

A parish for all people in the heart of the city.

❖ NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ❖



❖ JULY 26, 2026 ❖ 8:00 & 10:00 AM ❖

WELCOME TO GRACE!

We are glad you are with us! Grace Memorial is part of the Jesus Movement in the Episcopal Way. Please let us know that you are here by filling out a newcomer card and giving it to an usher or clergy person – or by saying “hi” in the YouTube chat.

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Children are welcome and expected throughout the service. For those families who would prefer it, nursery care is available beginning at 9am in the Nursery downstairs. For older children, Church School gathers in the downstairs after the service’s opening collect (i.e., opening prayer).

SERVICE TIMES AND LOCATIONS

Sundays in the Sanctuary

8:00am - **Holy Eucharist Rite I**
Spoken Service

10:00am - **Choral Eucharist Rite II***

Weekdays in the Chapel

Thursdays 9:30am
Holy Eucharist

*** Hybrid Service**

both in the Nave and on YouTube

❖ NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ❖

8:00 AM ❖ HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
YEAR A

*Today's readings can be found at www.Lectionarypage.net
The Service begins on page 323 in the Book of Common Prayer found in the pew racks.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Opening Sentences	BCP pg. 323
The Collect of the Day	BCP pg. 180
First Reading	1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136	BCP pg. 774
Second Reading	Romans 8:26-39
The Holy Gospel	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Sermon	Reverend Lara Halsey
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❖ NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ❖

10:00 AM ❖ HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER – YEAR A

*Today's readings can be found at www.Lectionarypage.net. The Service begins on page 355 in the Book of Common Prayer found in the pew racks. The Online Book of Common Prayer can be found here: <https://www.bcponline.org>. Hymns can be found in the Blue Hymnal in the pew rack. The "S-numbers" are found in the front of the blue Hymnal. The people's responses are in **bold**.*

PRELUDE ❖ *If thou but suffer God to guide thee (Wer nur den lieben Gott läßt walten); mvmt. 1 2, 3. G. F. Böhm*
The people rise in body or in spirit at the introduction to the hymn.

OPENING HYMN 410 ❖ *Praise my soul, the King of heaven*

OPENING ACCLAMATION ❖

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY ❖

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.

SONG OF PRAISE ❖ *Glory to God in the highest*

Betty Carr Pulkingham; Freedom Mass

S
A

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God,

T
B

Glo - ry, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to

1. glo - ry to God in the high - est, high - est.
2. high - est.

God, to God in the high - est, high - est.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY ❖

BCP pg. 231

Presider

The Lord be with you.

People

And also with you.

Presider

Let us pray.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People

Amen.

Children are invited to join Church School downstairs of the Parish hall.

❖ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ❖

FIRST READING ❖ *1 Kings 3:5-12*

Lector

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People

Thanks be to God.

129 Your decrees are wonderful; *
therefore I obey them with all my heart.

130 When your word goes forth it gives light; *
it gives understanding to the simple.

131 I open my mouth and pant; *
I long for your commandments.

132 Turn to me in mercy, *
as you always do to those who love your Name.

133 Steady my footsteps in your word; *
let no iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Rescue me from those who oppress me, *
and I will keep your commandments.

135 Let your countenance shine upon your servant *
and teach me your statutes.

136 My eyes shed streams of tears, *
because people do not keep your law.

SECOND READING ❖ Romans 8:26-39

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people rise in body or in spirit at the introduction to the hymn.

SEQUENCE HYMN ❖ How tiny is a mustard seed

vv. 1, 2 before the Gospel, v. 3, 4 after

Jacque B. Jones

GOD'S REIGN
Bernadette Hoke

1. How ti - ny is a mus - tard seed when
2. How lit - tle is the fin - est pearl hid
3. How min - i - scule a flake of yeast, and
4. How small and closed the hu - man heart un -

sown in - to the ground; yet soon its branch - es
in a se - cret place; be - yond all price, worth
yet the dough will rise; a - bun - dant bread and
til love bids it grow; it reach - es out and

will reach out, and nest - ing birds a -
all we have, to grasp in our em -
fra - grant air will fill the earth and
seeks to touch the God we long to

bound. God's reign is like a
brace. God's reign is where our
skies. God's reign is like a
know. God's reign is teach - ing

mus - tard seed, where rest and peace sur - round.
rich - es live, with - in God's lav - ish grace.
flake of yeast, the vi - sion in God's eyes.
hu - man hearts that love can o - ver - flow.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL ❖ Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

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

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

SERMON ❖

Reverend Lara Halsey

A time of silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The people rise in body or in spirit.

