

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.

Eighteenth 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.

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 St. Francis of Assisi, who has been called the "most admired and least emulated" of all saints.

Blessing of Animals

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

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

The Rev. Joseph N. Davis

Nicene Creed

BCP, p. 358

The Prayers of the People

Form III, BCP, p. 387

Confession

BCP, p. 360

The Peace

BCP, p. 360

Initiation of Officers in the Daughters of the King

Offertory Sentence

Offertory "At the Name of Jesus"

Hymn 435

(All stand and sing.)

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, p. 361

Sanctus

Hymn S-125; BCP, p. 362

(See service music sheet in your pew.)

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

Pascha Nostrum

Hymn S-152; BCP, p. 364

(See service music sheet in your pew.)

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. If you want to receive by intinction, hold up the host in your open palm for the chalice bearer, and he or she will place the host on your tongue after dipping it in the chalice.)

Hymns at Communion:

"Deck Thyself My Soul with Gladness"

Hymn 339

"O Food to Pilgrims Given"

Hymn 308

"What Wondrous Love is This"

Hymn 439

Post Communion Prayer

BCP, p. 365

Blessing

Procession "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing" Hymn 344

The Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Prelude

Procession "Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel" Hymn 574

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
(See service music sheet in your pew.)

The Collect of the Day BCP, p. 234

First Reading Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Psalms 25:1-8 BCP, p. 614
(See service music sheet in your pew.)

Epistle Philippians 2: 1-13

Sequence "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Hymn 686

The Gospel Matthew 21:23-32

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.

