

The Twentieth Sunday
After Pentecost
(Proper 25)



26 October 2025
Holy Eucharist Rite II: 10:00 am

Grace Episcopal Church

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Welcome!

Welcome to those of you here. Here's some information:

Most Sundays, we have Church School at 10:00 am with trained teachers. The classroom is located through the door at the front right of the chapel and down the hall; please ask if you need help finding it. The children will join us in church at the Peace and for Communion. All baptized children of any age are welcome to receive Communion.

Please join in the singing! Hymnals are in the pew and the numbers are listed in the leaflet. "S" numbered hymns are found in the front of the *Hymnal 1982*. The *Book of Common Prayer* may also be found in the rack in front of you.

This is a self-supporting congregation, so when the plate is passed in the middle of the service, please be generous. Today's collection will support our ministries to the community.

At the Eucharist, God welcomes all to the heavenly banquet. The Episcopal Church offers the sacraments to anyone baptized in any denomination who, through prayer and thoughtful consideration, desires them. Please come to the communion rail to receive the bread whether you are an Episcopalian or not, or to receive a blessing.

When coming to the rail for Communion, please kneel or stand at the rail from right to left until the rail is full. You may receive the wafer, receive the wine after consuming the wafer (no intinction) or may ask for a blessing. Please let the priest know if you need a gluten free wafer.

If this is your first time here, please sign the book at the entrance of the church. If you want more information, our website is www.gracechurchsalem.org. Our weekly newsletter, called Grace Notes, can be found there. If you wish to receive the newsletter, simply go to the website, open Grace Notes and subscribe.

May we all find the service meaningful and the embrace of the community inviting. It is a joy to worship together, wherever we are on our journey.

The Opening Rite

Opening Voluntary

Prelude on Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Hymn at the Procession

The Hymnal 1982, #517

How lovely is thy dwelling place

Brother James' Air

Opening Acclamation *(The people standing)*

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

Song of Praise

The Hymnal 1982, S278

Glory to God

William Mathias

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of the Lord

The Lessons *(The people sit)*

The First Lesson

Joel 2:23-32

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit. I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 65

R. Goodson



- 1 You are to be praised, O ¹God, in ¹Zion; *
to you shall ¹vows be per¹formed in Je¹rusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall ¹all flesh ¹come, *
be¹cause of ¹their trans¹gressions.
- 3 Our sins are ¹stronger than ¹we are, *
but ¹you will ¹blot them ¹out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your ¹courts to ¹dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the ¹holiness ¹of your ¹temple.

- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
 O God of¹our sal¹vation, *
 O Hope of all the ends of the earth
 and of the¹seas that are¹far a¹way.
- 6 You make fast the¹mountains by your¹power; *
 they are¹girded a¹bout with¹might.
- 7 You still the¹roaring of the¹seas, *
 the roaring of their waves,
 and the¹clamor¹of the¹peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at
 your¹marvelous¹signs; *
 you make the dawn and the¹dusk to¹sing for¹joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
 you make it¹very¹plenteous; *
 the river of¹God is¹full of¹water.
- 10 You pre¹pare the¹grain, *
 for¹so you pro¹vide for the¹earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth¹out the¹ridges; *
 with heavy rain you soften the¹ground and¹bless its¹increase.
- 12 You crown the¹year with your¹goodness, *
 and your paths¹over¹flow with¹plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be¹rich for¹grazing, *
 and the¹hills be¹clothed with¹joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
 and the valleys cloak them¹selves with¹grain; *
 let them¹shout for¹joy and¹sing.

Stewardship Epistle

Jason Scarapini

The Sequence Hymn

For the beauty of the earth

The Hymnal 1982, #416

Lucerna Laudoniae

The Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Sarah A. Conner

The Nicene Creed

The Book of Common Prayer, page 358

The Prayers of the People: Form IV

BCP, page 388

The Confession and Absolution

BCP, page 360

The Peace

The Holy Communion

The Anthem at the Offering

Teach me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood

*Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes,
and I will keep them unto the end.*

The Hymn at the Procession

Take my life, and let it be

The Hymnal 1982, #707

Hollingside

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A *BCP, page 361*

Sanctus *The Hymnal 1982, S128*
Holy, holy, holy *William Mathias*

The Lord's Prayer *BCP, page 364*

The Fraction Anthem *The Hymnal 1982, S165*
Jesus, Lamb of God *William Mathias*

Communion
All present are invited to reverently receive the Holy Sacrament

Hymn at Communion *The Hymnal 1982, #314*
Humbly I adore thee *Adoro devote*

Postcommunion Prayer *BCP, page 365*

Postcommunion Hymn *The Hymnal 1982, #248*
To the Name of our salvation *Oriel*

Blessing and Dismissal

Voluntary
Voluntary in D Flat Major *David N. Johnson*

— Worship Leaders —

The Reverend Sarah A. Conner	Presider and Preacher
Joanne Moar	Verger
Gavin Watson-Bertrand	Acolyte
Caroline Watson-Felt	Lector
Holly Willis	Chalicer
The Tuckers	Ushers



Please join us after morning services for
a Halloween-themed coffee hour.

