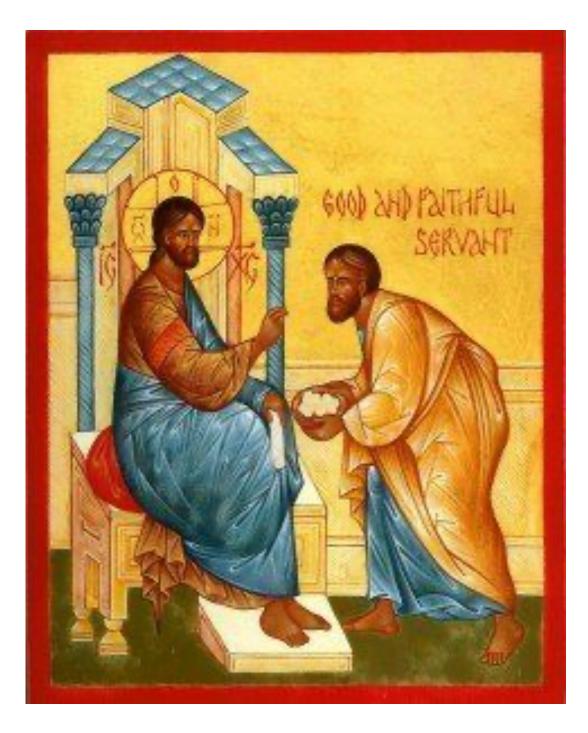
# GRACE EPISCOPAL Church



*The Twenty~fifth Sunday after Pentecost* ~ Proper 28A

November 19, 2023

Service Program for the 10:30 a.m. Sung Mass Bulletin Insert from the Episcopal Church *Grace Notes This Week at Grace* 

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We are a diverse community united by our commitment to Jesus Christ and our desire to live the Christian life. Our prayers and the Sacraments help us find Christ in church and in the world. Seeing Christ in each other and in the faces of strangers, we are inspired to reach out in love and service.

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**ELCOME** to all who are joining with us virtually as we celebrate *THE TWENTY*-*FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST.* We hope you feel at home with us and that you find the love, peace, inspiration, and strength to meet the challenges of your daily life.

We hope that you will take part in our worship by making the Peoples' responses as indicated and joining in the hymn-singing.

If you would like more information about Grace Church, or the Episcopal Church, please communicate with our Rector, The Rev. Rowena Kemp, or make an appointment with her to discuss any questions you have.

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Sung Mass, 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Marcus Halley, *Celebrant* 

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Proper 28A

Mass Setting:Missa de Sancta Maria MagdalenaHealey Willan (d. 1968)This setting of the Ordinary of the Mass is for congregational singing.

Voluntary: Master Tallis's Testament

Herbert Howells (d. 1983)

### Entrance Rite and The Liturgy of the Word

Introit (choir) Dicit Dominus

Mode VI

[Antiphon] Thus saith the Lord: "I have thoughts for you, which are thoughts only of peace and not of affliction. Ye shall call upon me, and I will hearken unto you, and I will bring you back from all the places where I have driven you." [Psalm] Lord, thou art become gracious unto thy land: thou hast restored the fortunes of Jacob. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. [Repeat antiphon.]

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: ₩ Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no Asecrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

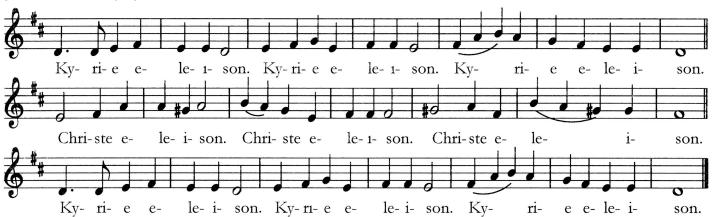
Summary of the Law

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith:

THOU shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Kyrie eleison (sung by all)

H. Willan



Gloria in excelsis (sung by all)