THE NICENE CREED ❖

from Enriching Our Worship I, pg. 53

People **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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
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 OF THE PEOPLE ❖ *People response:* **Kindle within us the Fire of your Love.**

Remembering especially: Mike, Rami, Layla, Jo Bronson, Lisa Wynn, Cary Newell, Joni, Susan Long, Jerry Boyer, Craig Cramer, Cheryl Strayed, Lorraine, Kory Geyer, Jessica Jones, Kingston and for those whose needs are known to God alone.

For Donald, our President; Tina, our Governor; and Keith, our Mayor.

For peace and protection for the people of Ukraine, Russia, Palestine, Israel, Iran, Lebanon and Sudan.

For Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Diana, our Bishop; the clergy here at Grace Memorial and the clergy at our companion parish, Trinity Cathedral in Monrovia Liberia.

For Matt Haines, our seminarian.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Tanzania

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Michael/San Miguel, Newberg

We remember the deceased: Chris Maas, Alvin Ditty, Darryl Holland, William Thomas Harvey, Mary Walker, Randy Shelby, Hal Phillips, Bengt Ageros, John Conway, Peter J. Kelly, Jane Goodall, Stacey Hicks, Comfort Peabody, Maddie Harris, Jim Boston, Cabby Tennis, Dawne Gerhart, Bob Leverenz, Gale Beagle, Buddy Jones, Jim Watkins, Terry Morrison, Brian Lindstrom, Buddy Jones, and Noah Zimmerman.

CONFESSION OF SIN ❖

Enriching our Worship I, pg. 56

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

*Presider
& People* **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

Children return from Church school.

THE PEACE ❖ *Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

❖ CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST ❖

THE OFFERING ❖

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the Altar.

At the Offertory we give thanks for God's many blessings in our lives. We invite you to make a generous financial gift. You may place cash or a check in the offering plate, visit grace-memorial.org, or scan the adjacent QR code. If you give online or via another means, please place an offering card in the offering plate as a symbol of your gift.



OFFERTORY SOLO ❖ *Angele Dei*

Christoph Dalitz, 2018
Tonántzin Naegele Ramirez, soprano soloist

*Angel of God, thou art my custodian,
I am entrusted to thee by heavenly mercy,
illuminate, protect, lead, and escort me. Amen.*

The people rise in body or in spirit at the introduction to the hymn.

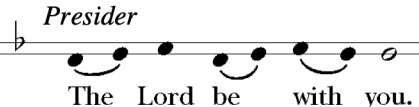
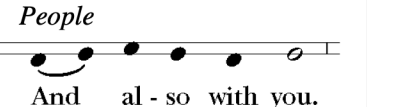
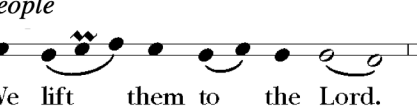
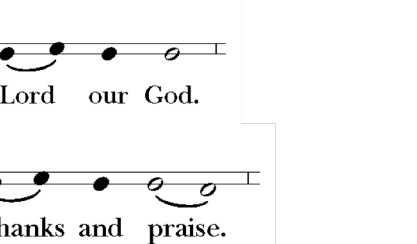
PRESENTATION HYMN ❖ *Praise God from whom all blessings flow*

*The Eighth Tune (Tallis)
Tune: Hymn 25; LM*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God whom we adore.

GREAT THANKSGIVING ❖

Enriching Our Worship, Eucharist Prayer 2, pg. 60

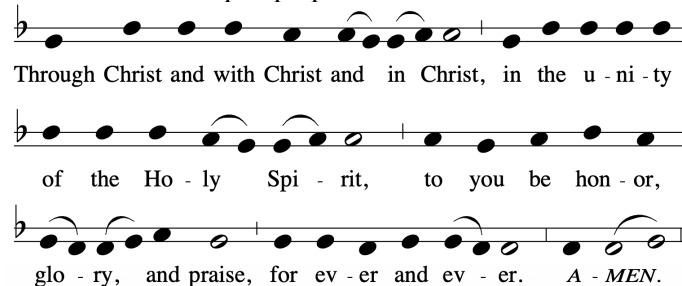
<i>Presider</i>  The Lord be with you. <i>Presider</i>  Lift up your hearts. <i>Presider</i>  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	<i>People</i>  And al-so with you. <i>People</i>  We lift them to the Lord. <i>People</i>  It is right to give God thanks and praise.
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Presider We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant...
...And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through
eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS S-130 ❖ *Holy, holy, holy*

Schubert/Proulx

Presider Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God...
...In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people
and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.



Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the u-ni-ty
of the Ho-ly Spi-rit, to you be hon-or,
glo-ry, and praise, for ev-er and ev-er. A-MEN.

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

Our Fa-ther in hea - ven, hal-lowed be your name; your
king - dom come, your will be done on earth, as in heav'n.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread; for - give us our sins as
we for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the
time of trial, and de - li - ver us from e - vil. For the
king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours;
now and for - ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD ❖ *We keep a period of stillness and silence.*

FRACTION ANTHEM ❖

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people sit.

MINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT ❖

Share the gifts

If you know the brokenness of life, then you have participated in the broken body of Christ, and you are invited to share in the breaking of bread. If you desire to know the love of God that overcomes apathy, alienation, and despair, then you are invited to share in the cup of the new covenant. The bread is received in the open palm. It is usual Anglican practice to drink the wine from the common cup. Intinction (i.e., the practice of dipping the bread into the chalice) is not permitted. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. The bread is gluten-free at the 10am service.

Prayer and Laying On of Hands for Healing

If you wish a particular prayer for yourself or for someone else, you are invited to go to the prayer station located to the right of the altar. Give your first name and share your prayer need, and the prayer team will quietly offer prayers. Anything you share is confidential.

COMMUNION HYMN 424 ❖ *For the fruit of all creation*

The people rise in body or in spirit.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER ❖

EOW1, pg. 69

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THANKSGIVINGS ❖

THANKSGIVING HYMN, WLP 824 ❖ *God grant them many years*

God grant them many years! God grant them many years!

God grant them many years!

BLESSING ❖

The presider blesses the people, and the people respond, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN 690 ❖ *Guide me, O, thou great Jehovah*

DISMISSAL ❖

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE ❖ *If thou but suffer God to guide thee mvts.5,7*

G. F. Böehm

Following the 10am service, join us for a wonderful Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall!

❖ THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ❖

The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Mary Ledlow Anderson, 1917 – 2016, and on the anniversary of her heavenly 99th birthday (July 21) by Cecelia Anderson McGee and family.

GRACE NEWS: Please submit your announcements for the bulletin and Grace Notes to the Office by Tuesday at 5pm.

Today at the Coffee Hour: The ETVTC Scholarship Fundraiser after the 10am service will have a special drawing for the ETVTC scholarship. Come have some fun! The outpouring of support has been incredible. Drawing items were generously donated by Grace parishioners. The Episcopal Technological and Vocational Training Centre (ETVTC) is located in Ramallah, West Bank, Palestine. For more information, please see Grace Notes.

Every Sunday @ 9am – Bible Study in the Chapel – Come join us and take an in-depth look at the upcoming lessons of our lectionary. Join us for an enriching look into our readings from Sunday to Sunday.

TONIGHT at 5pm in the Parish Hall - Community Dinner. All are welcome! Come help be a part of this important ministry at Grace. Set up is at 4:00pm. See Rev. Lara for more information.

Compline on zoom: Wednesdays at 8pm. Please join us on zoom for a quiet end to the day. Zoom link is in Grace Notes.

Episcopal Province VIII Creation Care Network Conference (Sept. 25-27) Details and registration information are located in Grace Notes. Join Episcopalians from the nine western states of Province VIII as we gather to renew, repair, and restore our relationship to God's creation. For more information, see Bill Cassidy.

C3 (Coffee + Conversation + Connection) is on summer break & will not meet on the usual first Thursday, August 6. Stay rooted in the gospel, sister-friends! Please see Gwen if you want to learn more about C3. (gph1220@gmail.com or 919 619 1238).

Altar Flowers during the Summer Months

Each Sunday the beautiful flowers in our church at GRACE are provided by our parishioners. The following dates are available for Altar flowers: August 23, September 6, 13, 20, 27. More information is in Grace Notes.

FROM OUR DIOCESE: Lots of wonderful things happening in our Diocese! Check out all the Opportunities and News in their weekly newsletter at ecwo.org: 2026 Summer Camp at Camp Cove, 2026 Safe Church Dates Announced, and more!

Save the Date for the KICK-OFF EVENT of the Sanctuary Centennial Celebration



Saturday, September 19th
4pm – 8pm
Fun, food, jazz, auction
& entertainment!

The Grace within our Space

Here are some of the beautiful moments of *generosity and creativity* we are witnessing as we prepare for the Gala 2026.

