GRACE GRACE MEMORIAL EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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



❖ NOVEMBER 8, 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

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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, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end.

Opening Sentences	BCP pg. 323
The Collect of the Day	BCP pg. 184
First Reading	Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16
Psalm 70	BCP pg. 682
Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
The Holy Gospel	Matthew 25:1-13
Sermon	The Rev. LouAnn Pickering
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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 ❖ *Voluntary No. 8 in G* *Paul F. Page*

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

OPENING HYMN 598 ❖ *Lord when first thou cam'st to earth*

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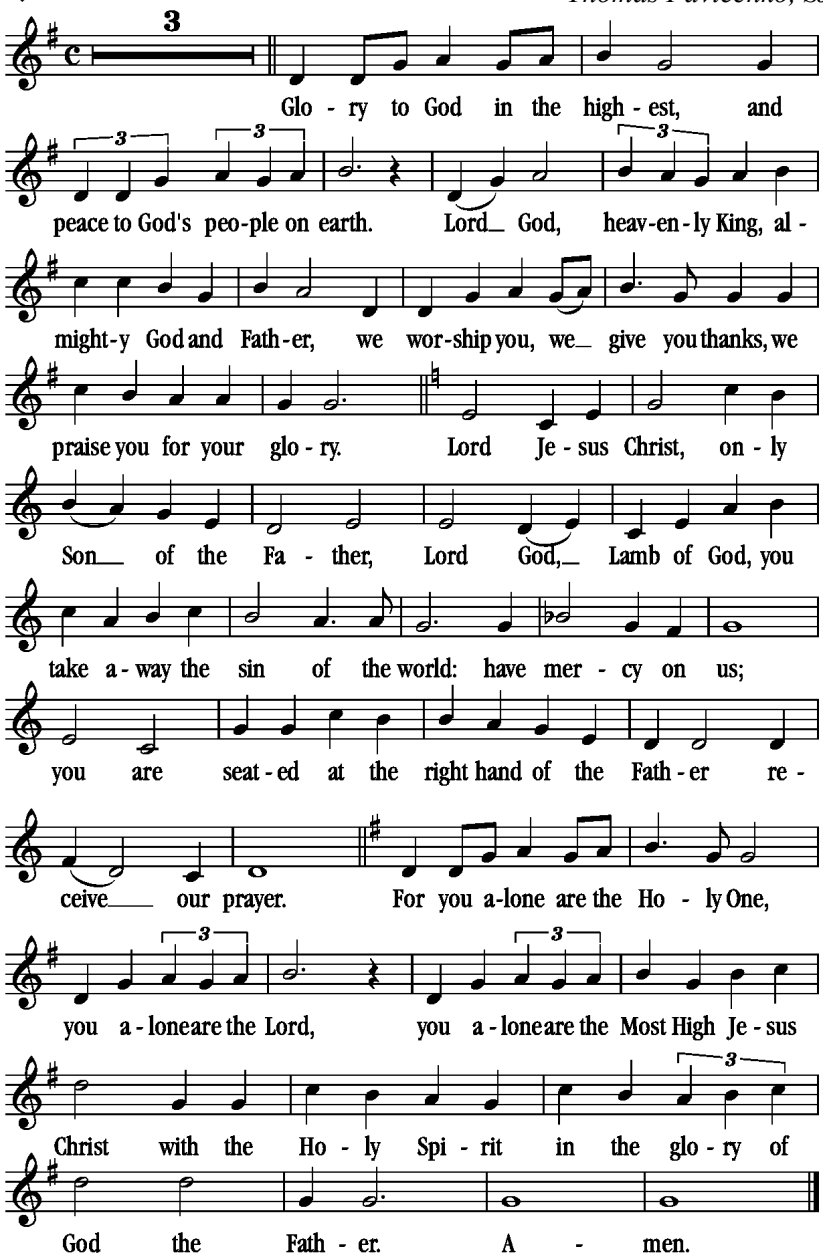
Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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.**

