



GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH

where GOD'S FREE GRACE roots us,
renews us, and reaches through us.

7th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY



A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

July 31, 2022

GRACE NOTES – July 31, 2022

TRINITY SEASON. We are in the midst of Trinity Season (sometimes called ‘Ordinary Time’) until Advent. During this season, we recall major events in the life of Jesus and the experience of the early Christian Church. The liturgical color is ‘green’ – connotating growth – during this season because we grow as we are rooted in the ‘old, old story.’

CONSECRATION OF THE ANGLICAN BISHOP OF PITTSBURGH.

You can witness the consecration of the next Anglican Bishop of Pittsburgh – the Rev’d Alex (pronounced ‘Alec’) Cameron. And witnessing this year will be rather easy. Because the consecration venue is smaller, seating is by invitation only, but everyone can watch the consecration at: pitanglican.org/consecration. It begins at 10am on Saturday, August 6, at Church of the Ascension in Pittsburgh. Please join the diocese online for this important event in our common life!

WELCOME LAWRENCES! The Rev’d Chad Lawrence will soon be added to Grace’s staff! Chad is married to Wendy, and together they have four children (three of whom are grown and out of the house). He was the founder (2012) and headmaster (until last month!) of the thriving Holy Trinity Classical Christian School in Beaufort, South Carolina. He also served on the staff of a very large parish - St Helena’s in Beaufort. Chad will serve in a half-time capacity at Grace (while also teaching half-time at Grove beginning August 15. He’ll focus on lay-leadership development (in the areas of local mission, premarital counseling, community-building, etc), and assisting with other ministerial duties.

STUDENT MISSION TRIP. Next Sunday we’ll pray for our Casa students as they get ready to drive down to Florence, South Carolina. In Florence, our Casa-team will work alongside the youth of the Diocese there in a joint venture to bring some relief to those who are struggling financially in that area. We’ll pray for them next Sunday.

NO KIDS IN THE BALCONY. Because the balcony at Holy Trinity has a lower rail,

we think it’s safer for kids not to be up there. Please, parents, keep watch 😊.

WHERE ARE THE REST ROOMS? This church has lots of rest rooms. You can find some by exiting the sanctuary on the front-right side (they are just down the hallway), and you can find others by going to the back of the sanctuary and walking down the stairs).

WHERE IS THE NURSERY? The nursery is found in the lower-level of the church, and is meant for infants to 2-year old children. The nursery will always be staffed by at least two workers.

PLEASE GIVE US FEEDBACK ON THE NEW SPACE.

If any of you have any feedback at all about our new worship space, we’d love to hear it – joys, concerns, or helpful tips – please let us know. While building modification isn’t something we can do, we can attempt every possible way to make the building as helpful and useful for the mission of Grace as possible. Please contact Mandi Beck with any feedback!

CASA EVENTS: Weekly Disc Golf, Lunch, and Devotional. Starting Monday June 13th, every Monday (10:30 a.m.-12:30) students are invited to gather at Memorial Park to play 9 holes of disc golf. No prior disc golf experience not needed! We provide the discs!

WAYS TO GIVE AT GRACE

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- PayPal: donate@graceanglicanonline.com

AUDIO-ENCOURAGEMENT. Need a ‘lift’ during the week? Got an iTunes or Spotify account? Check out these Gospel-rich sources that unpack Scripture and theology. Simply do a ‘store’ search for:

- White Horse Inn
- The MockingPulpit
- Gospel in Life (Tim Keller’s sermons)
- Thinking Fellows - 1517

Opening Hymn: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Words: Smith, 1867 Tune: St Denio

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Minister. Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
People. And blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
Minister. Let us pray [together, saying]

The Collect for Purity, said by all

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 Summary of the Law

HEAR what our Lord Jesus Christ says. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it; You shall love your neighbor as your self. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. -MATTHEW 22:37-40.

Lord, have mercy upon us. **Christ, have mercy upon us.** Lord, have mercy upon us.

ALMIGHTY Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of your laws, and in the works of your commandments; that, through your most mighty protection, both here and always, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with your spirit.

Minister. Let us pray.

The Collect for the 7th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your grace that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Old Testament Lesson: Genesis 18:1-14 (ESV)

Reader. A reading from the Book of Genesis.

The Lord appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. ²He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth ³and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, ⁵while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." ⁷And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who

prepared it quickly. ⁸Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent."

¹⁰The Lord said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah.