The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

BLESSED LORD, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: BGrant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*  Old Testament Lesson: Zephaniah I: 7, I2-I8 /NRSV/

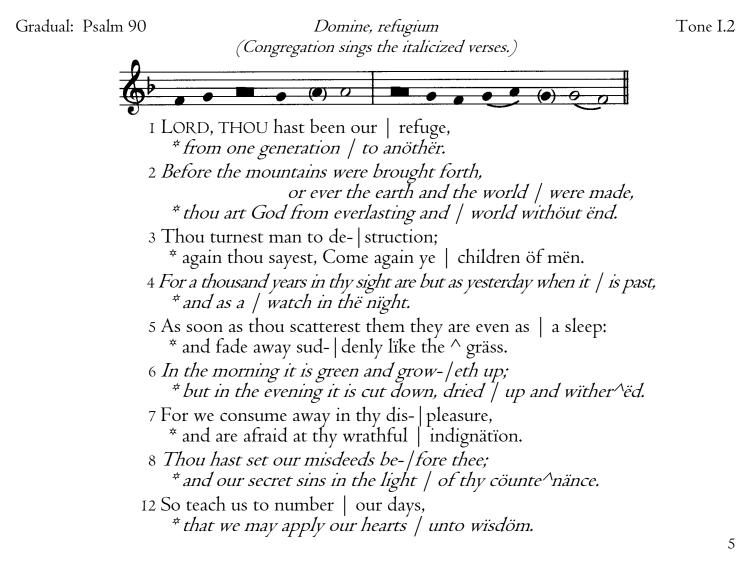
A reading from the Book of Zephaniah.

 $B^{\rm E}$  silent before the LORD GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

*People's Response:* Thanks be to God.





1st Thessalonians Paul's Letter to the church at Thessolanica

The Epistle: I Thessalonians 5: I-II /NRSV/

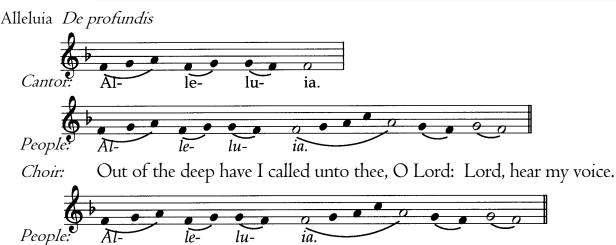
A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.

*People's Response:* Thanks be to God.





Tone VI

The Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 25: I4-30 /RSV/

Celebrant:The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.People's response:& Glory be to thee, O Lord.

"TOR it will be as when a man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them  $\Gamma$  his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to every one who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.'

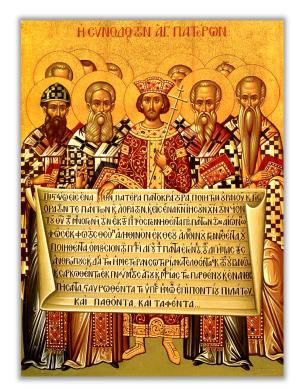
The Gospel of the Lord.

People's Response: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

Mr. Aldon Hynes





The Nicene Creed (sung by all)

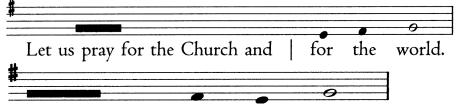


0 suf- fer- ed and was bu- riand the third day he rose a- gain ed; he cor-ding to the Scrip-tures, and as-cend-ed in-to hea-ven, and sit- teth on the ac-**>** right hand of the Fa- ther; and he shall come a- gain, with glo-ry, judge both to the quick and the dead; whose king-dom shall have no end. And I be-lieve in the . σ Holy Ghost the Lord, and Gi-ver of Life, who pro-ceed eth from the Fa-ther and the Son; who with the Fa-ther and the Son to-ge-ther wor-shipp'd and glo-riis fi- ed; . . spake by the Pro-phets. And I be-lieve one ho-ly Cath-o-lic and A- po- stowho Church; I ac-know-ledge one Bap-tism for the re-mis-sion of sins: and I look for lic the re- sur-rec-tion of the dead, "and the life of the world to come. Amen.

