

GRACE episcopal church



The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 21C

September 28, 2025

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## Grace Episcopal Church

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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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WELCOME to all who are joining with us virtually as we celebrate *THE SIXTEENTH 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.

GRACE EPISCOPAL church

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Sung Mass, 10:30 A.M.

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Mass Setting: *Missa de Sancta Maria Magdalena*

Healey Willan (d. 1968)

*This setting of the Ordinary of the Mass is for congregational singing.*  
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Voluntary: Prelude and Fugue in B-flat major

Johann Ludwig Krebs (d. 1780)

ENTRANCE RITE AND THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Introit (*choir*) *Omnia quae fecisti*

Tone VII

(*Antiphon*) **E**VERYTHING THAT THOU HAST BROUGHT UPON US, O Lord God, thou hast done in righteousness and judgement: for we have trespassed against thee, and have not obeyed thy commandments; but give glory and honour to thy Name, and deal with us according to the multitude of thy tender mercies. [*Psalm*] Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way: and walk in the law of the Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. 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 secrets 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

Ky- ri- e e- le- i- son. Ky- ri- e e- le- i- son. Ky- ri- e e- le- i- son.

Chri- ste e- le- i- son. Chri- ste e- le- i- son. Chri- ste e- le- i- son.

Ky- ri- e e- le- i- son. Ky- ri- e e- le- i- son. Ky- ri- e e- le- i- son.



in excelsis deo!

Gloria in excelsis (*sung by all*)

H. Willan

Cantor *All*

[Glo-ry be to God on high,] and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee, we wor-ship thee, we glo-ri-fy
thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glo-ry, O Lord God, heaven-ly
King, God the Fa-ther Al-might-ty. O Lord, the
on-ly be-got-ten Son, Je-sus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the
Fa-ther, that ta-kest a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.
Thou that take-st a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer. Thou that
sit-test at the right hand of God the Fa-ther, have mer-cy up-on us.
For thou on-ly art ho-ly; thou on-ly art the Lord; thou on-ly, O
Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glo-ry of
God the Fa-ther. A-men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The LORD be with you.

People: And with thy spirit.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament Lesson: Amos 6: 1a, 4-7 [NRSV]

A Reading from the Book of Amos.

ALAS for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

The Word of the LORD.

People's Response: Thanks be to God.

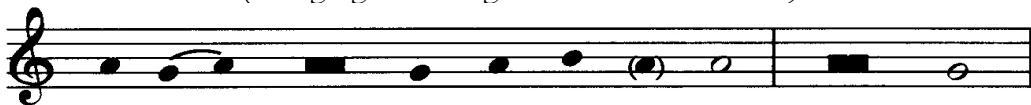


Gradual: Psalm 146

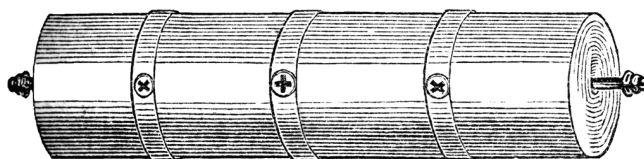
Lauda, anima mea

Tone IV.6

(Congregation sings the italicized verses.)



- 1 PRAISE THE LORD, O my soul: while I live, will I | praise the LORD;
* *yea, as long as I have any being, I will sing praises unto my / God.*
- 2 O put not your trust in princes, nor in any | child of man;
* *for there is no help in / them.*
- 3 For when the breath of man goeth forth, he shall turn again | to his earth,
* and then all his thoughts pe- | rish.
- 4 *Blessed is he that hath the God of Jacob / for his help,*
* *and whose hope is in the LORD his / God:*
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that | therein is;
* who keepeth his promise for e- | ver;
- 6 *Who helpeth them to right that / suffer wrong;*
* *who feedeth the hun- / gry.*
- 7 The LORD looseth men | out of prison;
* the LORD giveth sight to the | blind.
- 8 *The LORD helpeth them / that are fallen;*
* *the LORD careth for the righ- / teous.*
- 9 The LORD careth for the strangers†; he defendeth the father- | less and widow:
* as for the way of the ungodly, he turneth it upside | down.
- 10 *The LORD thy God, O Sion, shall be King for / evermore,*
* *and throughout all genera- / tions.*



The Epistle: I Timothy 6: 6-19 [NRSV]

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to Timothy.

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time — he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honour and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Word of the LORD.

People's Response: Thanks be to God.

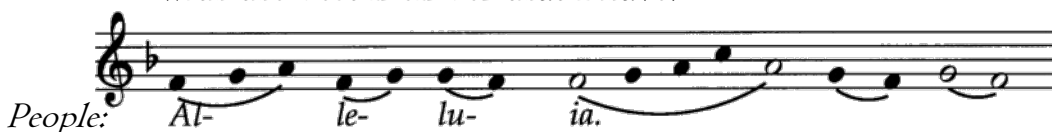


Alleluia *Paratum cor meum*

Tone VI



Choir: O GOD, MY HEART is ready, my heart is ready: I will sing, and give praise with the best member that I have.



