

The Twenty-Third Sunday
After Pentecost
(Proper 28)



16 November 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

Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ

Johann Sebastian Bach

Hymn at the Procession

Singing songs of expectation

The Hymnal 1982, #527

Ton-y-Botel

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

Glory to God

The Hymnal 1982, S278

William Mathias

The Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; 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

Isaiah 65:17-25

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not

plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord-- and their descendants as well. Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

R. Goodson



- 1 Sing to the LORD a ¹nēw ¹song, *
for ¹he has done ¹marvelous ¹things.
- 2 With his right hand and his ¹holy ¹arm *
has he ¹won for him ¹self the ¹victory.
- 3 The LORD has made ¹known his ¹victory; *
his righteousness has he openly ¹shown in ¹the ¹sight of the
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the ¹house of ¹Is
and all the ends of the earth have seen the ¹victory ¹of our
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD ¹all you ¹lands; *
lift up your ¹voice, re¹joice, and ¹sing.
- 6 Sing to the ¹LORD with ¹the ¹harp, *
with the ¹harp and the ¹voice of ¹song.
- 7 With trumpets and the ¹sound of the ¹horn *
shout with joy be¹fore the ¹King, the ¹LORD.

8 Let the sea make a noise and ^{all that is} in it, *
the lands and ^{those who} dwell there in.

9 Let the rivers ^{clap their} hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he ^{comes to} judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he ^{judge the} world *
— ^{and the} peoples with equity.

The Second Lesson

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Sequence Hymn

Christ, whose glory fills the skies

The Hymnal 1982 #7

Ratisbon

The Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said,

"Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately. Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

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

Holy is the true light

William H. Harris

*Holy is the True Light, and passing wonderful,
lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict,
from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour,
wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore.
Alleluia!*

The Hymn at the Procession

Blessed city, heavenly Salem

The Hymnal 1982, #520

Oriel

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, #413*
New songs of celebration render *Rendez à Dieu*

Postcommunion Prayer *BCP, page 365*

Postcommunion Hymn *The Hymnal 1982, #249*
To the Name of our salvation *Grafton*

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
Lisa Duffy	Lector
Joanne Moar	Chalicer
Peggy Carter & Jim Duffy	Ushers

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Our Prayers are offered for

Margaret Connor, Barbara Dwyer, Lilyann, 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.

LOOKING FOR WAYS TO HELP?



Donate a \$25 grocery store gift card to the Salem YMCA!
The YMCA will distribute cards to Salem community members who have lost their SNAP benefits. Cards can be brought to the front desk of the Salem YMCA, located at 1 Sewall Street. **978-744-0351**

Donate to The Salem Pantry!
Both dollars and volunteers will help meet increased demand.
No food donations, please!
thesalempantry.org





Support the United Way of Massachusetts Bay!
In partnership with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, United Way is responding to these direct threats to SNAP.
unitedwaymassbay.org/

Spread the word!
Share the food security resources on Salem Food Policy Council with your networks.
Salemfoodpolicy.com

 Salem Public School and Salem Academy students receive **free** school breakfast and lunch. Students who stay after school can also have dinner at Salem High School and Collins Middle School. Encourage your student to participate!

Those 60+ can enjoy free lunches at the Community Life Center at 401 Bridge St. Lunches are served Mon-Fri at 11:30am. Reservations required: ebulmbergsalem.com / **978-744-0924**





Dear Friends,

Our Stewardship campaign is a chance to reflect on the many ways that we are connected to each other. Our theme this year focuses on Grace Church and ways we can Care for Grace to be sure we will be here in the future. We are called to share our words, our actions, our love, and our joy with the world. This year, with all that has been going on in the news, in our homes, schools and offices, and ever-shifting economic forecasts, the one constant has been the connections we have formed here in our church.

Our stories bring us together. Each of us has a story to tell, a reason why we found this congregation and continue to participate. Each of us has dreams, ambitions, and great ideas, just as each of us has struggles and moments of difficulty. One of the parts of our Good News is that we can bring our whole selves, all our story, to this place and to these people, and receive the support, encouragement, and praise that we need.

We have heard so many stories in our campaign this year. Each of them focused on the inspiration they receive from God and how their soul transforms those inspirations. This same process happens in you as you seek ways to share your gifts from the inspiration and blessing you have been given.

It is up to you to discern how you will share the blessings you have received with Grace Church. Each hour spent volunteering, each good idea that you have, each dollar that you donate is transformed through prayer and Grace into ministry and mission. We could not be an example of love and compassion in our community without your many and various gifts. Please return your pledge cards on or by 11/23 so that we may include them in our ingathering and bless them.

With hope and affection,

Your Stewardship Team

Please use the pledge card below

or

pledge online by scanning the QR Code
below with your phone camera



(<https://forms.gle/Khx9qPVDqZBYqFvV8>)

Care for Grace

Pledge Card

To support Grace Episcopal Church Salem,
please consider increasing your pledge
or pledging for the first time.

Monthly pledge amounts are preferred.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

My pledge for 2026: To care for Grace Church, I/we promise

\$_____ for the 2026 year.

I/we plan to fulfill this pledge ☐ weekly / ☐ monthly / ☐ quarterly / ☐ annually.

A Special Ask



As you know from the parish email sent on November 1, Grace's budget must absorb rising utility and maintenance costs, and other transition-related expenses, as the end of the year approaches. And so, your Vestry has launched a Special Ask: **our goal is to raise \$22,000 by November 23**. This will enable us to finish the year on solid financial footing as we work toward a sustainable future for our parish.

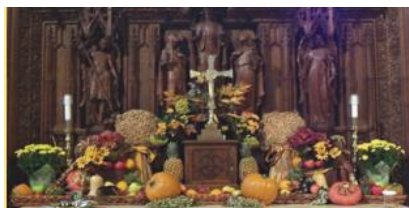
- If you contribute by check, please make it payable to Grace Church, with a note in the memo line referencing "Special Ask."
- If you contribute online, please send an email to treasurer@gracechurchsalem.org to let the Treasurer know.

No contribution is too small or too big. When we all pull together, we accomplish truly amazing things!

Gratefully,

Ryan Patten and Lisa Duffy, Wardens

UPCOMING EVENTS



Thanksgiving Eve Choral Holy Eucharist

*Wednesday • November 26th
7 o'clock in the evening*

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Save the Date!

Advent Quiet Morning: The Journey to Bethlehem

**Saturday, December 6th
9:30 am – 12:00 pm**

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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
Property Stewards

— Vestry —

Ryan Patten
Lisa Duffy
Joanna Troy
Melissa Barnes
Javy Awan, Marianne Cannon, Kai Freyleue,
Joanne Moar, Susan Tweed, Holly Willis

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Treasurer
Members of Vestry