

Grace Episcopal Church

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It is the Mission of Grace Episcopal Church
to bring glory to God, build the spirituality of our people,
and bring Christ to our community.

Seventeenth Sunday after
Pentecost

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*Please keep silence in the church before the service
and turn off all cell phones.*

A Note to Visitors

If you are a visitor, we thank you for joining us today. We would like to answer any questions you have about our service or about membership in Grace Church. You may reach out to us at the email addresses listed on back of this bulletin.

Officer Installation for Daughters of the King

It is our privilege today to pray for the new officers of the Grace Church Chapter of the Daughters of the King. The Daughters are an order of lay women who live by a common rule of life and serve for the spiritual welfare of the congregation and the priest.

Wednesday Noon Eucharist with Healing

Each Wednesday, we will celebrate the Eucharist at noon with anointing of the sick and prayers for healing. We are commemorating the Feast of Lancelot Andrewes, who was a great expert on prayer and liturgy, a bishop, and a member of the team of scholars who wrote the King James Version of the Bible.

Blessing of Animals

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, each year we hold a blessing of animals in the church yard on the Sunday close to

Before the Gospel

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After the Gospel

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

The Prayers of the People

Confession

The Peace

The Rev. Joseph N. Davis

BCP, p. 358

Form III, BCP, p. 387

BCP, p. 360

BCP, p. 360

Initiation of Officers in the Daughters of the King

Offertory Sentence

Offertory "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"
(All stand and sing.) Hymn 660

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Sanctus

Hymn S-125; BCP, p. 362

(See service music sheet in your pew.)

BCP, p. 361

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

The Dismissal

Priest: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pascha Nostrum

Hymn S-152, BCP, p. 364

(See service music sheet in your pew.)

Postlude

Priest: Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

(All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion. If you would like a blessing instead of receiving communion, bow your head and cross your arms over your chest, and the priest will give you a blessing.)

Hymns at Communion:

"Shepherd of Souls"

Hymn 343

"Father, We Thank Thee "

Hymn 302

"Come, Risen Lord"

Hymn 306

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Blessing

Procession "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Hymn 690

Prelude	
Procession	"Come, Labor On" Hymn 541
Acclamation	BCP, p. 355
Priest:	Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People:	And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
Collect for Purity	
Gloria	Hymn S-280, BCP, p. 356 <i>(See service music sheet in your pew.)</i>
The Collect of the Day	BCP, p. 234
First Reading	Jonah 3:10-4:11
Psalm 145: 1-8	BCP, p. 803 <i>(See service music sheet in your pew.)</i>
Epistle	Philippians 1:21-30
Sequence	"Rise Up, Ye Saints of God" Hymn 551
The Gospel	Matthew 20:1-6

St. Francis's Day, which is October 4. This year, we will hold the service on Sunday, October 8 at 1:00 p.m. Please bring your animal friends to give thanks for all the ways God blesses us in our life with other living creatures. Proper restraint may be needed for excitable pets.

Inquirers Class to Begin Soon

If you are interested in being confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church or in a refresher course on the basics of the Christian Faith and what it means to be an Episcopalian, talk to Fr. Joe about what days and times work with your schedule. He is working on picking a time and day that would be best for all concerned.

Giving to Grace Church

You may make a contribution to Grace Church by mail, or you may do so online by scanning the code below with your smartphone. There is also a link to online giving at our website.