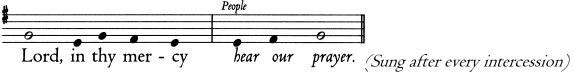


The Prayers of the People

Leader:



Grant almighty God, that all who confess thy Name may be united in thy truth, live together in thy love, and reveal thy glory / in the world. *(Silence)* 



- *Leader:* Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the / common good. *(Silence)* Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.
- *Leader:* Give us all a reverence for the earth as thine own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to thy hon-/or and glory. *(Silence)* Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.
- *Leader:* Watch over thy child *Soraya,* O Lord, as her days increase; bless and guide her wherever she may be. Strengthen her when she stands; comfort her when discouraged or sorrowful; raise her up if she falls; and in her heart may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days / of her life. *(Silence)* Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.
- *Leader:* We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish; that we may have the hands and hearts to carry / out thy will. *(Silence)*

Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.

*Leader:* We commend to thy gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad *[especially N.]*. Defend them day by day with thy heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them courage to face the perils which beset them; and grant them a sense of thine abiding presence wherever / they may be. *(Silence)* 

Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.

Leader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit (pause); give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of / thy salvation. (Silence)

Lord, in thy mercy *People:* hear our prayer.

*Leader:* We commend to thy mercy all who have died, that thy will for them may be fulfilled *(pause)*; and we pray that we may share with all thy saints in thine e-/ternal kingdom. *(Silence)* 

Lord, in thy mercy People: hear our prayer.

*Celebrant:* Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *People* 

Confession of Sin and Absolution

- *Deacon:* Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways: draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God, devoutly kneeling.
- *People:* Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- *Celebrant:* Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, # pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

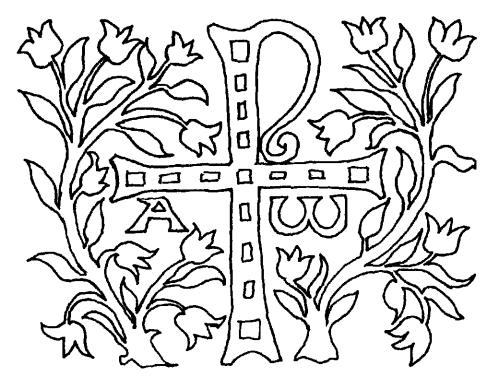
Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew II: 28* God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3: 16* 

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the Name of the Lord.





The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

*Celebrant:* Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good thy vows unto the Most High. *Psalm 50: 14* 

Offertory (choir) De profundis

Mode II

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.

Hymn 598 (sung by all) "Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth"

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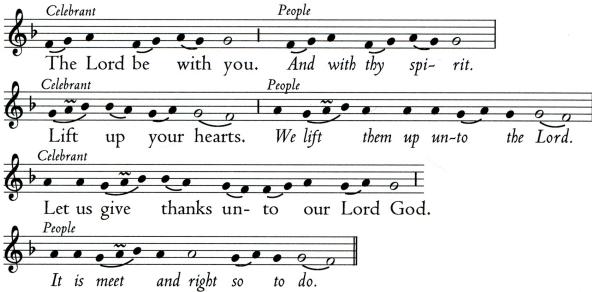
Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord,

*People:* And of thine own have we given thee.

Orate

- *Celebrant:* Pray that this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.
- *People:* May the Lord receive this sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his holy Name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.

