

Celebration of New Ministry

The People of
Grace Church
an Episcopal Community in the Southern Berkshires
and

The Rev. Jimmy Solano Pickett

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Douglas John Fisher
Bishop of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts
Presiding



Berkshire South Community Center
15 Crissey Road
Great Barrington, Massachusetts
Friday, April 17th, 2026 5:30 p.m.

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

PRELUDE

The Lord is my Shepherd
Setting of Psalm 23 by Howard Goodall (b. 1958)

WELCOME

The Rev. Jimmy Solano Pickett

OPENING HYMN: WLP 782

Gracious Spirit, give your servants

1. Gra - cious Spir - it, give your ser - vants joy to set sin's
2. Word made flesh, who gave up glo - ry to be - come our
3. Lov - ing God, who birthed cre - a - tion from the noth - ing -
4. Tri - une God, e - ter - nal Be - ing, nev - er end - ing,

cap - tives free, hope to heal the bro - ken - heart - ed,
great high priest, tak - ing on our hu - man na - ture
ness of space, kin - dling life where all was emp - ty,
un - be - gun, bound - less grace and per - fect jus - tice,

peace to share love's li - ber - ty. Through us bring your balm of
to re - deem the last and least: let your cour - age and com -
turn - ing cha - os in - to grace: when we feel con - fused and
right - eous and for - giv - ing One: so en - fold us in you

glad - ness to the wound - ed and op - pressed; help us claim and
 pas - sion shape and guide our min - is - tries; as our Sav - ior
 fruit - less, dawn up - on our rest - less night; give us faith's im -
 mer - cy that our wills and yours u - nite; through us may the

 show God's fa - vor as a peo - ple called and blessed.
 and our Shep - herd, lead us to the truth that frees.
 ag - i - na - tion, hope's re - new - ing, love's de - light.
 world be - hold you, find your love, your truth, your light.

Words: Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944)

Music: *Abbot's Leigh*, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1970-1991)

Bishop

Blessed be our God.

People

For ever and ever. Amen.

Bishop

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People

There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People

One God and Father of all.

CELTIC ALLELUIA

MHSO-20

Sing Alleluia three times

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! _____

from a Gospel acclamation by Fintan O'Carroll (1922-1981) & Christopher Walker (b. 1947)

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated. The Wardens, Matt Marcos and Evie Starr, and Rector stand near the Bishop.

The Bishop states the purpose of the gathering; and concludes

Bishop People of Grace, you have reflected on your ministry and discerned your choice for a new Rector.

Wardens We have chosen and called Jimmy Solano Pickett to be our Rector, and he has accepted.

Bishop I commend your choice and affirm this call

The Letter of Institution is read.

Bishop Are you, the people of Grace Church, ready to continue in your ministry, with Jimmy as your priest?

People **We are.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The Lectors, Dindy Anderson, Doreen Hutchinson, Laura Jordahl and Carol Way present a Bible:

Lectors Jimmy, with this Bible we proclaim and hear God's Living Word. Join us in the ministry of telling the Good News to the World.

Rector Amen. Let us hear again the Good News of God.

The people sit.

THE FIRST READING

Ecclesiastes 4:1,7-10

Then I turned myself back around and I saw
All the oppression that happens under the sun.

And look! The tears of the oppressed—
And no one is there to comfort them.
And on the side of their oppressors is power—
And no one is there to comfort them.

Then I turned myself back around and I saw
Vapor under the sun.

There is one but not a second,
Not even child or sibling belong to them,
Yet there is no end to all their toil.

What's more, their eye is not satisfied
With wealth. 'So for whom do I toil?' they ask. 'And deprive my hunger
Of what is good?'

This too is vapor—and a tragic task.

Two are better than one for they share
A good reward in their toil. Because if they fall
The one friend will lift the other.

But woe to the one
Who falls and there is no second
To lift them.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People
People **Thanks be to God**

PSALM 27:1, 5-13

Let us read the Psalm together

**1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear? ***

the Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?