The Holy Gospel: St. Luke 16: 19-31 [RSV]

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: ✠ Glory be to thee, O Lord.

[JESUS SAID,] “THERE was a rich man, who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, full of sores, who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table; moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried; and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes, and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus in his bosom. And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy upon me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in anguish in this flame.’ But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if some one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced if some one should rise from the dead.’”

The Gospel of the LORD.

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



Cre - do in u - num De - - um. Pa - trem o - mni - po - ten - tem,
I believe in one God, the-Father almighty,

fa-cto-rem coe-li et ter-rae, vi-si-bi-li-um o - - mni-um, et in-vi-si-bi - - li-um.
maker of-heaven and of-earth, visible of-all-things and invisible.

Et in u-num Do-mi-num Je-sum Chri-stum, Fi-li-um De-i u-ni-ge-ni-tum,
And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the-Son of-God only-begotten,

et ex Pa-tre na - - tum an - te o - mni - a sae - - cu - la.
and from the-Father born before all worlds.

De-um de De - o, lu-men de lu-mi-ne, De-um ve-rum de De - o ve-ro.
God of God, light of light, God true of God true.

Ge-ni-tum, non fa - - ctum, con-sub-stan-ti - a-lem Pa-tri: per quem o-mni-a fa-cta sunt.
Begotten, not made, of-one-substance with-the-Father: by whom all-things made were.

Qui pro-pter nos ho-mi-nes, et pro-pter no-stram sa-lu-tem de-scen-dit de coe-lis,
Who for us humans, and for our salvation descended from heaven,

P (*Here genuflect*) ***pp***

Et in-car-na-tus est de Spi-ri-tu San-cto ex Ma-ri-a Vir-gi-ne: et ho-mo fa-ctus est.
And incarnate was by the-Spirit Holy of Mary the-Virgin: and human made was.

f (*Here rise*)

Cru-ci - fi - - xus e-ti-am pro no - bis sub Pon-ti-o Pi-la-to pas-sus et se-pul - - tus est.
Crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, suffered and buried was.



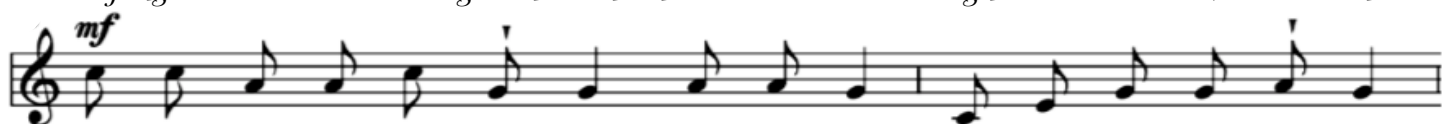
Et re-sur-re-xit ter-ti-a di-e, se-cun-dum Scri-ptu-ras. Et a-scen-dit in coe-lum:
And rose-again the-third day, according-to the-Scriptures. And ascended into heaven:



se-det ad dex-te-ram Pa-tris. Et i-te-rum ven-tu-rus est cum glo-ri-a
he-sits at the-right-hand of-the-Father. And again to-come is with glory



ju-di-ca-re vi-vos et mor-tu-os: cu-jus re-gni non e-rit fi-nis.
to judge the-living and the-dead: of-whose kingdom not shall-be an-end.



Et in Spi-ri-tum San-ctum, Do-mi-num, et vi-vi-fi-can-tem:
And in the-Spirit Holy, the-Lord, and giver-of-life:



qui ex Pa-tre. Fi-li-o-que pro-ce-dit. Qui cum Pa-tre et Fi-li-o
who from the-Father and-the-Son proceeds. Who with the-Father and the-Son



si-mul a-do-ra-tur, et con-glo-ri-fi-ca-tur: qui lo-cu-tus est per Pro-phe-tas.
alike is-worshiped, and together-is-glorified: who spoken has by the-Prophets.



Et u-nam, san-ctam, ca-tho-li-cam, et a-po-sto-li-cam Ec-cle-si-am.
And in-one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.




Con-fi-te-or u-num ba-ptis-ma in re-mis-si-o-nem pec-ca-to-rum.
I acknowledge one baptism for the-remission of-sins.



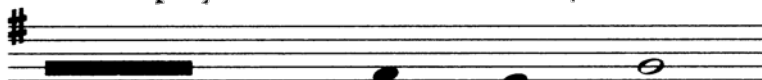
✠ Et ex-pe-cto re-sur-re-cti-o-nem mor-tu-o-rum. Et vi-tam ven-tu-ri sae-cu-li.
And I-look-for the-resurrection of-the-dead. And the-life to-come of-the-world.



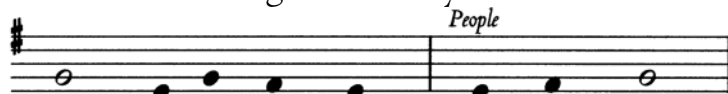
A - - - - - men.