Sursum corda



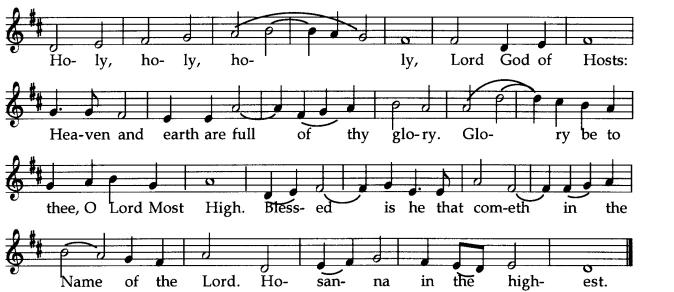
#### Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant says,

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

 $T^{\rm HROUGH}$  Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Sanctus and Benedictus *(sung by all)* 



H. Willan

The Canon of the Mass

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender Mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."  $\bigstar$ 

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."  $\blacksquare$ 

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, # be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

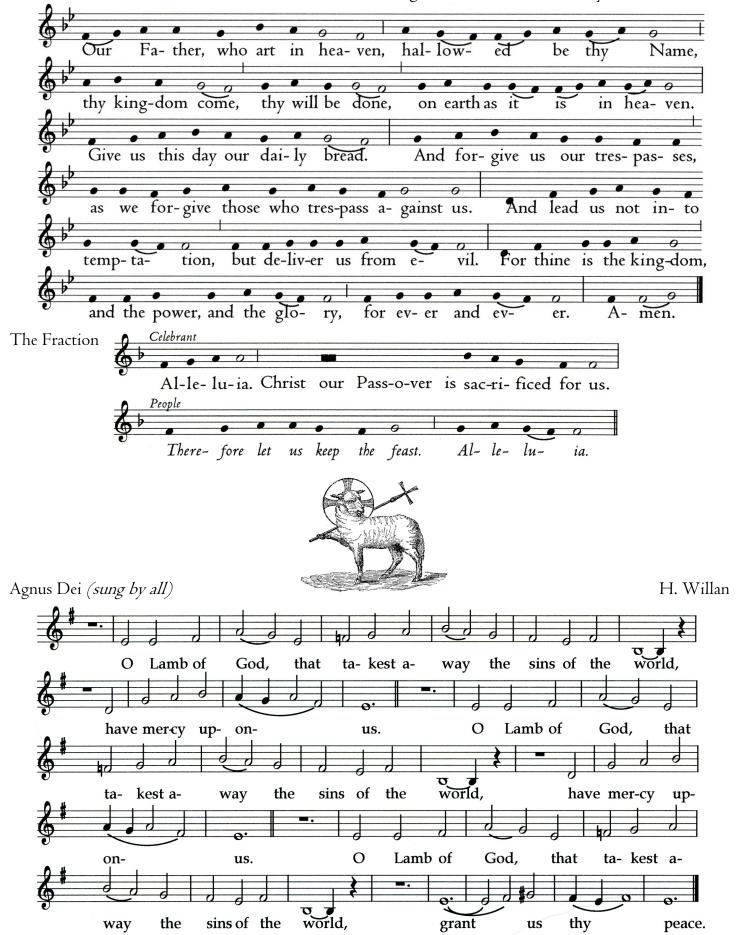
And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

 $\mathbf{B}^{\mathrm{Y}}$  whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be Bunto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People

The Lord's Prayer (sung by all)

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,



Prayer of Humble Access (said by all)

Celebrant: Let us pray.

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Invitation to Communion

- *Celebrant:* 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.
- *People:* Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof; but speak the word only, and my soul shall be healed.

Communion (choir) Domine, quinque talenta

Mode VII

O LORD, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. Well done, faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter into the joy of thy Lord.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion (said by those worshipping virtually)

IN UNION, O Dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, where Thy blessed Body and Blood are being offered to the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving. I present to Thee my soul and body, with the earnest wish that I may ever be united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee. Let me live and die in Thy love. Amen.



Motet (choir)

Ave, verum Corpus, natum ex Maria Virgine; vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine; cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine. O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu, Fili Mariae, miserere mei.

[Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, who truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind; from whose pierced side flowed water and blood. Be unto us a foretaste (of the heavenly banquet) in the hour of our death. O sweet, O gracious Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy upon me.]