GLORY TO GOD ❖

Thomas Pavlechko, SJMP, Calvary Service



COLLECT FOR THE DAY ❖

BCP pg. 236

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen**

Children are invited to join Church School in the Mason Burnham room in the basement of the Parish Hall.
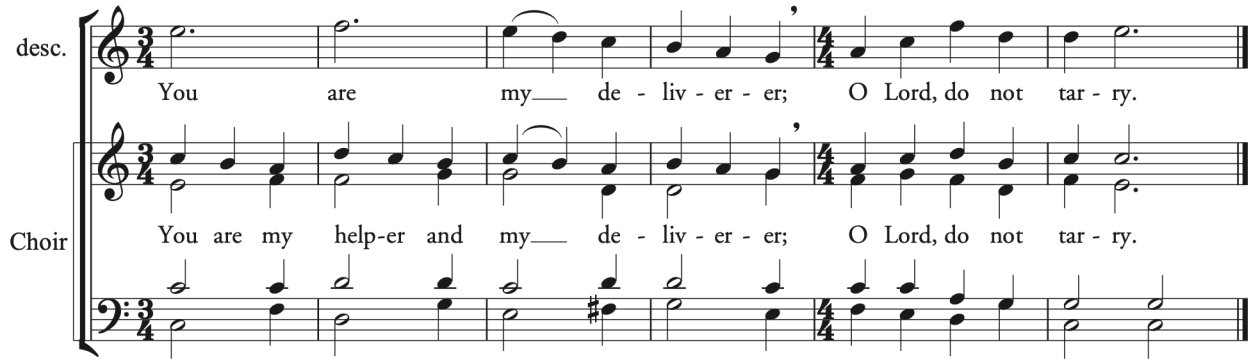
❖ PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD ❖

FIRST READING ❖ *Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16*
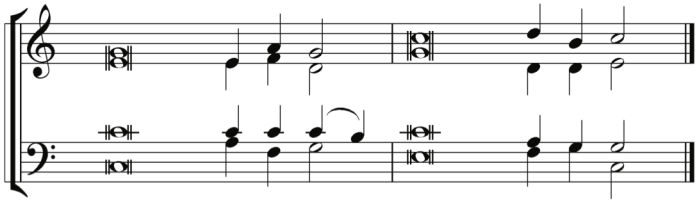
Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 70 ❖

BCP pg. 682, SJMP



tone: ST. ANNE



1 Be pleased O [God to] deliver me;*
O LORD make [haste] to help me.

2 **Let those who seek my life be ashamed…**
and alto-[gether] dismayed;*
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and [be] disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" …and gloat over [me] turn back,*
because they [are] ashamed.

Antiphon

4 Let all who seek you re-[joice and] be glad in you;*
let those who love your salvation say forever, …["Great is] the LORD!"

5 **But as for me, …I am [poor] and needy;***
come to me [speedily] O God.

