

*Welcome to Grace Church*

# The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist

October 10, 2021

10:00 a.m. at Crissey Farm



## GRACE CHURCH

**an Episcopal Community in the Southern Berkshires**

and on Zoom

*Step into Grace where strangers become friends.*

*We are an open and affirming church. Every one of every age,  
race, ethnicity, culture, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity,  
physical or mental ability, or economic status  
is invited to join us as together we live out the Gospel message  
of love, forgiveness, service, and justice. No matter where you are in  
your spiritual journey—you are welcome here.*

## PRELUDE

# *The Word of God*

*All stand as able*

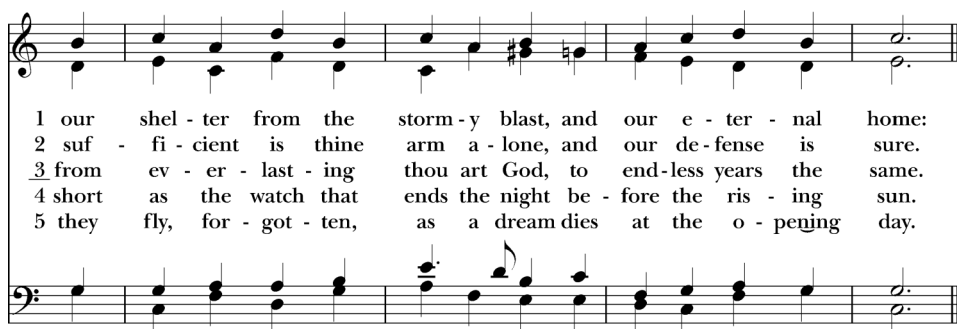
## OPENING HYMN

**H680**

*O God, our help in ages past*



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

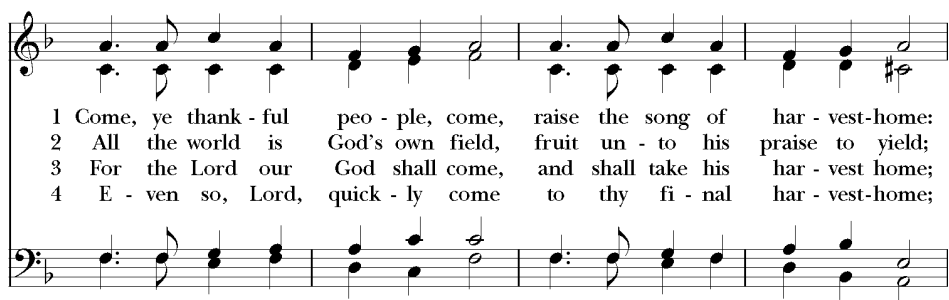
*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever.  
Amen.**