William Byrd, 1605

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*People:* Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these Holy Mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical Body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty,  $\blacksquare$  the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.* 

*Deacon:* Let us go forth in the name of Christ. *The People respond:* Thanks be to God.



The Last Gospel

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

*People:* And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: The Beginning of the holy Gospel according to John.

*People:* ➡ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him: and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men: and the light shineth in the darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that light, but was sent to bear witness of that light. That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. *(Here genuflect)* And the Word was made flesh, *(Here rise)* and dwelt among us: and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the Onlybegotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

St. John I:I-I4

Salve Regina *(choir)* 

SALVE REGINA, mater misericordia: Vita, dulcendo, et spes nostra salve. Ad te Sclamamus, exsules filii Hevae. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte. Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsilium ostende. O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.

[Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us; and after this our exile show us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.]



#### The Angelus

*Celebrant:* The Angel of the Lord announced unto Mary.

*People:* And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

- *Celebrant:* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
- *People:* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Celebrant: Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

*People:* Be it unto me according to thy word.

*Celebrant:* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

*People:* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

(Here genuflect) Celebrant: And the Word was made flesh.

(Here rise) People: And dwelt among us.

- *Celebrant:* Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
- *People:* Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Celebrant: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

*People:* That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts, that, as we have known the Incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his  $\blacksquare$  Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 



Voluntary: O God of Love (A Meditation for Organ)



John Corigliano (b. 1938); arr. Richard Dirksen

#### November 19, 2023 – Pentecost 25 (A) Meet Your Episcopal Service Corps Programs: Servant Year, Philadelphia, PA

Young adults joining Servant Year commit to a year of volunteer local service, as well as a common rhythm of life, spiritual companionship, and asking big questions.

#### Spiritual Life

Community life is shaped by a daily round of prayer. Each community has its own regular pattern for this prayer, established at the start of the year. In addition, worship is a central charism of the Servant Year community. As such, Corps members actively participate in the larger worshiping community of nearby Episcopal Churches: Saint Mark's or St. James.



For eleven months, Servant Year members form a community within the community of either Saint Mark's or St. James School, which is larger and more dispersed. It is home to others who live there, and in some ways a home for the people who work, learn, pray, and have fellowship in its broader community. A home is a safe place by definition, and we commit to safeguarding one another's safety in every reasonable way, primarily by taking responsibility for ourselves and our own actions.

#### Volunteering

Through Servant Year, corps members embody the idea that Christian service begins with the recognition that we are called to service through our baptism, locating all work in response to the echoing command of Jesus to his disciples to "go" and do something! Servant Year members serve either at St. James School or St. Mark's Church, according to their gifts discerned during the interview process.

Servant Year members receive housing at either St. James School or St. Mark's Church, in individual rooms. Members also receive a \$600 monthly stipend, and are encouraged to participate in a retirement savings plan in which the program matches member contributions up to \$1,100. Members receive health insurance with no charge to themselves, and the program covers all co-pays for care. A \$5,000 education award to help with student loans or continued education after the program is available to all members. The program also covers travel costs for arrival and departure for the year of service and one trip during the service year. The program also supplies each member with a \$500 clothing allowance at the beginning of the year.

Applications for the 2024-2025 Corps will open December 1. Visit ESC's website to learn more about Servant Year or to take the ESC Discernment Quiz, *EpiscopalServiceCorps.org*.



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#### FOR PASTORAL ASSISTANCE

**THE REV. ROWENA KEMP** welcomes hearing from you. Please don't hesitate to contact her if there's something you'd like to discuss, and please contact her immediately, should there be an illness, hospitalization, or any other pastoral emergency that she should know about. [For such emergencies, please note Rev. Rowena's cell phone number: 203-209-4178.]

