

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

18 October 2026

Choral Holy Eucharist Rite II:

10:00 am



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The Opening Rite

Opening Voluntary

Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ

Johann Sebastian Bach

The Hymn at the Procession

O worship the King, all glorious above!

The Hymnal 1982, #388

Hanover

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

The Collect for Purity

BCP, page 355

Song of Praise

Glory to God

The Hymnal 1982, S 278

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 First Lesson

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him - and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96:1-9



1 Sing to the LORD a¹nëw¹song; *
sing to the LORD, ¹all the ¹whöle¹earth.

2 Sing to the LORD and¹bless his¹Name; *
proclaim the good news of his sal¹vation from¹day to¹day.

3 Declare his ¹glory a¹mong the¹nations *
and his¹wonders a¹mong all¹peoples.

4 For great is the LORD and¹greatly to be¹praised; *
he is more to be¹feared than¹äll¹gods.

†5 As for all the gods of the nations, ¹they are but¹idols; *
but it is the¹LORD who¹made the¹heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and mag¹nificence of¹his¹presence! *
Oh, the power and the¹splendor of¹his¹sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you¹families of¹the¹peoples; *
ascribe to the¹LÖRD¹honor and¹power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor¹due his¹Name; *
bring offerings and¹come in¹to his¹courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the¹beauty of¹holiness; *
let the¹whole earth¹tremble be¹fore him.

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord,

for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead - Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, #615
St. Flavian

“Thy kingdom come!” on bended knee

The Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Cliff Cutler

The Nicene Creed

BCP, page 358

The Prayers of the People: Form III

BCP, page 387

The Confession

BCP, page 360

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements



At the Offertory, you are invited to make a gift in support of Grace Church's ministries. You may place your pledge or donation in the offering plate. To pay your pledge online or make a one-time donation, you can scan this QR code.

The Holy Communion

- The Anthem** Teach me, O Lord Thomas Attwood
*Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes,
and I will keep them unto the end. Psalm 119, v.33*
- The Hymn at the Presentation** *The Hymnal 1982, #707*
Take my life, and let it be *Hollingside*
- Eucharistic Prayer A** *BCP, page 361*
- Sanctus** *The Hymnal 1982, S 128*
Holy, holy, holy William Mathias
- The Lord's Prayer** *BCP, page 364*
- The Fraction Anthem** *The Hymnal 1982, S 165*
Jesus, Lamb of God William Mathias

All present are invited to reverently receive the Holy Sacrament.
- Hymn at the Communion** *Wonder, Love, and Praise, #812*
I, the Lord of sea and sky *Here I am, Lord*
- Postcommunion Prayer** *BCP, page 365*
- Postcommunion Hymn** *The Hymnal 1982, #594*
God of grace and God of glory *Cwm Rhondda*
- Blessing and Dismissal**
- Voluntary**
Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten Johann Sebastian Bach

— Worship Leaders —

The Reverend Cliff Cutler
Mark N. Peterson
Joanne Moar
Gavin Watson-Betrand
Jane Thompson
Holly Willis
Jason Barnes & Peggy Carter

Celebrant
Organist and Choir Director
Verger
Acolyte
Lector
Chalicer
Ushers

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Our Prayers are offered for

Karen and Tom Tucker, Mary Born, Robert Borden, Linda Abbene, Deven Manthorne, Margarette Connor, Reny Sparapani, 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 Revered 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.

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Announcements

Rector Search Committee Nominations

It is time to assemble our Rector Search Committee!

Here is the process:

- Every parishioner will, please, submit *one* nomination form either for themselves or to nominate someone else. If you are nominating someone else, please make sure that they are willing to serve on the committee.
- You can fill out a form online at the link below or print a physical copy and return it to a warden or in the offering plate. Please make sure your physical form is in a sealed envelope labeled "nomination." Paper forms will also be available in the back of the church.
- **Forms are due by the end of the day TODAY.**
- The Vestry will discuss the nominations at their meeting on October 19, and the Search Committee will be announced soon after. The Search Committee will be commissioned at a service in November.

In considering your nomination, please remember: to be on the committee, one must possess spiritual maturity, the ability to work collaboratively, the ability to listen openly and thoughtfully to others, and the ability to represent the interests of the entire parish rather than any particular group or viewpoint. The candidate will be expected to attend regular weekly in-person meetings. They will need to complete readings and studies on their own time outside of meetings. They will need to commit to strict and total confidentiality throughout the search process. They must be reliable, dedicated, and have a willingness to fulfill the responsibilities of this ministry.

An online form can be found in this week's e-newsletter. You can get a paper form from an usher.

And don't forget: forms are due **TODAY!**

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