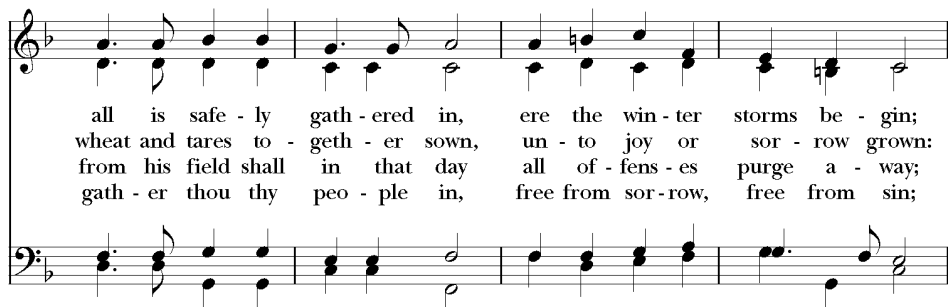
## SONG OF PRAISE

**H290 v 1**

*The following is sung, all standing as able*

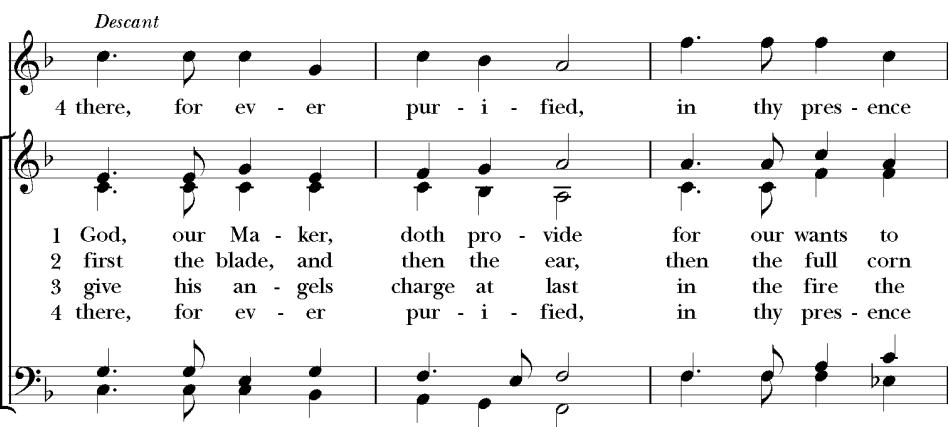


1 Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest-home;  
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har - vest home;  
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest-home;

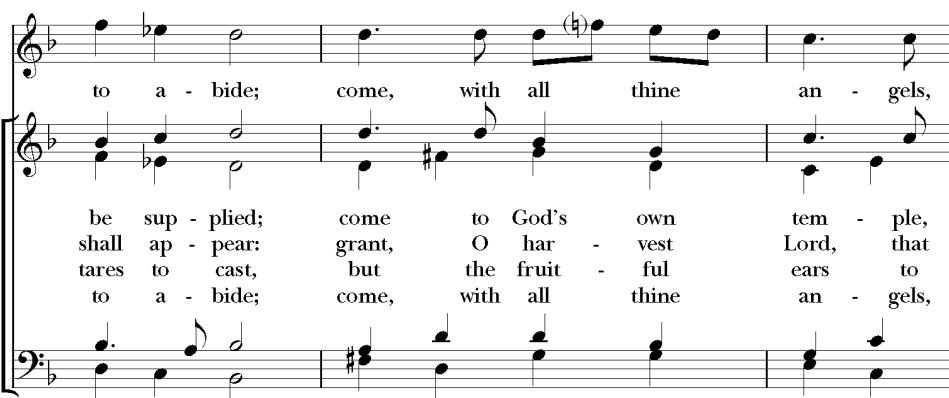


all is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin;  
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown;  
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
 gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin;

*Descant*



4 there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence  
 1 God, our Ma - ker, doth pro - vide for our wants to  
 2 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn  
 3 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the  
 4 there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence



to a - bide; come, with all thine an - gels,  
 be sup - plied; come to God's own tem - ple,  
 shall ap - pear; grant, O har - vest Lord, that  
 tares to cast, but the fruit - ful ears to  
 to a - bide; come, with all thine an - gels,

come, raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

come, we store come, raise the song of whole - some grain and pure may be. in his gar - ner ev - er - more. raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray.

**Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## THE FIRST READING

AMOS 5:6-7,10-15

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live,

or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

<sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!

<sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor  
and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;

and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.

<sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

**Reader** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 90:12-17

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days, \*  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

<sup>13</sup>Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? \*  
be gracious to your servants.

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; \*  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

<sup>15</sup>Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us \*  
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

<sup>16</sup>Show your servants your works \*  
and your splendor to their children.

<sup>17</sup>May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; \*  
prosper the work of our hands;  
prosper our handiwork.

### THE SECOND READING

### HEBREWS 4:12-16

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**Reader** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

**People** Thanks be to God.

*O love, how deep, how broad, how high*

vs 1-3 before Gospel, v 6 after



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
 4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in  
 5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he  
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
 3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
 4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful  
 5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his  
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
 4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.  
 5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.  
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

## THE GOSPEL

**Mark 10:17-31**

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
 according to Mark

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow

me.” <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

## THE SERMON

*The Rev. Tina Rathbone*

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

#### **THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and  
humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and  
Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations  
of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**



Give to the departed eternal rest.

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect:*

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

#### THE CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

#### THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

#### THE PEACE

*Celebrant*      The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*The Minister and the People may greet one another in the name of God by sharing a physically distanced sign of Christ's peace.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Let us pray together: **O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor we pray, on your servants as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**A GRATITUDE MOMENT** **George Raymond**

Take a few moments to think of one thing during the past week for which you thank God. If you wish to share your gratitude moment with the congregation, please come to the microphone.