#### PEOPLE AND PLACES TO KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

<mark>A reminder: Tori Burns manages this list for us, and prayer requests need to be renewed after 2 weeks.</mark> <u>Please communicate all prayer requests & updates with her (860-539-8790); (tburns@gracehartford.org).</u>

- *Bishops and Clergy:* Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, Presiding Bishop; Jeffrey and Laura, Bishops of ECCT; and Rowena, Jerry, Annika, Joseph, and Marcus, our priests.
- *Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:* We pray for an increase in the membership of this parish, that we may have the hands and hearts to carry out thy will; for the Episcopal Church in CT & the Anglican Communion; St. James', Winsted; All Saints', Wolcott; the Program & Budget Committee, and Faith & Order Commission.
- *World & Community Concerns:* For peace throughout the world, especially between Israel and Gaza and in the Middle East; in Sudan; and between Russia and Ukraine; for Christians being persecuted around the world, particularly in China and Palestine; for those who are suffering because of extreme climate; for the hungry and poor in our midst; and the volunteers who serve *A Place of Grace* food pantry.
- Serving Our Country in the Military (especially those associated with Grace Church): Brian, Spencer, Bradley, Curtis, Jordan, John, Carrington, William, Noel, James, Ryan, Michael, Karl, Alec, Jeff, David, Tom, Michael, and Charles.
- *Thanksgiving and Celebrations:* We give thanks and ask for thy blessings upon Soraya Dominguez (Sun.), and Cassandra Bouchard (Fri.), whose birthdays we celebrate this week.
- *Sick or in need:* Bob & Pamela; Rowena & Kane; Maureen & the Blake Family; The Volke & Shoen Families; Nelda Sue & the Ludwig Family; Adrianne & Ken; Tom & Elaine; Josephine, Melissa & Jaden; Sally; Jerry; Bonnie & the Burns Family; Richard; Errol, Norma & the Kemp Family; Ellen; Barbara; Nigel, Kraig & Deidre; Dick, Leanne, Aldon, Kim & Fiona; Carmen & Félix; Mary; Monica; Antoinette; Julia, Mike, André & Maria; Linda & the Galarza Family; Olivia; Miguelina & Family, Anthony & Gail, Cori and the Mackey Family; Brad; Debbie; Leslie, Melissa; Joe; Margaret; Judy; Peter; Doug; Jane; Bill, Carolyn & Susan; Lynn; McJohn; Doreen; Karen; Terra; Kanata; Betty & John; Mary & Lou; Nazra; Diane; Nina; Ellen and Jim; Lauren, Alexandra & Anna; Mark & Diane; Jean; and all victims of natural and man-made disasters.
- *The Deceased:* We pray for the repose of Arthur Leeth, Jonathan Volke, Melinda Schoen, James Shafer, all soldiers and civilians killed in war or civil strife, and in memory of Marilyn Parker, Helen Newman, Eleanor Kimball Morse, Jody Fraser, Alexander Klemonski, and Eunice Lyman, in whose memory the flowers are given (*by Barbara Galbreath*).

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## THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, November 19 The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 28 8:00 a.m.: Low Mass **10:30 a.m.**: Sung Mass (also on Facebook Live) Monday, November 20 Edmund, King of East Anglia, 870 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.: Set-up for Thanksgiving "A Place of Grace" food pantry **Tuesday**, November 21 9:15 to 11:30 a.m.: "A Place of Grace" food pantry Thanksgiving distribution 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Office Hours Wednesday, November 22 9:15 a.m.: Low Mass (also on Facebook Live), followed by breakfast at Effie's **10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**: Office Hours 7:00 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal Thursday, November 23 THANKSGIVING DAY **10:00 a.m.:** Facebook Live Low Mass Friday, November 24 Feria 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Office Hours Sunday, November 26 The Last Sunday after Pentecost ~ CHRIST THE KING 8:00 a.m.: Low Mass **10:30 a.m.**: Solemn High Mass (also on Facebook Live) 80----- y + y + y + y ----- ca Visit <u>"Grace Episcopal Church, Hartford CT"</u> on FACEBOOK Please join, and help us spread the good news online!



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