48

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

THE CHURCH

For the clergy: ++Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; ++Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; +Eugene Taylor Sutton and +Robert Ilhoff, Bishops of the Diocese of Maryland; Edie+ Holton, our Priest; Kathleen+ Smith-Jones, our Deacon, and Al Horton, postulant to the Vocational Diaconate.

In the Diocesan prayer cycle, we pray for St. Christopher's, Linthicum Heights; St. John's, Ellicott City; St. Mark's, Highland and for the Rev's Michelle S. Doran, Lydia A. P. Martin, Robert M. McCoy, and Timothy H. Grayson.

In our Parish prayer cycle, we pray for Ruth Bushnell.

The Flowers on The Altar are given to the Glory of God by Kathy Brown, in memory of Kirsten Meyer. Fly butterfly, fly.

OUR COMMUNITY

The Homebound: Teeny Phillips, Marvin Metzgar.

Those With Recent Needs: Art & Dawn Reid, Dawn's Mom Sandy, Tammy Trimmer; John Ell; Marilyn Rich; Marvin Metzgar; Zoe Huck; Claudia; The Dean Family; William; Barry Slocum.

Those With Ongoing Needs: Kate Jauch; Virginia Danner; Eddie Danner; Jason Harris; Fred Zupka & Family; Chuck Szuberla; Barry Stocks; Lisa Cox & Harriet Carr; Betty Ramsay; Steve Foust; Susan Kimble; Meghan Davidson & Family; Charlotte Barnhouse; Abby & Tom Kahn; Susan Mann; David & Mary Alice Thoma; Catherine Thompson; Felicia Watkins-Kimble.

THE WORLD

For elected leaders in this country and around the world, especially President Joseph Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris; Governors Larry Hogan (*MD*) and Glenn Youngkin (*VA*); and Mayors Nathan Brown (*Brunswick*) and Nate Fontaine (*Lovettsville*). For victims of hunger, human trafficking, substance abuse and natural disasters in the United States and throughout the world.

We pray for the people of Ukraine.

We pray for the victims, family, and communities that have suffered from senseless violence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESEARCH STUDY ON LGBTQ+ INCLUSION IN THE CHURCH

Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA is conducting a research study to learn about LGBTQ+ people who have found a home in an inclusive, LGBTQ+ affirming congregation such as Grace. This study will focus on the positive aspects of life in a church community, as most research on this topic has examined LGBTQ+ people who have LEFT churches due to BAD experiences. Adults (18 years or older) who identify as LGBTQ+ and attend an open, welcoming, and affirming church or spiritual community are invited to participate. Compensation is provided. If you're interested, see the latest edition of "This Week at Grace" for the link to the online survey. If you don't receive our weekly email, you can also access it at Facebook.com/GraceBrunswick or GraceBrunswick.org/newsletter.html.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION SPONSORSHIP

This year, we celebrate the centennial of our current "Grace Church" building, built in 1922. We'll throw a grand party to celebrate on **Sunday October 23, 2022!** Current & former parishioners, former clergy, representatives from the Diocese, community members and local dignitaries will be our guests for the day.

Please consider giving a monetary gift to help defray the costs associated with this magnificent day. No amount is too small! You can make your donation by check to Grace Church with "Centennial Celebration" in the memo line or use FaithStreet by going to GraceBrunswick.org and clicking the "Donate" button on the homepage. Select "Centennial Celebration" from the "Select a Fund" drop-down.

All donors will be recognized in the special Centennial Celebration program. Let us know how you'd like your donation to be remembered by going to <http://tinyurl.com/GraceCentennialSponsor>

COMING UP AT GRACE

8/10	Wed	7:00 pm	AA "Double Dippers" Meeting	<i>Undercroft</i>
8/21	Sun	11:00am	Hymn Sing	<i>Church</i>
8/22	Mon	11:00am	Book Discussion: Love Over Fear	<i>Zoom</i>
		7:00pm	Book Discussion: Love Over Fear	<i>Zoom</i>
8/31	Wed	7:00pm	International Overdose Awareness Day Service	<i>Church</i>
10/2	Sun	11:00am	Feast of St. Francis / Blessing of the Animals	<i>Church</i>
10/23	Sun		Centennial Celebration: 100 years in our Current Church Building	<i>Church</i>

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