6 You are my helper and [my] deliverer;*
O LORD [do] not tarry.
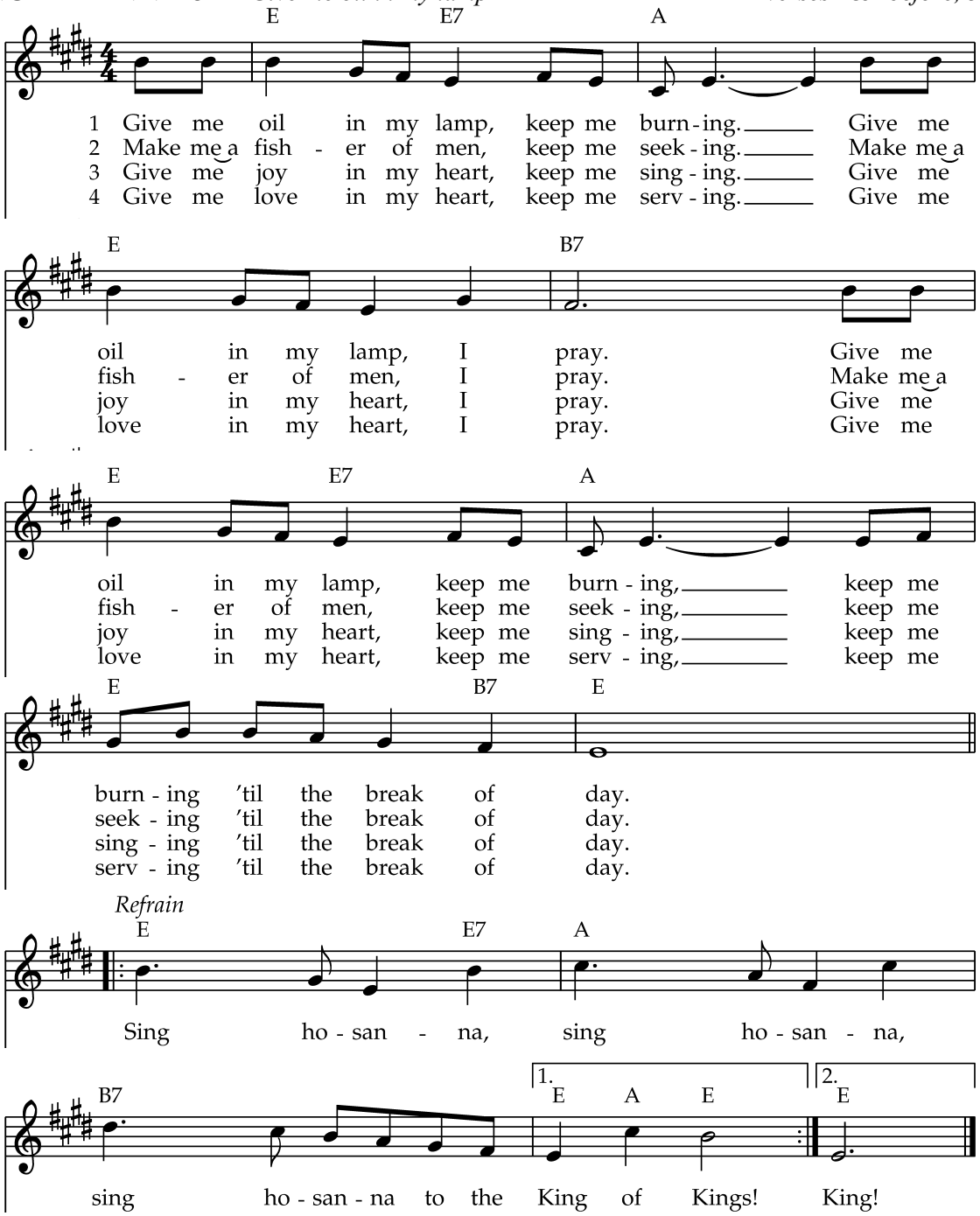
Antiphon

SECOND READING ❖ *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

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 VF 61 ❖ *Give me oil in my lamp* *verses 1&2 before, 3&4 after*



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THE HOLY GOSPEL ❖ *Matthew 25:1-13*

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 ❖ *The Reverend LouAnn Pickering*

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: **Be with us and guide us, O God**.

Remembering especially: Jessica Jones, Gary Voice, Nancy McDuffee, John Hammond, Martin Krandel, Myra Clark, 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 all victims of natural disasters including fires, earthquakes, floods, hurricanes and tornados.

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: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Church of the Holy Spirit, Sutherlin

We remember the deceased: Comfort Peabody, Maddie Harris, Jim Boston, Cabby Tennis, Dawne Gerhart, Bob Leverenz, Gale Beagle, Jim Watkins, Terry Morrison, Brian Lindstrom, Noah Zimmerman, Julie Bosworth, Hannah Slack-Miller, Sid Breeze, Harold Glucksburg, and Peri Antonio.

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.

People **Amen.**

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.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM ❖ *Keep your lamps trimmed and burning* *Spiritual arr. William Allen Pasch (b. 1948)*

Wake! Awake! Keep your lamps trimmed!
Dark night will soon be gone.

Keep your lamps trimmed and burnin',
For this work's almost done.

Children don't grow weary,
For this work's almost done.

Darker midnight lies before us,
'fore this work's almost done.

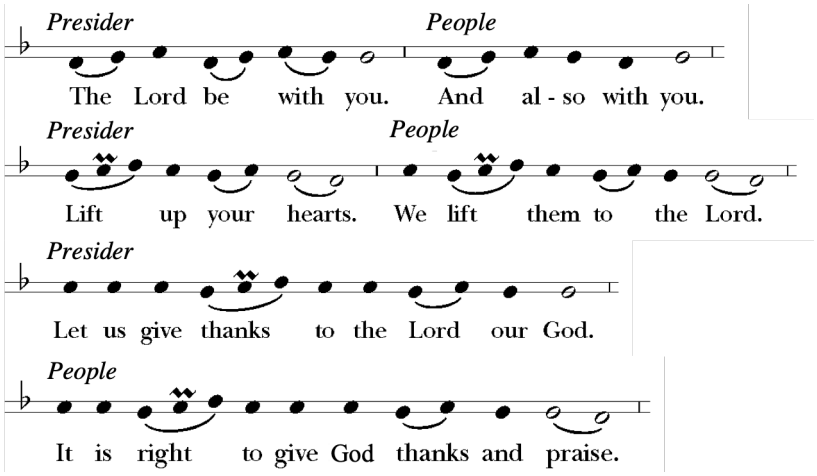
Lo, the morning soon is breaking.
For this work's almost done.

