

Welcome to Grace Church
The Third Sunday of Creationtide
The Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
September 20, 2026
10:00 a.m. at the Grace Church Chapel 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.*

*At the sound of the bell, we invite you into silence
in preparation for worship.*

PRELUDE

Touch the Earth Lightly

Colin Gibson (b. 1933);
arr. Albert Mendoza (b. 1956)

WELCOME

The Rev. Jimmy Solano Pickett

The Word of God

OPENING HYMN: H 398

I sing the almighty power of God

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

The musical score is written for a piano, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The score includes three verses of lyrics, each corresponding to a line of music. The first verse is for the Soprano part, the second for the Alto part, and the third for the Tenor and Bass parts. The lyrics are: 1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise, 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food; 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known; that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies. he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good. and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

the moon shines full at his com - mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery - where that I could be, thou, God, art pres - ent there.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.

Music: *Forest Green*, English melody, adapt. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Celebrant
People

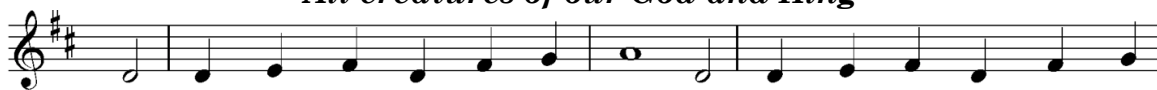
This is the day the Creator has made.
 Let us rejoice and be glad in it

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Celebrant and People Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

SONG OF PRAISE: H 400

Vs. 3

All creatures of our God and King

- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain

O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia!

Words: Francis of Assisi (1182-1226); tr. William H. Draper (1855-1933), alt. Music: *Lasst uns efreuen*, melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengesang*, 1623; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE COLLECT

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

We thank you, merciful God, for the witness of your apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Good News of your Son; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Savior to follow him for the healing of all Creation; through Jesus the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING

Proverbs 3:1-6

My child, do not forget my teaching,
but let your heart keep my commandments,

² for length of days and years of life
and abundant welfare they will give you.

³ Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you;
bind them around your neck;
write them on the tablet of your heart.

⁴ Then you will find favor and high regard
in the sight of God and of people.

⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not rely on your own insight.

⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:33-40

Let us read the Psalm responsively by verse.

³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I will observe it to the end.

³⁴ **Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.**

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.

³⁶ **Turn my heart to your decrees
and not to selfish gain.**

³⁷ Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
be gracious to me according to your word.

³⁸ **Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹ Turn away the disgrace that I dread,
for your ordinances are good.

⁴⁰ **See, I have longed for your precepts;
in your righteousness be gracious to me.**

THE SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14-17

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN: H 706

Vs 1-2 before Gospel

Vs 3 after Gospel

In your mercy, Lord, you called me

The musical score is written for three voices (1, 2, and 3) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with three parts and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines. The first system covers the first two verses, the second system covers the third verse, and the third system covers the final lines of the hymn.

1 In your mer - cy, Lord, you called me, taught my
2 Lord, I did not free - ly choose you till by
3 Now my heart sets none a - bove you, for your

sin - filled heart and mind, else this world had
grace you set me free; for my heart would
grace a - lone I thirst, know - ing well, that

still en - thrall'd me, and to glo - ry kept me blind.
still re - fuse you had your love not cho - sen me.
if I love you, you, O Lord, have loved me first.

Words: Josiah Conder (1789-1855); alt. Charles P. Price (1920-1999)

Music: Halton Holgate, William Boyce (1711-1779)

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 9:9-13

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹² But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Jimmy Solano Pickett

THE NICENE CREED

Enriching our Worship Translation

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Eternal God:

We thank you for the beauty of the World: for the teeming life of the seas, the flight of birds, and the diversity of animal life.

Grant us grace to treat Creation with respect and care; to protect endangered species, to preserve the variety of habitats, and to honor the delicate balance of nature.

God of life:

hear our prayer.

We thank you for the wealth of blessings from land and sea; for the power of wind, and the warmth of sun.

We pray for the nations of the earth, give us the will to cherish this planet and to use its resources sustainably for the welfare of all.

God of justice:

hear our prayer.

We pray for the faithful witness of the Church, called to reconcile and heal: For this parish and Rev. Jimmy, Bishop Miguelina, Bishop Sean and all our clergy.

God of grace:

hear our prayer.

We pray for the human family. We exult in our diversity and giftedness, we repent of our sins, divisions and violence. By the power of your Spirit, restore your image within us.