1. After eating breakfast there, Debbie asked the Cadillac Cafe for a gift card donation and they gave her not one, but six.
2. André has been talking up his idea of a coffee basket from the beginning. His enthusiasm helped us bring back the baskets.
3. Martin is considering offering a "Bike ride with the Priest" and including snacks. (Of course, who wouldn't want to miss this?!!) Maybe it will be connected to a group ride. Only in Portland friends, and only at Grace!
4. Nothing is final yet, but there are two possibilities of a handmade quilt for our gala. Fingers crossed!
5. Someone wondered if we can dance to the live jazz band. The musicians say yes. What do you say?
6. You keep showing up at the Gala table with ideas and kindness.

Thank you!

Come see us at coffee hour and learn more about how you can add your creativity to our community celebration and fundraiser. We are raising money to support the upkeep of Grace, and just as importantly, we are reminding each other that it is good to be here.

Mark Saturday, September 19th in your calendars!

Annie and Jennifer, your Gala team leaders

100TH ANNIVERSARY
GRACE
 MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 S A P I E N T I A R Y

Save the Date:
Saturday, September 19th
GRACE GALA 2026!
"A Space for Grace"

Kick-Off for the **Centennial** celebration
 of our beautiful sanctuary!

Grace History - A Look Back in Time
 21st Annual Convention - June 16, 17, 18 - 1909
 held at Trinity Church (now Trinity Cathedral)

PARISHES AND MISSIONS IN THE ORDER OF THEIR
 FIRST SERVICE.

Parishes.	
Trinity, Portland.....	May, 18, 1851
St. Paul's, Oregon City.....	May 25, 1851
St. John's, Milwaukie.....	Dec. 10, 1851
St. Paul's, Salem.....	July 5, 1853
Good Samaritan, Corvallis.....	June, 1854
Grace, Astoria.....	Nov. 15, 1853
St. Mary's, Eugene.....	Jan. 20, 1859
St. Stephen's, Portland.....	1864
St. David's, Portland.....	1870
St. Mark's, Portland.....	1874
St. James, McMinnville.....	1874
St. John's, Portland (organized May 5, 1909).....	1883
Good Shepherd, Portland.....	1888
All Saints', Portland (organized May 5, 1909).....	1895

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Presider • The Reverend Lara Halsey
 Preacher • The Reverend Lara Halsey
 Curate • The Reverend Lara Halsey
 8am Lector & Intercessor • Dan Heuvel
 10am Lectors • Yetunde Laniran, Cameron Denney
 10am Intercessor • Robin Gault
 Church School • Jennifer Traeger
 Crucifer & Torchbearers • The Acolyte Guild
 Healing Ministry • The Rev. Dr. Corbet Clark, Myra Clark
 Sacristans • The Altar Guild
 Ushers • The Usher Guild
 Organist & Choir Director • Susan Jensen
 Soprano soloist • Tonantzin Naegele Ramirez
 Digital Verger • Evelyn Prater

CLERGY & STAFF AT GRACE

The Rt. Rev. Doctor Diana Akiyama • Bishop
 The Rev. Martin Elfert • Rector
 The Rev. Stephen V. Schneider • Rector Emeritus
 The Rev. Lara Halsey • Curate
 The Rev. Dr. Corbet Clark • Associate Priest
 The Rev. Canon Dr. Richard Toll • Associate Priest
 Nick Fox • Parish Manager
 Susan J. Jensen • Organist/Choir Director
 Lukas Sherman • Campus Steward
 Evelyn Prater • Digital Verger
 Jo Wiersma • Nursery Care Coordinator
 Demetria Keck • Office Volunteer

VESTRY

Nora McLaughlin (2029), Co Senior Warden
 Stephen Weeks (2029), Co Senior Warden
 Marissa Cheplick (2028), Treasurer
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 Kirstin Greene (2029)
 Martha Humphrey (2027)
 Shannon Jones (2028)
 Yetunde Laniran (2029)
 Kathleen Park-Lindsay (2029)
 Andre Pruitt (2029)
 Jennifer Traeger (2028)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tues, Wed, Thurs. 10am - 2pm

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CLERGY OFFICE HOURS

Rev. Martin Elfert
 Martin will be on vacation July 18-August 15

Rev. Lara Halsey
 Mondays 1pm - 5pm

GRACE CALENDAR

<https://grace-memorial.org/campus-calendar/>

Sunday, July 26 @ 11:30am

State of Grace: ETVTC drawing

Sunday, July 26 @ 5pm

Community Dinner in the Parish hall

Wednesday, July 29 @ 8pm

Compline on zoom

Thursday, July 30 @ 9:30am

Holy Eucharist in the Sanctuary

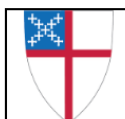
Saturday, August 1 @ 10am

St. Mary's Guild meets

Saturday, August 1 @ 10am

Grace Garden Club meets

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