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

PRESENTATION HYMN ❖ *Praise God, from whom all blessings flow* *Tallis Canon*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
in heav'n above and earth below!
One God, three persons, we adore:
to God be praise forevermore!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING ❖ *Eucharist Prayer C, BCP pg. 369*



Presider God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

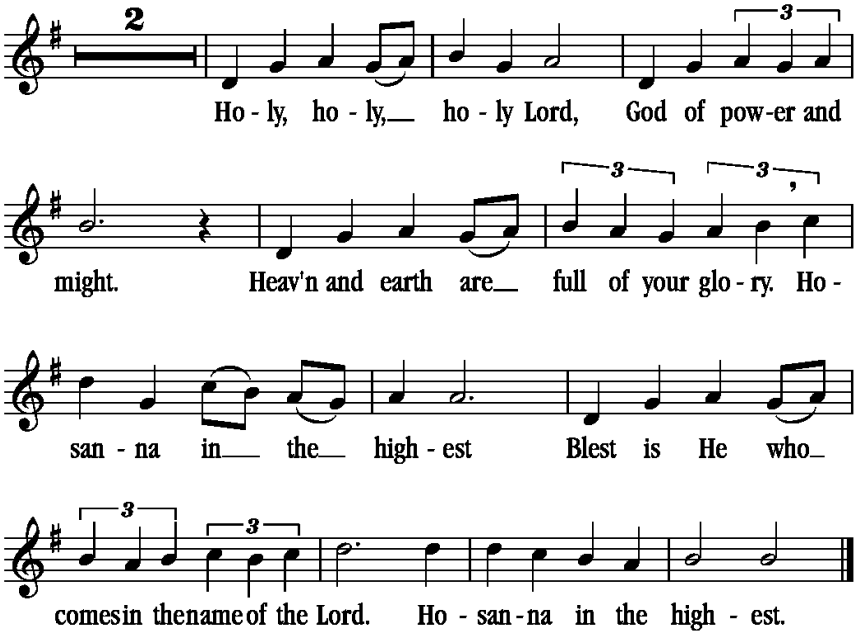
Presider At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS ❖ *Holy, holy, holy* *Thomas Pavlechko, SJMP, Calvary Service*



Presider And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: 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 for the remembrance of me."
Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People **We celebrate his death and resurrection,**
as we await the day of his coming.

Presider Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of our Mothers, God of Sarah, Rebekah, and Rachel, God of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