As every human being is known and loved by you, may we care for one another with love and respect.

We pray for those you have commended to our care especially those on our prayer list

The People may add their own petitions aloud or in the silence of their hearts

God of compassion:

hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have died especially those we name now,
whom we entrust to your eternal love;
may we support and comfort those who mourn.

The People may add their own petitions aloud or in the silence of their hearts

God of peace:

hear our prayer.

Priest Holy God, you alone are unutterable, from the time you created all things that can be spoken of. You alone are unknowable, from the time you created all things that can be known. All things cry out about you: those that speak, and those that cannot speak. All things honor you: those that think, and those that cannot think. For there is one longing, one groaning, which all things have for you. All things that comprehend your plan pray to you and offer you a silent hymn. In you, the One, all things abide, and all things endlessly run to you who are the end of all.

Gregory of Nazianzus

CONFESSION

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.**

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.**

A GRATITUDE MOMENT

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 briefly with the congregation, please come to the microphone.

The Holy Communion

Celebrant “To live, we must daily break the body and shed the blood of Creation. When we do this knowingly, lovingly, skillfully, reverently, it is a sacrament. When we do it ignorantly, greedily, clumsily, destructively, it is a desecration.” *Wendell Berry*

OFFERTORY HYMN: H 517

How lovely is thy dwelling place

1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a
3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with
4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou-sand spent a -

me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor

in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
 praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
 Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
 from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly

flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
 hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.
 glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
 bless all those who live the words they pray.

Words: Para. of Psalm 84; sts. 1-2, *The Psalms of David in Meter*, 1650; sts. 3-4, Carl P. Daw, Jr. (b. 1944) Music: *Brother James' Air*, J. L. Macbeth Bain (1840?-1925)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer with Creation II

Seasons of Creation for Episcopal Parishes

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 God thanks and praise.**

It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here where among the ancient Appalachian Mountains, beside the Housatonic and Green Rivers, where we alongside our fellow migratory creatures live and work and rest and play. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, Black Bear and Beaver, Turkey and Cedar Waxwing, Sycamore and Lady Slipper, we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honor song:

SANCTUS: WLP 858

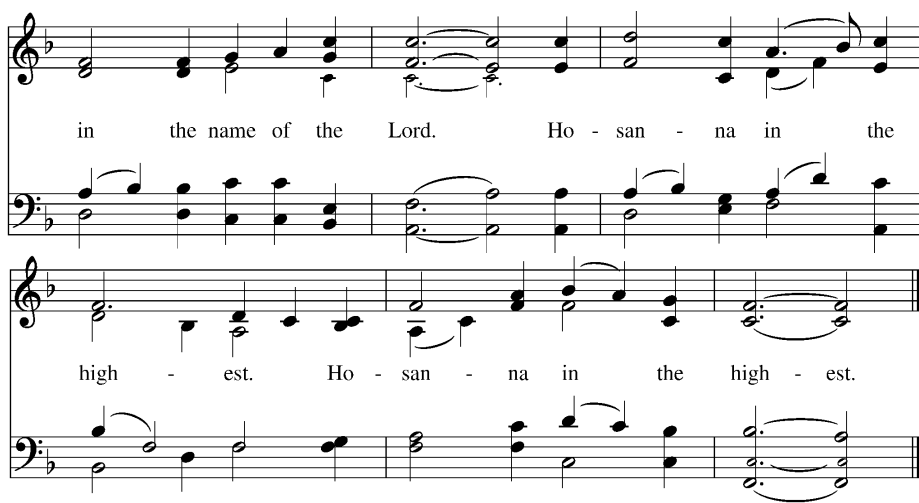
Holy, holy, holy Lord

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes". The score consists of six systems of staves, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano accompaniment is written in a simple, blocky style, using chords and single notes to support the vocal melody.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes



Setting: American folk melody; arr. Marcia Pruner (1936-2013); harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of famers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land and work of human hands, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity

of creation.

Bring us with Blessed Matthew, and all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ, and Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

And now, in the words that Jesus taught us, and teaches us still, we pray in the language of our hearts,

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 FRACTION ANTHEM: EOM 131

God of promise

Cantor



God of pro - mise, you have pre-pared a ban - quet for us.

All



Hap - py are those who are called to the Sup-per of the Lamb.

Setting: Jonathan Dimmock from *Missa Appalachia*

Celebrant The Gifts of God for you, the People of God.
Behold what you are.