**The Holy Communion**

*Celebrant*      Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

**OFFERTORY HYMN**      *Alleluia, sing to Jesus*      **H 460**



1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the  
\*2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! bread of Hea - ven, Thou on  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, thee the  
\*5 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the



1 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the  
2 left in sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is  
3 earth our food, our stay! Al - le - lu - ia! here the  
4 Lord of lords we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of  
5 scep - ter, his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the

1 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the  
 2 near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how: though the  
 3 sin - ful flee to thee from day to day: In - ter -  
 4 Ma - ry, earth thy foot - stool, heaven thy throne: thou with -  
 5 tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone; Hark! the

1 songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a  
 2 cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty  
 3 ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,  
 4 in the veil hast en - tered, robed in flesh, our  
 5 songs of ho - ly Zi - on thun - der like a

1 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery  
 2 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his  
 3 plead for me, where the songs of all the  
 4 great High Priest: thou on earth both Priest and  
 5 might - y flood; Je - sus out of ev - ery

1 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.  
 2 prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
 3 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 4 Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 5 na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.

*Celebrant* All things come from you, O Lord.  
*People* **And of your own have we given you.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

*Book of Common Prayer*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

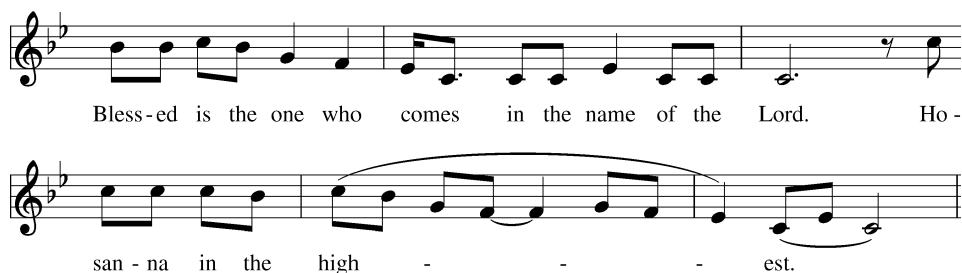
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## SANCTUS

WLP 855

*Cantor* *All*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
 Gi - chi Ma - ni - doo, heav - en and earth are full of your glo -  
 God of pow'r and might,  
 ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_



*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

#### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread and a period of silence is kept, then all sing:*

# FRACTION ANTHEM

WLP 875

*Be known to us, Lord Jesus*

*Cantor or Choir*

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, } in the  
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus }

1. *Congregation* 2. *Cantor or Choir*

break - ing of the bread. Be bread. The  
The dis -

bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia, Is the com -

*Congregation*

mun - ion of the bod - y of Christ. Be  
The dis -

known to us, Lord Je - sus, } in the break - ing of the  
ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus }

*Cantor or Choir*

bread. One bod - y are we, al - le - lu - ia, for though

*Congregation*

man - y we share one bread. Be known to us, Lord  
The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord

Je - sus, } in the break - ing of the bread.  
Je - sus }



*To ensure the safety of all, we are currently sharing only the bread from the altar, not the wine. Gluten-free bread is also available. Please let the priest know if you prefer this. If you would rather receive a blessing instead of communion, please come forward and cross your hands over your chest. And, lastly, if you need communion brought to you, just let the usher know. All are welcome at God's feast!*

*If you can't physically receive the communion bread because you are participating in this service virtually, you are invited to pray this Prayer for Spiritual Communion:*

Lord Jesus, as you promised to be with us in the bread and wine that is your body and blood, grant that we may receive you spiritually today into our hearts, minds, and souls. Stay with us; be our companion in the way; kindle our hearts and awaken hope that we may know you and have confidence in your loving care, now and forever. Amen.

## COMMUNION HYMN

LEVAS 136

*I have decided to follow Jesus*

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,  
 2. Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,  
 3. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,  
 2. Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,  
 3. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

1. I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus,  
 2. Though no one join me, still I will fol - low,  
 3. The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me,

No turn - ing back, (no turn - ing back,) no turn - ing back!

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Let us pray.*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
 you have graciously accepted us as living members  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 and you have fed us with spiritual food**

**in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### **A PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN**

**Most generous and loving God, we thank you for the  
gift of children. With each child you refresh your prom-  
ises to all of us. Through each child you remind us to  
take care of all you have created.**

**We pray your blessing on each child today. Teach them  
to love courage and to trust you. Help them see you at  
work in your world.**

**Help them speak words of love, peace, and friendship.  
Turn their faces in kindness toward their neighbors,  
and fill each one with confidence in your steadfast  
love. This we ask in the name of your child, Jesus  
Christ. Amen.**

#### **THE BLESSING**

**The love of Jesus draw you to himself; the power of Jesus strengthen  
you in his service; the joy of Jesus fill your hearts; and the blessing of  
God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among  
you and remain with you always. Amen.**