**5 One thing have I asked of the Lord;
one thing I seek; ***

that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

**6 To behold the fair beauty of the Lord *
and to seek him in his temple.**

**7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.**

**8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.**

**9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation
with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

**10 Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.**

**11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, Lord, will I seek.**

**12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

**13 You have been my helper;
cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

THE SECOND READING

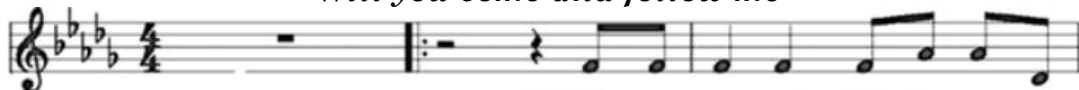
Acts 4: 31-34

When they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God with boldness. Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches

People **Thanks be to God**

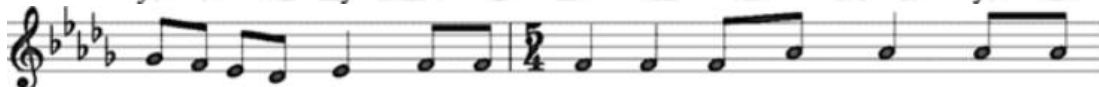
Will you come and follow me



1. Will you come and fol - low me if
2. Will you leave your self be - hind if
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if
4. Will you love the "You" you hide if
5. Christ, your sum - mons ech - oes true when



I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and
 I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and
 I but call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ner free and
 I but call your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and
 you but call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and



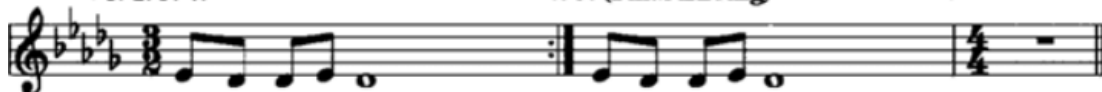
nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you
 nev - er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your
 nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do
 nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to re -
 nev - er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your



let my Name be known? Will you let my life be grown in
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer prayer in
 such as this un - seen? And ad - mit to what I mean in
 shape the world a - round through my sight and touch and sound in
 love and foot - steps show, thus I'll move and live and grow in

1. 2. 3. 4.

5. (Final Ending)



you and you in me?
 you and you in me?
 you and you in me?
 you and you in me?

5. you and you in me.

The HOLY GOSPEL

John 21:12-17

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

SERMON

The Rev. Margot Page, Deacon

**THE PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION,
AND RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

All stand as are able

Rector and Sponsors Bishop, we present these persons who are seeking deeper life in Christ in communion with us.

Bishop People of Grace, friends gathered here today: in Holy Baptism we received full adoption through God's grace and full empowerment for ministry through the Holy Spirit. Will you work together as partners in the mission of the Church, to reconcile all people to God through Christ?

People **We will, with God's help.**

Bishop The water of baptism signifies our eternal covenant with God. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to Christ, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Bishop hands Rev. Jimmy a vessel of Baptismal Water

Bishop My brother in Christ, receive these waters and share with me in the administration of the Holy Sacrament of Baptism.

Bishop We pray you, O God, sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that all who in baptism are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Rector Let us renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we renounce every evil work, and promise to serve God faithfully through God's holy catholic Church.

Bishop Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Bishop Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Bishop Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Bishop May Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, and called us to ministry in Jesus Christ, keep us in eternal life by his grace; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bishop Let us pray especially for these persons who have renewed their commitment to Christ

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you have made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FOR CONFIRMATION

The Bishop lays hands upon the Candidate and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Jack with your Holy Spirit; empower them for your service; and sustain them all the days of their life. Amen.

FOR RECEPTION

Jacob and Mackenzie, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A Book of Common Prayer and a collection of newspapers are brought forward from the congregation by the Intercessors: Jainee McCarroll, Holly Murray, Laura Jordahl, and Kathy Clausen.