People **May we become what we receive.**

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 HYMN:

Touch the earth lightly

1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gent - ly,
2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

nour-ish the life of the world in our care:
a-gents of death for all crea-tures that live,
wa-ter that bless - es and air that is sweet,
God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,

gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der, trust for the
we who would fos - ter clouds of di - sas - ter, God of our
health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren, re - gen - er -
teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us, us - ing us

chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
a - tion that peace will com - plete.
gent - ly and mak - ing us one.

Words: Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)

Music: Colin Gibson (b. 1933)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHILDREN

Let us 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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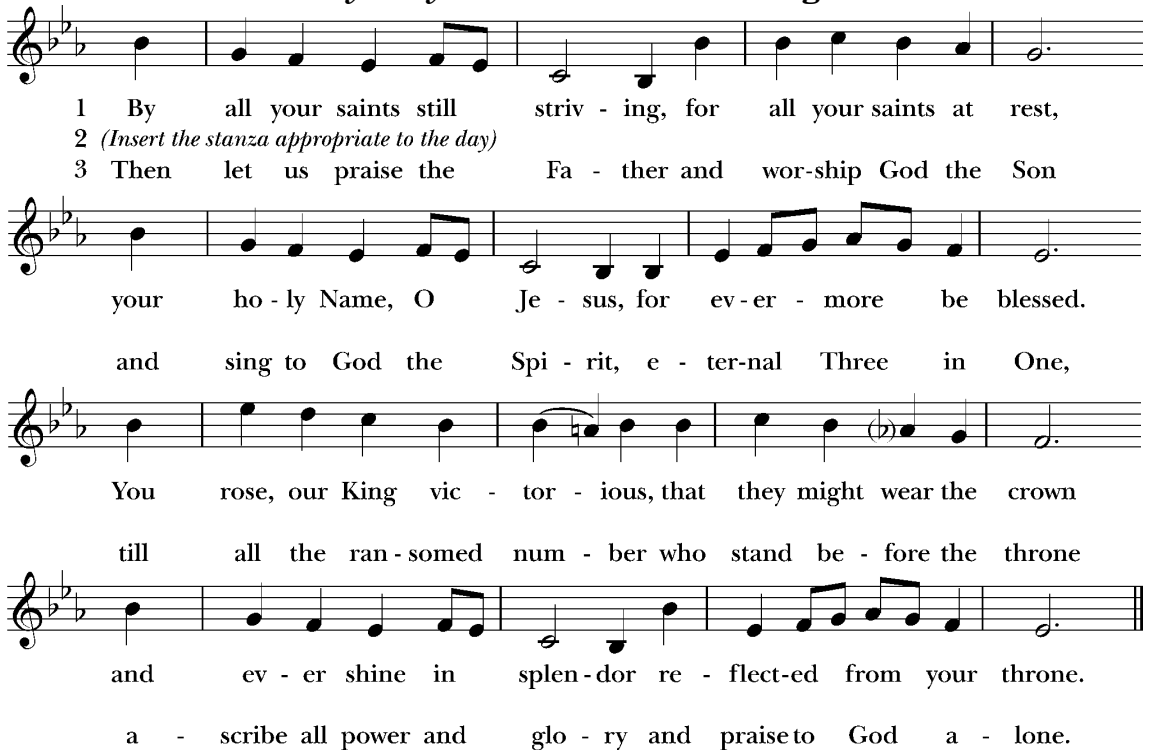
BLESSING

Celebrant

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: H 232

By all your saints still striving



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,
2 *(Insert the stanza appropriate to the day)*
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor-ship God the Son
your ho - ly Name, O Je - sus, for ev - er - more be blessed.
and sing to God the Spi - rit, e - ter-nal Three in One,
You rose, our King vic - tor - ious, that they might wear the crown
till all the ran - somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne
and ev - er shine in splen - dor re - flect-ed from your throne.
a - scribe all power and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

Verse 2:

We praise you, Lord, for Matthew,
Whose gospel words declare
That, worldly gain forsaking,
Your path of life we share.
From all unrighteous mammon,
O raise our eyes anew,
That we, whate'er our station
May rise and follow you.

Words: Horation Bolton Nelson (1823-1913); ver. *Hymnal* 1982
Music: *Nyland*, Finnish folk melody; adapt. David Evans (1874-1948)

DISMISSAL

Celebrant 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

All Things Bright and Beautiful

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Flowers are given today by:

Peter and Monique Kirchoff

In loving memory of Peter’s father and sister

GRACE CHURCH INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Please Include in Your Daily Prayers This Week

Members of the Parish Family: Richard Starr; Kirk and Connie Garber; David Pixley; Cathy Haywood; Edna Leavenworth; 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; Rosemarie Blakely.