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Our Prayers are offered for

Margaret Connor, Liev Manck, Barbara Dwyer, Lilyann, Margarette Connor, John Gilbo, Vance Gilbert, Reny Sparapani, Laurel, Gary Young, Amy, Paul, Heather and Prescott, Ariana, Sheridan, Javy, Faith Aroko and Family, Jesse Hurst and Family, Maureen Joyce, Arthur, Deb Young, Cindy Rhodes, Ron, Allison Mascolo, Melissa Glassman, Max Joyce, Marc Britt, those battling cancer, Mel, Corey MacNeil, Dianne, Jenny, Loretta and Kris, Priscilla Lemons, Deb Papps, Derek Fuller and Family, for the peaceful repose of the soul of Smadar and all victims of war the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and their ministries; the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem, the Salem Public Schools and for an end to racism, war, anti-Semitism, Islamophobia, gun violence and oppression. In thanksgiving, we pray for the ministry of The Reverend Debbie Phillips and her husband, Eric Wagner, this community of faith, for God's grace and forgiveness, for those with the courage to stand up to tyranny, for creation, for the diversity of people, and for all the blessings of this life.

If you have additions or deletions to the prayer list, please email prayerlist@gracechurchsalem.org by Tuesday at noon for publication in that week's e-news. The Parish Prayer List is read aloud each Wednesday at Morning Prayer.

PARKING IN OCTOBER

**Parking restrictions will be in effect between
October 2nd – November 2nd**

Resident-only parking is in effect **weekends from
noon to 7 AM** and **weekdays from 5 PM to 7 AM**.



Sunday morning services are not affected.

For **Celtic Service, Choir Rehearsals** and other church-related gatherings, parking in the restricted areas will be allowed, but you must display a **pink dash placard**. You can receive a parking pass from an Usher or from Parish Administrator, Jenny Connors.

Hats O.F.F.

To Warm Heads (and Hearts)



Outreach: Grace Church parishioners, their families, and friends have knitted or crocheted many beautiful children's hats to donate to various organizations that support children in Salem and beyond. We plan to donate roughly 300 hats before Winter sets in.

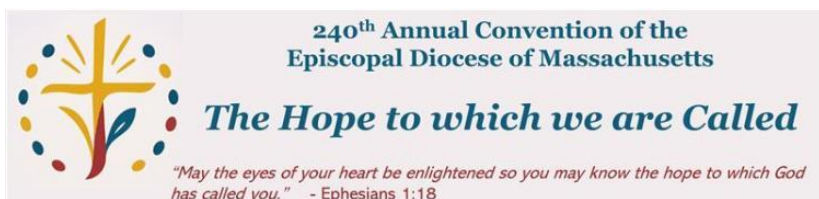
Fundraiser: Hats can be sponsored at \$10/hat. The hats are given to the children and the \$10 donations support Grace Church and its mission. Hats can be supported by using the donation button on the Grace Church website, www.gracechurchsalem.org. If you donate online, be sure to send an email to fundraising@gracechurchsalem.org so that the donation will be attributed to the Hats O.F.F. campaign.

Fellowship: Come hang out with us knitters on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. No need to be a member of Grace Church or even to know how to knit.

We are having a blast!

UPCOMING EVENTS





Everyone is Welcome at Diocesan Convention Workshops

Our annual diocesan convention takes place on Friday, November 14th and Saturday, November 15th at the Marriott in Burlington. The Saturday session is when the required business of convention takes place, and also includes an address by Bishop Whitworth – Laura Beasley- Topliffe, Joanne Moar, and I will represent Grace as your delegates at this session.

The Friday afternoon session runs from 2:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and is open to everyone. This afternoon session is free (though you must register), and you can choose to attend two of the following workshops:

- Stewardship Fundamentals for Small and Medium-Sized Parishes
- Exploring Anglican Identity
- Exploring Invite, Welcome, Connect
- Keys to Faith Formation
- We Stand with the Vulnerable: Supporting Immigrants
- Stronger Together: Building Collaborative Parishes
- Managing Church Property for Mission
- Building Support with LGBTQIA+ Youth & Adults

Wishing that I could attend all of them, I've registered for "Stewardship Fundamentals for Small and Medium-Sized Parishes" and "Managing Church Property for Mission." If you'd like to attend the workshops, or for more information, go to www.diomass.org.

~ Sarah

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The Mission of Grace Church is to unconditionally invite all people to join us in building a faithful Episcopal congregation that goes out into the community and through prayer, presence, and partnering improves the quality of life by bringing everyone closer to God.

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A parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

The Most Reverend Sean Rowe
The Right Reverend Julia Whitworth
The Reverend Sarah A. Conner
The Reverend E. Clifford Cutler
The Reverend Manny Faria
Mark N. Peterson
Tom and Karen Tucker

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Bishop Diocesan
Interim Priest
Assisting Clergy
Assisting Clergy
Music Director
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