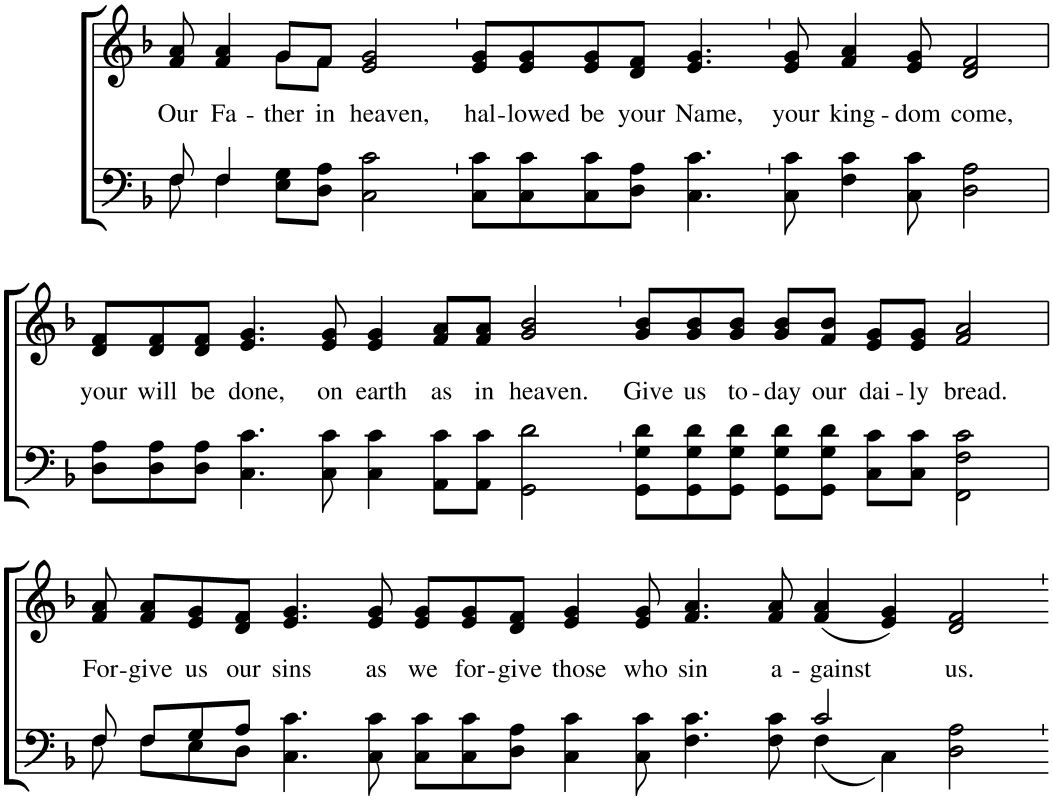
Presider Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

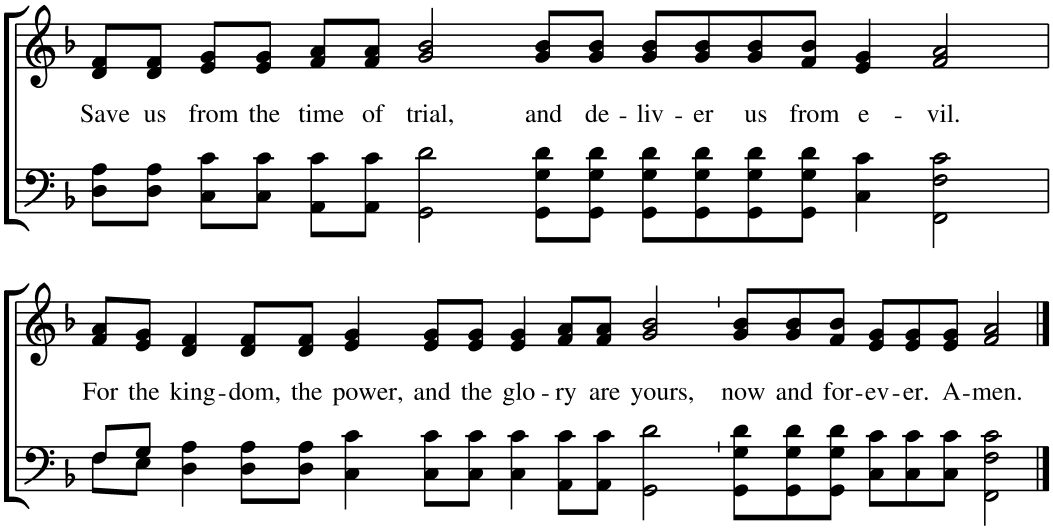
People **Amen.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER ❖

BCP pg. 364, EOM2:138





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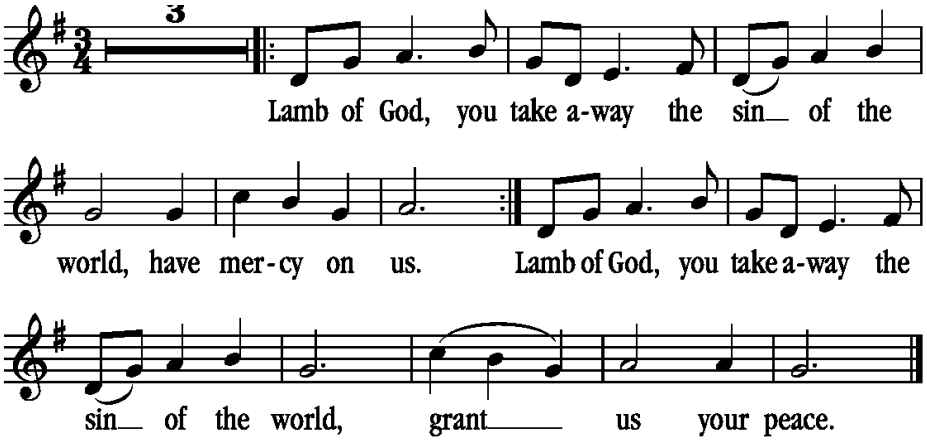
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD ❖ *We keep a period of stillness and silence.*

