

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 15)



16 August 2026

Holy Eucharist : Rite II
10:00 am

Grace Episcopal Church

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The Opening Rite

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

The Collect for Purity

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Word of God

The Lessons *(The people sit)*

The First Lesson

Isaiah 56:1,6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant--these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

**1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to
us.**

**2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.**

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *

let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *

for you judge the peoples with equity

and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *

let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *

may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, *

**and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of
him.**

The Second Lesson

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's

food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. E. Clifford Cutler

The Nicene Creed

BCP, page 358

The Prayers of the People: Form VI

BCP, page 392

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements



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

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP, page 369

The Lord's Prayer

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Communion

All present are invited to reverently receive the Holy Sacrament

Postcommunion Prayer

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Blessing and Dismissal

— Worship Leaders —

The Reverend E. Clifford Cutler
The Rev. Kourtnei Patten
Joanne Moar
Gavin Watson-Bertrand
Maureen Bingham
Joanne Moar
Peggy Carter & Megan Salamida

Presider and Preacher
Deacon
Verger
Acolyte
Lector
Chalicer
Ushers

Our Prayers are offered for

Karen and Tom Tucker, Mary Brown, Robert Borden, Linda Abbene, Deven Manthorne, Margarette Connor, 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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August 3rd

Javier Marquez, Conductor
Mozart Requiem

August 10th

Herman Weiss, Conductor
Fauré Requiem & Cantique

August 17th

Ed Lundergan, Conductor
Vivaldi Gloria & Mozart Coronation Mass

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