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

*Sing praise to GOD*

**H 408**

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## CLOSING HYMN

H 408

*Sing praise to GOD*



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
2 What God's al-might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy  
3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of  
keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful  
glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and  
eye ne'er sleep - eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!  
won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of  
the Spirit.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

*Flowers are given today in honor of  
Howard & Sandra,  
Brian Daniel, and William Bradford*

# WORSHIP LEADERS

ROTA	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
<i>WELCOME TEAM</i>	Sarah Sieber Sally Brooke	Rick Gore Sue Gore
<i>LECTOR</i>	Dindy Anderson	Dindy Anderson
<i>INTERCESSOR</i>	Kathy Clausen	Robert Forman
<i>ALTAR GUILD</i>	Monique Kirchoff Margaret Layton	Monique Kirchoff Cathy Haywood
<i>TECH</i>	Abe Streeter	Abe Streeter
<i>COFFEE HOUR</i>	Brooke/Gore	Anderson/Doelman
<i>COUNTERS</i>	Ian Booten	Rick Gore Margaret Layton

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## GRACE CHURCH INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Please Include in Your Daily Prayers This Week

**Members of the Parish Family:** Sue Gore, George Raymond, Doreen Hutchinson, Anne Andrews, Pennie Curry, Mark Anderson, Stacey, Claire and Mark Thomas, Meredith Haider, Linda White, Rosemarie Blakely, Marina Bowens, John Breasted, Jane Brooks, Vonnie Frye, Barbara Gore, Sara Keene, Barbara Turner and Annalise Clausen.

**Others we Love:** Larry Cheek, John's brother; Karen LaRocque friend of Sue Gore; Rosalind Haywood, Sue Gore's mother; Deborah McCurdy; Joy Milani, dear friend of Dindy Anderson.

**Those who have died:** Sara Bowers; Bernadette McCarroll, step grandma to Ellis and soul sister to Jainee & John; Alan Sparks, brother of Debbie Holmes; Ruth Crawford; John Grammer, husband of Mary Anne; Neil Brandt, brother of Linda White; John Turner, husband of Barbara Turner; Leslie Albert, friend of Margaret Layton; and Sarah Sieber.

**Our world:** For the people of Afghanistan, and of Haiti, who have struggled for so long under burdens seemingly too great to bear and for all who were killed in the recent violence in Kabul. For the people of Louisiana as they recover from Hurricane Ida. For all victims of gun violence, and for those who inflict gun violence on others. For people who suffer from COVID, those who have died, those who mourn, caregivers, hospital workers, and those who have been affected through loss of work, income, and housing. For all who are alone, or afraid, or despairing. For prisoners, unhoused people, newly arrived immigrants and all our neighbors, near and far.

**The many ministries of our local community,** especially: for our partners at St. Paul's, Stockbridge and the Revs. Sam Smith and Jane Tillman; Christ Trinity, Sheffield and the Rev. Erik Karas; our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Doug Fisher; and the Mampong Babies' Home in Ghana;.

**And we offer thanks:** for all those celebrating a birthday or anniversary this week. Especially, Barbara Turner, Rick & Sue Gore, and John Ericson & Jaine McCarroll.

# CALENDAR

## ONGOING

Thursdays	Centering Prayer <sup>1 &amp; 3</sup>	5:00 PM
Sundays	Worship Service <sup>2 &amp; 3</sup>	10:00 AM

All Sunday services in September will be at Crissey Farm, both in-person and live-streamed. If you are unable to join us in person, please visit our website, [www.graceberkshires.org](http://www.graceberkshires.org), for zoom links.

The Office/Chapel <sup>1</sup> / Crissey Farm <sup>2</sup> / On Zoom <sup>3</sup>

*For more information about the Grace Church's regular work and worship, please visit **Tuesday's Child** newsletter on the website.*

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Class of 2023 Dindy Anderson, Holly Murray

Class of 2024 Anne Andrews, Dutch Pinkston

# *The Five Marks of Mission*

*A unifying commitment of  
The Anglican Communion and  
The Episcopal Church*

The Mission of the Church is the Mission of Christ:

To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom

To teach, baptize and nurture new believers

To respond to human need by loving service

To seek to transform unjust structures of society

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation  
and sustain and renew the life of the earth

*Thank you for attending Grace Church!*

*We hope your time with us will help you  
take God's peace and love  
into the week ahead.*

*We look forward to seeing you again next Sunday.*

Grace Church worships and gardens  
on the traditional land of the Mohican people.