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.*

AGNES DEI ❖ *Lamb of God* *Thomas Pavlechko, SJMP, Calvary Service*



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 MOTET ❖ *Ave verum* — *W.A. Mozart*

Ave, verum corpus natum	Hail the true body, born
de Maria Virgine:	of the Virgin Mary:
vere passum, immolatum	You who truly suffered and were sacrificed
in cruce pro homine:	on the cross for the sake of all.
cuius latus perforatum	From whose pierced flank
fluxit aqua et sanguine:	flowed water and blood:
esto nobis praegustatum,	Be a foretaste for us
in mortis examine.	in the trial of death.

COMMUNION HYMN 597 ❖ *O day of peace*

The people rise in body or in spirit.

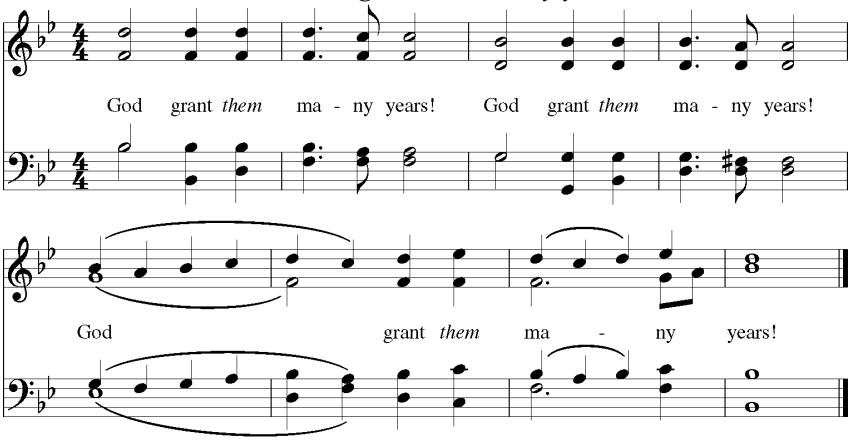
POST-COMMUNION PRAYER ❖ — *EOW1, pg. 69*

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*



BLESSING ❖

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

CLOSING HYMN 532 ❖ *Father eternal, ruler of creation*

DISMISSAL ❖

Presider Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

POSTLUDE ❖ *Canzon in d minor* — *Domenico Zipoli*

Please join us after the 10:00 am service for a wonderful coffee hour!

✣ THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR ✣

The flowers are given to the Glory of God in joyful thanksgiving for the 94th birthday of Janie Smith by her loving family.

GRACE NEWS: Please submit your announcements for the bulletin and Grace Notes to the Office by Tuesday at 5pm. Please note the Office will be closed on Wednesday, November 11 for Veteran's Day.

THIS 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 Br. Andrew or Yetunde Laniran for more information. Sign up to help! *SIGN UP HERE!* https://tinyurl.com/grace-dinner

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NEXT SUNDAY, November 15th at 8am and 10 services: Our Interim Rector-Elect, Rev. Melissa O'Keefe Reed will be attending our services and coffee hour. Please join us to welcome her in advance of her official start as Interim Rector at Grace on Sunday, December 1st. — *Nora McLaughlin and Stephen Weeks*

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.

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

Pastoral Needs & Emergencies: If you need pastoral care or have an emergency, please contact one of our Associate priests, Rev. Corbet Clark at dcorbetc@gmail.com or Rev. Richard (Dick) Toll at 503 652 6562.