Intercessors Jimmy, with this Book of Common Prayer and this news of our world, we offer prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings to God.

Rector Amen. In the Spirit of God, who searches our hearts and knows our deepest needs, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who yearn for God's healing.

Intercessor Deliver us, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Open our hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Send us into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor And now, for who or what else do we pray this day?

Please name aloud, or in the silence of your heart, those things which you ask of God

Deacon Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

A stole and flask of oil for healing are presented by members of the healing and welcome ministries: The Rev. Ted Cobden, Kathy Clausen and Richard Starr

Congregants **With prayer, companionship and laying-on of hands we bring the reconciling presence of Christ to those who seek healing. Join us in this ministry by calling us to repentance, and assuring us of God's forgiveness and love.**

Rector Amen. Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, loves you eternally, and reconciles you to one another.

A Liturgical Calendar is presented by the Parish Administrator, Mackenzie Kendall

Administrator Jimmy, receive this calendar, that we may work together to sanctify the passage of time as we live more deeply into the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord until His coming again

Rector Amen. Together may we celebrate and mourn together as the Body of Christ through all the days of our common life.

A set of gardening tools from Swords to Plowshares Northeast is presented by the Gideon's Garden Director, Jack Kamps

Jack Jimmy, these tools have been forged out of weapons of death that they may become instruments of new life and growth. Join us as we keep and till God's good earth.

Jimmy Amen. May we cultivate deeper relationships with our neighbors as we grow food and raise up new leaders to care for this holy ground.

THE PEACE

Rector The Peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The community greets one another in the name of God by sharing a sign of Christ's peace.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Representatives of Lee Food Pantry and Gideon's Garden: Jack Kamps, Sue Gore, and Louise Peterson, then bring a basket of seeds and food.

Congregants **Jimmy, we have come to know that it is by giving to others what we so lovingly gather and grow that we are most blessed. Join us in our work of Gideon's Garden and Lee Food Pantry which strive to ensure that all are fed.**

Rector Amen. May God's loving provision be known to all people.

Representatives of the altar guild: Monique Kirchoff and Sarah Sieber, bring the people's offerings of bread and wine to the Rector.

Congregants **Jimmy, when we share the bread and the cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Join us at God's table to offer and bless our gifts of bread and wine.**

Rector Amen. Together, let us keep the feast.

The Rector brings the elements to the table.

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM: H 557

Vs. 1-4

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and
 2 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints of
 3 Your clear ho - san - nas raise, and al - le - lu - ias
 4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye
 5 Still lift your stand - ard high, still march in firm ar -
 *6 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall
 *7 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and



1 sing! Your glo - rious ban - ner wave on high, the
 2 earth, pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true
 3 loud; while an - swering ech - oes up - ward float, like
 4 go, from youth to age, by night and day, in
 5 ray, as war - riors through the dark - ness toil, till
 6 rest; the pil - grims find their Fa - ther's house, Je -
 7 sing! Your glo - rious ban - ner wave on high the

Refrain



1 cross of Christ your King.
 2 rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
 3 wreaths of in - cense cloud.
 4 glad - ness and in woe. Ho - san - na, ho -
 5 dawns the gold - en day.
 6 ru - sa - lem the blest.
 7 cross of Christ your King.



san - na! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing.

Words: Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)

Music: *Vineyard Haven*, Richard Wayne Dirksen (1921-2003)

This evening's collection will be donated to the Rector's Discretionary fund for the pastoral needs of our neighbors

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer B with in the Preface for dedication of a church

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Bishop It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest; in whom we are built up as living stones of a holy temple, that we might offer before you a sacrifice of praise and prayer which is holy and pleasing in your sight.

