



## Grace Episcopal Church

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*At the tolling of the tower bell, the congregation is asked to stand.*

**PRELUDE:** *Largo*

GF Handel

### **THE ACCLAMATION**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

**OPENING HYMN:** *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

# Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

PSALM 95:6  
George Atkins, 1819

HOLY MANNA  
William Moore, pub. 1825

1. Breth - ren we have met to wor - ship and a - dore the Lord our God;  
2. Sis - ters, will you join and help us? Mo - ses' sis - ter aid - ed him;  
3. Let us love our God su - preme - ly, let us love each oth - er, too;

Will you pray with all your pow - er, while we try to preach the Word?  
Will you help the trem - bling mourn - ers who are strug - gling hard with sin?  
Let us love and pray for sin - ners, till our God makes all things new.

All is vain un - less the Spir - it of the Ho - ly One comes down;  
Tell them all a - bout the Sav - ior, tell them that He will be found;  
Then He'll call us home to Heav - en, at His ta - ble we'll sit down;

Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show - ered all a - round.  
Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man - na will be show - ered all a - round.  
Christ will gird Him - self and serve us with sweet man - na all a - round.

## COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden: 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.

All Amen.

### Song of Praise

D Bm Am D Bm  
All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us  
A D G D E A D  
sing. Al - le - lu - - ia, al - le - lu - - ia! Thou  
G A D G  
burn-ing sun with gold - en beam, thou sil - ver moon with soft - er  
A G A D Em A Bm  
gleam: O \_\_\_\_\_ praise Him, O \_\_\_\_\_ praise Him, Al - le -  
E A Bm Em A Em A D  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - ia,

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

BCP 231

## THE WORD OF GOD

### THE FIRST READING: 2 SAMUEL 6: 1-5, 12B-19

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving

the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

*Reader*        Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 24**

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, \*  
the world and all who dwell therein.

For it is he who founded it upon the seas \*  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

"Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? \*  
and who can stand in his holy place?"

"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,  
nor sworn by what is a fraud.

They shall receive a blessing from the LORD \*  
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

Such is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is this King of glory?" \*  
"The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle."

Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is he, this King of glory?" \*  
"The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory."

### **THE EPISTLE: EPHESIANS 1:3-14**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

*Reader*        Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29**

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**THE HOMILY**

Rev. Milly Morrow

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE- THE WAY OF LOVE**

Let us pray.

Creator God, by the mercies of your son, our Lord, Jesus, compel us to TURN our hearts to his Way of Love. That we might follow Jesus together as your faithful people, we pause, listen, and respond in prayer, saying: Jesus, guide us in your way.

Jesus, your life, death, resurrection, and ascension inspire the church to continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship. Guide your people to LEARN your Word, that we might see God's story unfolding in our midst. We pray together,

**Jesus, guide us in your way.**

Son of God, you responded to your Father in PRAYER and pleaded that we might all be one. Guide the leaders and faithful citizens of this nation to respond to God and to one another in compassion — in thought and deed, with or without words — that the people of the United States might live in unity and peace. We pray together,

**Jesus, guide us in your way.**

Light of the World, you taught us to WORSHIP in spirit and in truth. Lead us to join with others to acknowledge the holiness of God, that the whole world might be united in the truth of your love. We pray together,

**Jesus, guide us in your way.**

Lord, you came not to be served but to serve. Empower us to BLESS one another and our neighbors in Asheville that your spirit of generosity, compassion, and selfless action transform us and the people in our midst. We pray together,

**Jesus, guide us in your way.**

Savior, you came into our midst that we might know life. Embolden us to GO among those who are weary, burdened, sick, or imprisoned, especially Nancy; Eva; Don and Ann; Rusty; Nancy; Cheri; Laura and Tsz-yan (GN) and Shannon and Greg, that we might live like you, crossing the boundaries that divide rich from poor, sick from well, and sinner from saint. We pray together,

**Jesus, guide us in your way.**

Lamb of God, in your death you destroyed death and taught us the way to eternal life. Compel us to daily die to self and REST in your grace. May all who have died, especially Kathleen Griffin and Patty Herring; and for those on the anniversary of their death: Sarah Overby; Patricia Regal; Marietta Robertson; Rhoda Larsen; Rick Johnson; and Joan Sanderson... , rest in peace and rise in glory. We pray together,

**Jesus, guide us in your way.**

*The Celebrant offers this concluding collect:*

Lord Jesus Christ, who gave your life for the life of all, we commit our lives to following you. Continually guide us in your way and draw us into live as your Beloved Community in this age and in age to come; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**THE CONFESSION OF SIN**

**BCP 360**

**THE PEACE**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:** *Land of Rest*

Early American

**DOXOLOGY:**

Old One Hundredth

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God, all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** Eucharistic Prayer 2 From Enriching Our Service

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**



*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is a good and right and joyful thing to give you thanks and praise always and everywhere. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant.