New Members / Hospitality, Nametags and Welcome! Do you need a nametag? Would you like help signing up for Grace Notes? Would you like to know where things are?! Please let Annie Gilligan or Grace Bigler know! They are your new **Welcome Team Leaders at Grace!** *Thank you Annie and Grace!*

Creation Care Walk for November: The next nature walk will be ***Tuesday, November 10th at 1:00PM,*** meeting at the Stringfield Family Park parking lot, 3614 SE Naef Rd, Oak Grove. We will walk approximately 2 miles on level, mostly paved surfaces, along the Trolley Trail and Boardman wetlands. The walk will be around 2 hours. For more information or questions, please contact Dan Strong at dancbcpdx@gmail.com

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News from GI/Grace Art Camp: Gathering & Giving Camp - November 23-25 Come spread your wings, make something beautiful, and celebrate the joy of creating and giving together! 9am – 3pm, $300 per camper, & scholarships available! Register: https://grace-institute.org/grace-art-camps/







Holiday Bazaar & Art Faire – Saturday December 5th 9am – 3pm. We still need a few more volunteers *to help!* We need people during the bazaar from 9:00 until noon and/or noon until 3:00 (we will also feed you). We also need a clean-up crew from 3:00 - 4:30pm. If you are available to help during any, or all, of these times please contact Susan Germundson at (503)515-2933 (you can text me) or susangermundson@gmail.com. Be sure to shop and support our local artists and pass the word around to your friends and family. Thank you, *The Art Faire Committee*

An Invitation from our Church School Leaders:

Hello, Grace Memorial Families!

As part of Grace Memorial's 100th anniversary celebration, our church school kids are taking on a special project: **creating a time capsule to capture Grace Memorial in 2026!** We'll be working on this over the next couple of months, with plans to have everything ready for a special blessing by the bishop in January. The youth came up with some wonderful ideas last weekend, and we're excited to bring them to life!

Here's what we're planning:

- **A miniature LEGO church:** Our church school crew loves building with LEGO (and often uses their creations to act out Gospel stories!), so they'll be working together to build a tiny version of Grace Memorial.
- **A day in the life of Grace Memorial:** The youth will become photographers and videographers for a Sunday, documenting our church spaces. We'll put together a simple photo album with their pictures

and handwritten captions, along with a short video. Stay tuned for more info about when, consents, permissions, etc.

- **Prayers, wishes, and pictures:** We'll invite children to write a prayer or wish for Grace Memorial's future and take an instant photo to go alongside it.
- **A little piece of 2026:** Kids can contribute a small object that represents what they're into right now. Think *KPop Demon Hunters*, Snoopy, Pokémon, Minecraft, or whatever else captures their world in 2026!
- **A congregational memory tree:** The kids will invite members of the congregation to share memories of Grace Memorial. We'll hang these memories on a tree in the parish hall before collecting them for the time capsule.

How can your youth participate? The wonderful thing about this project is that **kids don't need to attend every Sunday to be part of it!** We'll have opportunities to contribute throughout November and December, whether your child comes regularly or just drops in occasionally. We will likely do the video portion of the project across one or two pre-planned Sundays. Stay tuned for more information on that, along with information on consents and permissions. If your child would like to contribute a little 2026 keepsake, start thinking about something small that represents their interests today. It doesn't need to be new or purchased—just something they're happy to leave for future generations to discover! We're excited to give the kids a chance to leave their own little mark on Grace Memorial's history. Just imagine someone opening this capsule decades from now and discovering what mattered to our children in 2026! Thanks for being part of it! Your Church School Team, *Jennifer Yeast, Jennifer Traegar, and Elyssa de la Cruz*

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.

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Serving Us Today

Presider • Reverend LouAnn Pickering
Preacher • Reverend LouAnn Pickering
8am Lector & Intercessor • Jim Chasse
10am Lectors • Robin Gault, Gwen Harvey
10am Intercessor • Mariann McMahon Koop
Church School • Jennifer Yeast
Crucifer & Torchbearers • The Acolyte Guild
Healing Ministry • Rev. Dr. Corbet Clark, Myra Clark, Alicia Lehrle, Molly Clarke
Sacristans • The Altar Guild
Ushers • The Usher Guild
Organist & Choir Director • Susan Jensen
Digital Verger • Evelyn Prater
New Members /Hospitality • Annie Gilligan

Clergy & Staff at Grace

The Rt. Rev. Doctor Diana Akiyama • Bishop
The Rev. Melissa O'Keefe Reed • Interim Rector-elect
The Rev. Stephen V. Schneider • Rector Emeritus
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

Parish Office Hours

Mon-Wed - 9am - 2pm
Thurs 9am – 12pm
(503) 287-0418
Email: hello@grace-memorial.org
www.grace-memorial.org