¹²So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" ¹³The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?'" ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

Reader. The Word of the Lord.

People. Thanks be to God.

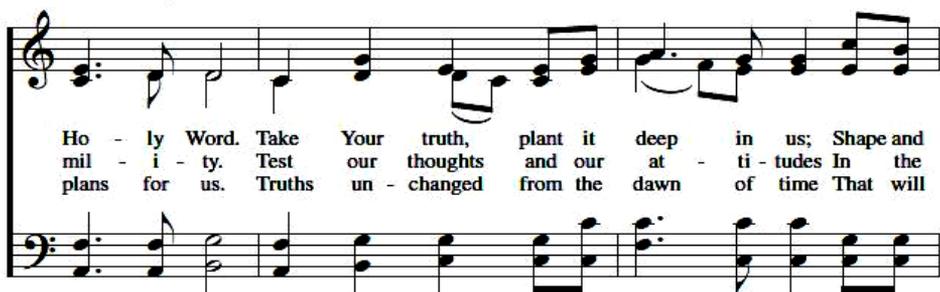
Sequence Hymn: Speak, O Lord

Townend & Getty, 2010

*Verses 1-2 are sung before the reading of the Gospel, verse 3 after it.



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To re - ceive the food of Your
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu -
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your



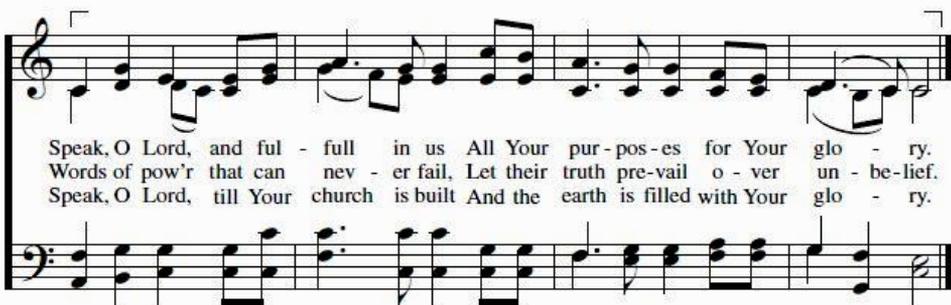
Ho - ly Word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time That will



fash - ion us in Your like - ness, That the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise; cause our
ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your



seen to - day In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
eyes to see Your maj - es - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
prom - is - es, And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - full in us All Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail, Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built And the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

The Gospel Lesson: Mark 9:38-41 (ESV)

Reader. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Answer. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

+ ³⁸ John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹ But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward

to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰ For the one who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹ For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.”

Reader. The Gospel of the Lord.

Answer. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

Mr. David Beck, Seminarian

The Nicene Creed

LET us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

WE believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

WE believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

The Prayers

Almighty God and Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

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

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

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

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

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

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. *People may add petitions here.*

Let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.
For yours is the majesty, O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Confession

ALL who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

General Confession, said by all.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Comfortable Words

HEAR the comfortable words from the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.
Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
-MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. -JOHN 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. -1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. -1 JOHN 2:1-2

Minister. The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People. And with your spirit.

Offertory Sentence, Offering, and Doxology.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (the 1662 Order)

Minister. The Lord be with you.

Answer. And with your spirit.

Minister. Lift up your hearts.

Answer. We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Answer. It is right to give Him thanks and praise

IT is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

THEREFORE we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name: **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Prayer of Humble Access, said by all, kneeling.

WE do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The People continue to kneel. The minister stands and continues.

ALL praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming

again. Hear us, merciful Father, and grant that we receiving these gifts from your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."
AMEN.

Distribution of Communion. All baptized, believing Christians of an understanding age who are admitted to the Sacrament within their own church are encouraged to receive it with us. Please come down the middle aisle to receive the bread, and then a small cup of communion wine, consuming the elements after receiving them.

Intercessory prayer is available in the hall behind the chapel. This takes place during the distribution of Communion. If you want prayer for healing (physical or otherwise), you can also request anointing with oil (a biblical symbol for healing and restoration).

Your Will Be Done

1. Your will be done, my God and Father
As in heaven, so on earth
My heart is drawn to self-exalting
Help me seek Your kingdom first
As Jesus walked, so I shall walk
Held by Your same unchanging love
Be still my soul, O lift your voice and pray:
'Father, not my will but Yours be done.'

