

The Nineteenth Sunday
After Pentecost
(Proper 24)



19 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

Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam

Johann Sebastian Bach

Hymn at the Procession

The Hymnal 1982, #709

O God of Bethel, by whose hand

Dundee

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, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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

Jeremiah 31:27-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of

everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119:97-104

R. Goodson



97 Oh, how I love your law! *

all the day long it is in my mind.

98 Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, *

and it is always with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers, *

for your decrees are my study.

100 I am wiser than the elders, *

because I observe your commandments.

101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, *

that I may keep your word.

102 I do not shrink from your judgments, *

because you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your¹ words to my¹ taste! *
they are sweeter than¹ honey¹ to my¹ mouth.

104 Through your commandments I¹ gain under¹ standing; *
therefore I hate¹ every¹ lying¹ way.

Stewardship Epistle

Faith Aroko

The Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, #639

Come, O thou Traveler unknown

Woodbury

The Gospel

Luke 18:1-8

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

O taste and see

Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Hymn at the Procession

Lamp of our feet, whereby we trace

The Hymnal 1982, #627

Nun danket all und bringet Ehr

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, page 361

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy

The Hymnal 1982, S128

William Mathias

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, page 364

The Fraction Anthem

Jesus, Lamb of God

The Hymnal 1982, S165

William Mathias

Communion

All present are invited to reverently receive the Holy Sacrament

Hymn at Communion

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

The Hymnal 1982, #339

Schmücke dich

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP, page 365

Postcommunion Hymn

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

The Hymnal 1982, #530

Gott sei Dank

Blessing and Dismissal

Voluntary

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

— Worship Leaders —

The Reverend Sarah A. Conner

Presider and Preacher

Joanne Moar

Verger

Gavin Watson-Bertrand

Acolyte

Wesley Utsler

Lector

Joanne Moar

Chalicer

Faith Aroko & Jason Barnes

Ushers

Our Prayers are offered for

Margaret Connor, Liev Manck, Barbara Dwyer, Lilyann, Margarett 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.

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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 **yellow dash placard**. You can receive a parking pass from an Ushers or from Parish Administrator, Jenny Connors.



The Fundraising Committee is looking for help/donations in connection with our **October fundraisers!** If you can donate and/or help, please email fundraising@gracechurchsalem.org or speak with one of the following Fundraising Committee members: Peggy Carter, Melissa Barnes, or Joanne Moar.

Our fundraisers help support the day-to-day running of the parish, so we hope that everyone will participate in some way.

Saturday, October 25, 2025 - 7:30pm

Silent Movies in October 2025

Nosferatu (10/25)

We need folks to help with checking in attendees/selling tickets at the door, selling popcorn and water and other goods, and answering attendee questions (e.g., where to find restrooms, etc.). We also need folks to help with screen set up and break down.



A Note from the Fundraising Committee

The St. Francis Day Pet Treat and Pumpkin Sale was a great success and a very fun community event. The Fundraising Committee wants to extend a special thanks to all who helped make the event possible.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 direct donation following the 10:00 or 4:00 services on October 19, 2025, or 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!

WATCH THE MOVIES. HEAR THE HARMONICS. FEEL THE TERROR.
TWO NIGHTS. TWO CLASSIC FILMS.

OCTOBER 11 & 25 ~ 7:30 PM

SILENT MOVIES AT GRACE CHURCH

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ON THE GRACE CHURCH ORGAN



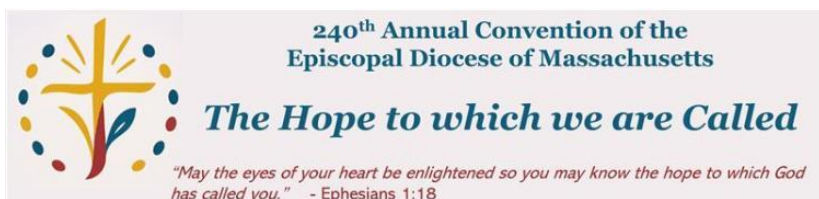
TICKETS

\$45 2-NIGHT COMBO
TICKET
OR
\$25 PER FILM

Visit: ticketleap.events/events/grace-church

or scan QR Code





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.

— Grace Episcopal Church —

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

Presiding Bishop
Bishop Diocesan
Interim Priest
Assisting Clergy
Assisting Clergy
Music Director
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