Vestry

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

Grace Calendar

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

Sunday, November 8 @ 9am
Bible Study - Chapel of the Nativity

Sunday, November 8 @ 5pm
Community Dinner - Parish Hall

Tuesday, November 10 @ 10am
Tai Chi for Every Body - Parish Hall

Tuesday, November 10 @ 6pm
Stewardship Meeting - Chapel of the Nativity

Tuesday, November 10 @ 6:30pm
Portland Dances of Universal Peace - Parish Hall

Wednesday, November 11
Office closed for Veteran's Day

Wednesday, November 11 @ 8pm
Compline - Zoom

Thursday, November 12 @ 9:30am
Holy Eucharist - Chapel of the Nativity

Thursday, November 12 @ 12pm-3pm
St. Mary's Guild - Mason Burnham Room

Thursday, November 14 @
Hale McMahon's Breakfast Fellowship Group
Meets at McMenamin's, Kennedy School

100TH ANNIVERSARY

GRACE

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Grace History: A Look Back in Time!

Dedication & laying of the cornerstone in our Parish House, June 11, 1950
in memory of Rev. Oswald Taylor, our first Rector
Cost: $80,000
(which included the Parish Hall, Chapel, Kitchen and Fireplace (Ella Brown) rooms.







Stewardship Story

One Bread, One Body
Andrew Gilligan

For much of my life, my faith focused less on us and more on myself. Throughout my life, I regularly attended Mass and prayed for the strength to make it through whatever challenge lay before me. I believed that success depended on my ability to find the answers within myself.

Over the years, my understanding of faith and how to achieve a meaningful life has changed. The words "Give us this day our daily bread" speak to me differently today than they once did. I now see that Jesus teaches us to pray for us, not just for ourselves. We ask together, we receive together, and we extend grace to one another.

At Grace, I see that lived out every day. In my Catholic language, I see the Peters who are the steady bedrocks of this church and community. I also see the Marys who listen for God's call and say yes, even when doing so requires courage. Your example reminds me that faith is not all about finding strength within myself. It is about trusting God and walking alongside others.

When I kneel for the Eucharist and hear, "This is the Bread of Life, the food for our journey," I am reminded that I do not have to navigate life alone. God nourishes us for the journey, and we help carry one another through life's challenges.

This is what I have found at Grace.

As Grace approaches 100 years of ministry, I am grateful to be part of this community. By participating in the stewardship campaign, I hope to give others this same opportunity: to find a caring community, deepen their faith, and find the Bread of Life, the food for their journey.

I hope you can find your own reason to give as well.

Thank you



Andrew grew up outside of Seattle and has called Portland home since 2000. He and his wife Annie, live in NE Portland and have two young-adult sons. Andrew enjoys coaching and refereeing youth soccer and is grateful to have found such a caring community at Grace Memorial.



How to Pledge in the 2027 Stewardship Campaign!

For the first time, Grace is using a Giving Thermometer in its Stewardship Campaign! This includes not only the financial pledges coming in, but the number of pledgers and the number of volunteers stepping forward to help develop further ministries at Grace! ***For the first time, we will be able to see our progress as we advance toward our goals!***

The Giving Thermometer will help motivate and encourage us in this Stewardship Season. ***This means a tweak to our giving plan.*** **Instead** of waiting until November 22 to pledge, we encourage you to pledge early. However, whether you wait to make your pledge on November 22 or if you have pledged earlier, you will still be able to bring your pledge card to the 8:00 and 10:00 am services. (Extras will be available). We will still engage in the Grace tradition of offering up these pledge cards as tangible signs of commitment during the service. This way, we will also be able to see the progress toward our goals on the Giving Thermometer.

We have set some hefty goals this year so that we can meet our financial needs. Pledging is vital. We will also need people like you to step forward and help bridge the gaps in our ministry activity. You will hear more about that next week!

In the meantime, check out the Giving Thermometer in the Parish Hall and in Grace Notes!

Vital Event!

Tuesday, November 10th, between 6:00 and 9:00 pm

On November 10th, this Tuesday, your Vestry, joined by the Stewardship and Finance Committees will be making calls to Grace parishioners. The purpose is to encourage people to pledge. They are doing this because of their love and commitment to the Grace community, and hope for your kind and gracious reception of the call, no matter your decision about pledging.

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