2. How in that Garden he persisted
I may never fully know
The fearful weight of true obedience
It was held by him alone
What wondrous faith, to bear that cross!
To bear my sin, what wondrous love!
My hope was sure, when there my Savior prayed:
'Father, not my will but Yours be done.'

3. When I am lost, when I am broken
In the night of fear and doubt
Still I will trust in my good Father
Yes, to one great King I bow!
As Jesus rose, so I shall rise
In ransomed glory at the throne
My heart restored With all your saints I sing:
'Father, not my will but Yours be done!'

4. As we go forth, our God and Father
Lead us daily in the fight
That all the world might see
Your glory And Your Name be lifted high
And in this Name we overcome
For You shall see us safely home Now as your
church, we lift our voice and pray:
'Father, not my will but Yours be done!'

All Must be Well

Words: Mary Bowley, unknown date.

1. Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well
Free and changeless is His favor, all is well
Precious is the blood that healed us, Perfect is the grace that sealed us
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, All must be well

2. Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well
Happy still in God confiding, Fruitful if in Christ abiding
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, All must be well

3. We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well
 Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well
 On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying
 Yes in living or in dying, All must be well

The Lord's Prayer, said by all

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

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer, said by all

ALMIGHTY God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out into the world in the power of your Spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn: Praise to God, Immortal Praise

1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, for the love that crowns our days;
 2 All the plen - ty sum - mer pours; au - tumn's rich o'er - flow - ing stores;
 3 As thy pros - per - ing hand hath blessed, may we give thee of our best;

boun - teous source of ev - ery joy, let thy praise our tongues em - ploy:
 flocks that whit - en all the plain; yel - low sheaves of ri - pened grain:
 and by deeds of kind - ly love for thy mer - cies grate - ful praise;

all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our bless - ings flow.
 Lord, for these our souls shall raise grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.
 sing - ing thus through all our days praise to God, im - mor - tal praise.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Why a Biblical Liturgy is Awesome

Every worship service at Grace Church is ‘liturgical’ (meaning that our services are structured, fairly traditional, with set forms, and are filled with ‘calls and responses’). Why do we go through all of this? Why do we use Liturgy in worship and not simply ‘wing it’?

Until rather recently in Church history, the majority of Christians (including Protestants) used liturgical forms in worship. Though it may surprise some people, free-form worship is (mostly) an American innovation of the last forty years or so. While we don’t ‘knock’ the free-form expressions of worship, we think that a biblically grounded, theologically rich Liturgy is profoundly helpful. Here are a few reasons why:

1. Liturgy Connects. Our Liturgy (from the Book of Common Prayer) connects us with the historic, world-wide Church. Christians have used this particular Liturgy for well over 400 years (actually, some elements of the Prayer Book go back to the 1st century). And good Liturgy connects us with millions of Christians from all over the world, some of whom are (even at this moment) saying the same prayers to the same God. Locally speaking (that is, congregationally speaking) liturgy helps to bond with one another in worship. We say, in union with our brothers and sisters in Christ, prayers, confess our sins, express our faith, and respond to God’s word as one body.

2. Liturgy Teaches. Good Liturgy enriches the mind and heart with truths about God. The Book of Common Prayer was written by thoughtful Christians who had a profound and deep understanding of the Bible and, as such, we can trust that these prayers say true things about God and what he’s done for us in Jesus Christ. Because of their solid and rich content, our prayers and creeds have stood the test of time, informing the hearts, souls, and minds of millions.

3. Liturgy Focuses. Liturgy can lift our eyes, taking the focus away from our selves and onto something and someOne ELSE. Put simply, a common and set Liturgy can direct our thoughts Vertically -- toward the Triune God, who for our sakes became flesh.

Some will ask, “Can’t people ‘go through the motions’ with Liturgy and not really mean it?” Well, sure—though people can ‘fake it’ through almost anything in life. But we think that if you get past the ‘learning curve’ of Liturgy (that is, stick it out for a month or so in order to get used to it), you’ll begin to appreciate the Liturgy and find it helpful and meaningful. Liturgy, when it brings us close to Bible-ideas that are good for our spiritual diet, offers a substantial and nutritious meal. And when the Liturgy frames the Gospel-Word preached and the Sacrament administered, Liturgy helps to satisfy the spiritual stomach. Dig in!

Große Liebe,

Ethan

FEEDBACK REGARDING BUILDING

JOYS, CONCERNS, AND/OR SUGGESTIONS:

Are you new to Grace?

If we do not have your information, please fill out this box, and place it in the offering plate so we can keep you in the loop!

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