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

LEVAS 252

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: Lena McLin (1928-2023)

Bishop We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 in the words that Jesus taught us and teaches us still, we 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 forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

THE FRACTION ANTHEM

S 268

Christ our Passover

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Fine

Leader
Christ our pass-o-ver is sac-ri - ficed_ for us;

Response
(organ) There - fore let_ us_ keep the

Leader
Christ our pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed_ for us;

feast.
(organ)

Leader
Christ our pass-o-ver is sac-ri-

Response
There - fore let_ us_ keep the feast. *(organ)*

ficed_ for us; *D.C.*

Response *D.C.*
There - fore let_ us_ keep the feast.

Setting: Lena McLin (1928-2023)

Bishop The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Rector This is God's table, not our own, so all are welcome. All who desire it are welcome at God's feast. We have gluten free bread if you prefer that, just ask.
So, come – come all and be fed.

All Are Welcome at God's Table

Gluten-free bread is available. Please let the priest know if you would 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.

The Grace Healing Team is in the back of the room during Communion to offer the laying on of hands and a prayer for healing to anyone who desires it for themselves or another.

If you cannot 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 HYMNS: WLP 764

Taste and See

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness

of the Lord. O taste and see. Taste and

see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Fine

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
 2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
 3. Wor - ship the Lord all you peo - ple.

- His praise shall al - ways be on my
 - To - geth - er let us all praise his
 - You'll want for noth - ing if you

lips; _____ my soul shall
name. _____ I called the
ask. _____ Taste and

glo - ry in the Lord; _____ for
Lord and he an - swered me; _____ from
see that God is good; _____ in

he has been so good to me. _____
all my trou - bles he set me free. _____
him we need put all our trust. _____

D.C.

Words: James E. Moore, Jr. (1951-2022); para. of Psalm 34
Music: James E. Moore, Jr. (1951-2022)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Bishop

Let us pray

Congregation

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

BLESSING FOR CHILDREN

The Bishop and Rector invite the children present to come to the front, then all pray:

Most generous and loving God, we thank you for the gift of children. With each child you refresh your promises 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 the Christ. Amen.

Bishop

We have celebrated this new pastoral relationship in the great prayer of the Church. Jimmy, I commend to your love and care the people of Grace Church. My siblings in Christ, I commend to your love and care your new Rector, colleague and friend, Jimmy.

THE BLESSING

The Bishop blesses the assembly

Bishop God's blessing be with you
 Christ's peace be with you,
 The Spirit's outpouring be with you
 Now and always. **Amen**



RECESSIONAL HYMN: WLP 780

Lord, you give the great commission

The musical score is written in 3/4 time and consists of three systems. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1. Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the
2. Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my
3. Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my
4. Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther,
5. Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing; "I am

sick and preach the word." Lest the church ne -
name bap - tize and teach." That the world may
bod - y, this my blood." Let us all, for
what they do, for - give." Yet we hoard as
with you to the end." Faith and hope and

glect its mis - sion, and the gos - pel go un -
trust your prom - ise, life a - bun - dant meant for
earth's true glo - ry, dai - ly lift life heav - en -
pri - vate trea - sure all that you so free - ly
love re - stor - ing, may we serve as you in -

heard, help us wit - ness to your pur - pose
 each, give us all new fer - vor, draw us
 ward, ask - ing that the world a - round us
 give. May your care and mer - cy lead us
 tend and, a - mid the cares that claim us,

Refrain

with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty.)
 clos - er in com - mun - i - ty.)
 share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty.) With the Spir - it's
 to a just so - ci - e - ty.)
 hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty.)

gifts em - power us for the work of min - is - try.

Words: Jeffrey Rowthorn (1934-2025)
 Music: *Abbot's Leigh*, Cyril Vincent Taylor (1970-1991)

DISMISSAL

Deacon and Rector Jesus said: As the Father sent me, so I send you. Go in peace to join in the work of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Cortège

by Flor Peeters

“Cortège” refers to a group, a retinue of people gathering in attendance to an important person whom they accompany in procession. We, the Church, gather together to accompany Christ out into the world, greeting God’s loving presence in everyone we meet. May we be a part of this holy and joyous procession every day of our lives.