From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.

Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. 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.

**SANCTUS:**

James P. Cassarino

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, Hea - ven and  
earth are full of your glo - ry: Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high est.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love.

Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you. On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friend. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

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 unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Traditional)*

**BCP 364**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**FRACTION ANTHEM:**

**S154**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*All who seek God or a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Eucharist. To receive the bread, extend your hands towards the priest. Gluten free wafers are available. To receive the wine, guide the bottom of the chalice with both hands.*

*To receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine, simply cross your arms across your chest.*

**COMMUNION SELECTION:** *Air for Cello*

**J.S. Bach**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**BCP 365**

# THE BLESSING

## CLOSING HYMN: *In the Sweet By and By*

### In the Sweet By and By

Sanford F. Bennett

Joseph P. Webster

There's a land that is fair - er than day, And by faith we can see it a -  
We shall sing on that beau - ti - ful shore The me - lo - di - ous songs of the  
To our boun - ti - ful Fa - ther a - bove, We will of - fer our tri - bute of

5  
far; For the Fa - ther waits o - ver the way To pre - pare us a dwell ing place  
blessed; And our spir - its shall sor - row no more, Not a sigh for the bless - ing of  
praise For the glo - ri - ous gift of His love And the bless - ings that hal - low our

9  
there. In the sweet by and by, We shall  
rest. In the sweet by and by,  
days.

12  
meet on that beau - ti - ful shore; In the sweet by and  
by and by; In the sweet

15  
by, We shall meet on that beau - ti - ful shore.  
by and by,

## THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

arr. Wilber Head



We thank Jim Lestock for sharing his gift of music with us today.

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Nora and Steve Jones in thanksgiving for their parents.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Kathleen Griffin by her Grace Church family.

Thanks to the Tabernacle Group for the delicious breakfast this morning!

## LAY MINISTERS

Acolyte: Cheryl Deyton Chalicer: Jack Frue

Lectors: Kristen Dusenbery, Bonnie Kistler Intercessor: Hannah Buckner

Ushers: Jeanne and Ron Sims Greeters: Diane Wilkey, Tahani Sticpewich

Vestry Member of the Day: Monty Wooten

**ELECTRONIC GIVING MADE EASY:** Grace Church receives electronic giving via our website at [graceavl.com](http://graceavl.com). There is a "Give to Grace" button on the top blue banner of our home page. Additional ways to give to our "virtual collection plate" and various fundraising efforts are through the Simple Church app and the Venmo app @GraceEpiscopal-Church.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PEW REFRESH IN SANCTUARY

Volunteers are needed Wednesday, July 31st, to lightly wash and sand the tops of the pews. On Friday, August 2nd, we need volunteers to lightly sand the tops to prepare for the second coat. Then, Saturday, August 3rd, we need a few volunteers to help put

the books back in the racks. We'll start at 9 am each day, and we'll have a potluck lunch on Wednesday.

Come join us for an hour, or the morning and help spruce up our church! Tools will be provided.

Please contact Cheryl Aull ([ckauull@charter.net](mailto:ckauull@charter.net)) to sign up!

## **ECW RUMMAGE SALE**

When: Saturday, November 2, 2024 - 8:00 AM until Noon

Where: Parish Hall

We are so grateful for your donations which make our sale possible. Since we no longer have access to the storage house, we can only accept donations in the parish hall during the week prior to the sale. The earlier in the week the better so we will have time to sort and price donations!

Please bring your donations to the parish hall during the following times:

Sunday, October 27 th – immediately after our church service until 1PM.

Monday, October 28 th through Friday, November 1 st - 9:00Am – 3:00PM

Tuesday, October 29 th – We will be accepting donations between 5-7PM for those who cannot come during the times listed above.

We accept the following items:

Women's clothing (on hangers) – clean, something you would want to purchase! No underwear or shoes please!

Children's Clothing

Books – (no textbooks, encyclopedias, dictionaries, condensed books, books that are written in or heavily highlighted, or magazines)

Office Supplies and arts/crafts kits or supplies

Children's and baby items – toys, games, puzzles, sports equipment if in good repair

Jewelry

Small household and kitchen items – should be working and have all the parts!

Dishes/Glassware

Linens – please label size of sheets/bedspreads/tablecloths.