Others we Love: Pat Murray, grandmother of Caroline Murray; Lenny Clough, brother-in-law of Dindy Anderson; Judy Davis, grandmother of Jacob Greer; Lisa Solomon, friend of David Pixley; Jack Starr, father of Richard Starr; 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; Paul, neighbor of Gina and Phil; Susie, Mike, and Emily Silver; Fran Hunt, Anne Andrew's sister; Michal Snyder, Dessida's sister; Anne Kistrup and Pam Reed, Lynn Walker's friends; Susan Bunce, Mary Booton's sister; George Laye; Fleming 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; James Driscoll; Livia Driscoll; Deborah McCurdy.

Those who have died: Lisa Leavenworth, Fred Harris, Dick Rutledge, Dale Peterson, Hawa Kiebre and Salif Tiri Ouedraogo, mother and father of Aicha Marcos; Kathy O'Brien, Pennie Curry's sister; Paul Haywood, Sue Gore's brother; The Rev. Donna Larson former Rector of St. George's; Hannah Peabody, Caroline Murray's friend; The Rev. Donald Peet; Pamela Drumm.

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 Mampong Babies' Home; and The Rt. Rev. Miguelina Howell, our Bishop.

WORSHIP LEADERS

ROTA	Today 9/13/26	Next Week 9/20/26
WELCOME TEAM	Mackenzie Kendall X	Sue Gore Rick Gore
ACOLYTE	Jack Kamps	Louise Peterson
LECTOR	Christina Reynolds	Matt Marcos
INTERCESSOR	John Cheek	Doreen Hutchinson
CHALICE BEARERS	Jack Kamps X	Louise Peterson Peter Kirchoff
HEALING TEAM	X	Kathy Clausen Ted Cobden
ALTAR GUILD	X	Louise Peterson The Kirchoffs
COFFEE HOUR	X	Carol Way Debbie Holmes
COUNTERS	X	Sue Gore Viola Bagnaschi
VESTRY CLOSER	X	Sue Gore

CALENDAR

ALL IN-PERSON + ON ZOOM

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

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

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

GRACE CHURCH VESTRY

Senior Warden:	Matt Marcos
Junior Warden:	Evie Starr
Treasurer:	Sue Gore
Clerk:	Doreen Hutchinson
Class of 2027	Jainee McCarroll, Kevin Rosero
Class of 2028	Mackenzie Kendall
Class of 2029	Dindy Anderson, Phil Burt, Lynn Carlson

GRACE CHURCH

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THE SEASON OF CREATION

(CREATIONTIDE)

Beginning on **September 1st** and running through the Feast of St. Francis on **October 4th**, the Season of Creation (aka Creationtide) is a new eccumenical season in the life of the wider Church. The movement to recognize this new season began in the 80s in the Orthodox Church. Over the decades it has grown into a worldwide celebration shared among Orthodox, Lutheran, Anglican (Episcopal), Roman Catholic, and other branches of the faith. This season invites us to be mindful of our continuing role of giving and receiving care in God's ever new action of Creation.

Season of Creation: A Celebration Guide for Episcopal Parishes, is an official resource that was written over the course of 3 years (2022-2025) that offers a whole host of prayers for the celebration of this season. The Liturgical Committee of Grace Church has worked prayerfully with this resource to offer the liturgies of this season to the Glory of God. May these prayers help you root your heart in the sacred every day presence of God among these holy hills and valleys.

As one old hymn goes, "Christ still walks these wooded hills..." May we be ever mindful of this truth as we love and serve this community, sustained by the Grace of God.



JESUS CALLS MATTHEW

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vestry Retreat

The Vestry will be on retreat at Holy Cross monastery in the Hudson Valley September 29th-October 1st. Please pray for them as they rest and pray about the year to come.

Gideon's Garden

We have hit 9,000 lbs of donated food this year!

Volunteer Hours are: Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 9am-12noon

Berkshire South Winter Coat Drive

Help keep others warm by donating gently-used coats, hats, mittens/gloves, scarves, boots, snow pants, and blankets. Find collection boxes throughout the Southern Berkshires, including the primary drop-off location in the Berkshire South lobby. The public is welcome to select items for free at our distribution event.

Donations Accepted Aug 31 - Oct 21

Giveaway Event: Oct 23, beginning at 4:30pm

For questions regarding the coat drive, please email
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