**Flowers are given today by Amy and Philip Greer
For the glory of God
and in honor of Mackenzie and Jacob reception**



GRACE CHURCH INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Please Include in Your Daily Prayers This Week

Members of the Parish Family: Pennie Curry; Aicha and Matt Marcos; Rick and Sue Gore, and the Haywood family; Louise Peterson; Charlene Peet; The Rev. Marc Britt; Anne Andrews; George Raymond; Dindy and Mark Anderson; Linda White and her grandchildren, Claire, Mark, and Johnny; David Hamill; Doone Marshall; Meredith Haider; Rosemarie Blakely.

Others we Love: Julia DePeyster, friend of Lea Richardson; Ada Gómez, mother-in-law of Rev. Jimmy; Cynthia Griesing, Holly Murray's mother; Doreen's sister, Linda Manardi; The Rev. Gene Perry and Shirley Perry, parents of Pastor Mark; Paul, neighbor of Gina and Phil; Susie, Mike, and Emily Silver; Fran Hunt, Anne Andrew's sister; Michal Snyder, Dessida's sister; Elizabeth Brannan; Anne Kistrup and Pam Reed, Lynn Walker's friends; Susan Bunce, Mary Booton's sister; Doone Marshall's granddaughter, Bex; George Laye; Fleming and Dick Rutledge; Tania Guerrero and her baby daughter Eugenia Marie Ayala Guerrero; David Rodriguez Ovalle, Sergio Rodriguez's father; Richard Cherneff; Cynthia Griesing, Holly Murray's mother; Bishop Michael Curry; Sara Miles and her wife Martha; Jerry and Karen Ericson; Kristen Mary, beloved cousin of Jainee McCarroll; James Driscoll; Livia Driscoll; Deborah McCurdy.

Those who have died: Dale Peterson, Hawa Kiebre and Salif Tiri Ouedraogo, mother and father of Aicha Marcos; Jeff Zinn, Dindy Anderson's brother in law; Kathy O'Brien, Pennie Curry's sister; Paul Haywood, Sue Gore's brother; Jane Brooks; The Rev. Donna Larson former Rector of St. George's; Hannah Peabody, Caroline Murray's friend, Pam Minshew, sister of Lee Cheek; Laura Fallon, Jainee McCarroll's friend; The Rev. Donald Peet; Joan Mulhern, Rob Clausen's sister; Pamela Drumm; Antonia Poulos, Jainee McCarroll's friend.

Our world: For the people of Iran, Lebanon, Haiti, Palestine, Israel, Ukraine, the Sudan, and all other places of violence and war, that peace and justice may prevail, and human fear and suffering diminish. For all victims of hatred in this country; for all victims of gun violence and also for those who inflict gun violence on others. For all who are alone, 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 and the Rev. Samuel Vaught, the Rev. Jane Tillman, and the Rev. Libby Wade; Christ Trinity and the Rev. Erik Karas; our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Douglas Fisher; and the Mampong Babies' Home; and The Very Rev. Miguelina Howell, the Bishop Elect for the Bishop Candidates for the Diocese of Western Massachusetts.

CALENDAR

ALL IN-PERSON + ON ZOOM

Wednesdays, 10:00 am: Contemplative Eucharist at Grace Church Chapel

Thursdays, 5:00 pm: Centering Prayer at Grace Church Chapel

Sundays, 10:00 am: Worship Service at Berkshire South Community Center

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Parish Administrator: Mackenzie Kendall

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Parish Administrator:	Mackenzie Kendall

We are hugely grateful to everyone who helped to prepare this celebration, and to all those who have come to share the evening with us -- people of deep faith from many traditions, and people affiliated with no particular faith as well. May every one of you be blessed in ways that you can feel today and always. Amen!