Christmas/holiday items

Garden supplies (no hazardous materials) and small garden tools

Artwork/Pictures

We do not accept any electronics or medical equipment! No old TVs, monitors, computers, printers, etc.

If these times or requirements do not work for you, please take your items to another suitable agency! Thanks so much for your help and understanding.

### THE PASTORAL CARE TEAM AT GRACE

Reach out to us with any pastoral care needs you, or your family, may have, by emailing the team at [Pastoralcare@graceavl.com](mailto:Pastoralcare@graceavl.com). You can also email, text or call Rev. Milly at 828.772.1429, Sunday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., unless it's a pastoral emergency.

**HAVE YOU ACCESSED OUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY?** An online directory is available to our members. *If you want to know how to become a member of Grace, please contact Rev. Milly Morrow at [milly@graceavl.com](mailto:milly@graceavl.com).*

*For further information about ongoing programs at Grace, please visit our website at [graceavl.com](http://graceavl.com).*

### THIS WEEK'S SERVICES AND MEETINGS

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Service or Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sunday, 7/14 9am	Community Breakfast	Parish Hall
Sunday 10:30am	Holy Eucharist Service *	Sanctuary/YouTube**
Mondays, 10:30 am	Monday Morning Bible Study	Zoom **
Monday 1pm	Chair Aerobics	via Zoom (this week only)
Monday 7/15	Vestry	Library
Tuesdays 6pm	Taize	Sanctuary
Wednesday, 9:30 am	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Zoom
Wednesdays 1pm	Tai Chi classes	Parish Hall
Wednesdays, 1-3pm	Praying Together with Rev. Milly - <i>by appointment</i>	Sanctuary
Wednesdays, 5:30pm	Centering Prayer	Zoom**
Thursdays, 8am	Women Walking the Way	Beaver Lake

### OUR PRAYER LIST

*For Parishioners:* Nancy Clark; Eva Dupree; Rusty Herman; Don and Ann Lewis; Nancy Lewis; Cheri Potter; Laura and Tsz-yan (GN) Snyder; Jackie Schauer; Peter Sprague; Lorie Tola; Shannon and Greg Townsend.

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: **Bill Coward; Ed Denison; Carl Dobson; Dorothy Engel; Eunice Ferguson; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Ginny Price; Nancy Sink; Rita Spragg.**

For Others: (Names will remain on the list for 6 weeks unless we hear otherwise.)

**Geraldine Allen** (aunt of Carole McClellan); **Wes Auret** (godson of Elaine Potter); **Allen** (brother of Cheryl Aull); **Bob Brennan** (relative of Anne Jarema); **Gabriel and Lara Brongel and family** (grandson and daughter of Jackie Schauer); **Cherie Brown** (daughter of Ed and Maria Woeckener); **Jackie Haines** (sister of Carol Booth); **Jim Kaderabek** (father of Todd Kaderabek); **Chuck McDonald** (brother of Susan Robinson); **Megan; Barney Noble** (son of Joyce and Walt Noble); **Meredith Peppers** (cousin of Carole McClellan).

We Grieve and Pray with the families of: **Kathleen Griffin;** and **Patty Herring** (aunt of Vicky Enox).

For Those in Service to Our Country: **Tommy Brown** (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); **Martha and Matt Cardenas** (daughter & son-in-law of Hannah Pennell); **Matthew George** (son of Zoe Davis); **Jason Marino** (son of Lynda McCredie); **Sarah Jane Wilkey** (daughter of Diane & Tony Wilkey).

For Those in the Episcopal Church: **Michael** (our presiding Bishop); **Sean** (our presiding Bishop elect); **José** (our Bishop); **the clergy, vestry, staff, ministries, and people of this parish; Church of the Advocate.**

*For our President Joe Biden, his Cabinet, Congress & our country; for victims of violence across the world; for local agencies & those who work for relief of the poor; for better stewardship of the environment; for resolution of crises throughout our world.*

Please go to [graceavl.com/spiritual-growth/prayer-ministries/](https://graceavl.com/spiritual-growth/prayer-ministries/) for more opportunities to request prayer. Get permission from anyone you would like to add to this list and contact our Pastoral Care Ministry at [pastoralcare@graceavl.com](mailto:pastoralcare@graceavl.com) or contact the church.

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The Right Reverend José McLoughlin, *Bishop*  
The Reverend Milly Morrow, *Rector*  
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*Grace Church is a place where we hope you experience the empowering presence of the living God and where we collaborate with God in building the Kingdom of Heaven, here on earth. We are grateful you are among us today.*