Leader: Let us pray for the Church and | for the world.



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*)



Lord, in thy mer - cy hear our prayer. (*Sung after every intercession*)

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 children *Kraig & Elizabeth*, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall and in their hearts may thy peace which passeth understanding abide all the days / of their lives. (*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



A - men.

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.

Comfortable Words

Celebrant: 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 11: 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) *Super flumina Babylonis*

Tone II

BY THE WATERS OF BABYLON we sat down, and wept: when we remembered thee, O Syon.

Hymn 609 (sung by all)

"Where cross the crowded ways of life"

Gardiner

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed
3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the
4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to
5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low

1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -
4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less
5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy

1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.
2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.
3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.
4 throngs a - bid, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;
5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

Presentation of the alms and oblations

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

Celebrant: The LORD be with you. *People:* And with thy spi - rit.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts. *People:* We lift them up un - to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks un - to our Lord God.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

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.

THROUGH 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·SANCTUS·SANCTUS

Sanctus and Benedictus (*sung by all*)

H. Willan

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts:

Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo - ry be to

thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the

Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

ALL glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender
A 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." ✠

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." ✠

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;

BY whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be
B unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.

People

—•—•—•—
A- men.



The Lord's Prayer

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

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be thy Name,
 thy king-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven.
 Give us this day our dai-ly bread. And for-give us our tres-pas-ses,
 as we for-give those who tres-pass a- gainst us. And lead us not in- to
 temp-ta- tion, but de-liv-er us from e- vil. For thine is the king-dom,
 and the power, and the glo- ry, for ev- er and ev- er. A- men.

The Fraction

Celebrant
 Al-le- lu-ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri- ficed for us.
People
 There- fore let us keep the feast. Al- le- lu- ia.

Agnus Dei (*sung by all*)

H. Willan

O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a- way the sins of the world,
 have mercy up- on- us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta-kest a- way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up-
 on- us. O Lamb of God, that ta-kest a-
 way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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*) *Memento verbi tui*

Tone I

REMEMBER THY WORD unto thy servant, O Lord, wherein thou hast caused me to put my trust: the same is my comfort in my affliction.



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*)

Edward Elgar (d.1934)

A VE, VERUM CORPUS, natum ex Maria Virgine; vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine; cuius latus perforatum vero fluxit sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine, O clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.

[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 merciful, O gracious, O loving Jesus, Son of Mary.]

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, ✠ 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

St. John I: I-I4

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 Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

People: Thanks be to God.

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 exilium 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 ✠ Passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection, through the same Christ our LORD. *Amen.*



Hymn 494 (*sung by all*)

"Crown him with many crowns"

Diademata

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; Hark!
2 Crown him the Son of God be - fore the worlds be - gan, and
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, and
4 Crown him of lords the Lord, who o - ver all doth reign, who
5 Crown him the Lord of heaven, en - throned in worlds a - bove; Crown

1 how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own; a -
2 ye, who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man; who
3 rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save; his
4 once on earth, the in - car - nate Word, for ran - sored sin - ners slain, now
5 him the King, to whom is given the won - drous name of Love. Crown

1 wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and
2 ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast, and
3 glo - ries now we sing who died, and rose on high, who
4 lives in realms of light, where saints with an - gels sing their
5 him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore him fall, crown

1 hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
2 takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
3 died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
4 songs be - fore him day and night, their God, Re - deem - er, King.
5 him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for he is King of all.

Voluntary: Processional

William Mathias (1964)



BULLETIN INSERTS

September 28, 2025 – Pentecost 16 (C) The Nicene Creed: Week 3

To commemorate the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, the Rt. Rev. Matthew Gunter, bishop of Wisconsin, has written a series of reflections on the Nicene Creed and its relevance for contemporary Episcopalians. Over the coming weeks, we'll share his teachings, written mostly in a question-and-answer format.

Wasn't the message of Jesus about what to do and how to be rather than what to believe. Why does the Creed focus on the latter?

The short answer to this question is that the life and teachings of Jesus were not in dispute. The early church already took the teaching and example of Jesus seriously. They were contained in the scriptures, which were already read in worship every week. The church put love and compassion at the heart of its life and teaching. It organized social services for the poor, hungry, and needy. It founded hospitals. Its teaching reflected the example of Jesus in critiquing wealth and violence. It advocated for hospitality to the stranger and foreigner. The dignity of traditionally marginalized groups like women, children, and the poor was honored in a way unprecedented in the ancient world (though, admittedly, the church did not embrace total equality of women and men). The church surely did not practice all of this perfectly, always, and everywhere. But none of the above was particularly controversial. It was the emphatic teaching of the theologians most often identified with the defense of the Nicene faith, e.g., Athanasius of Alexandria, Macrina the Younger, Basil of Caesarea, Gregory of Nazianzus, Gregory of Nyssa, John Chrysostom, Ambrose of Milan, and others. And these teachers understood that the practice of the church is grounded in its belief.

Not everything that was decided by the Council of Nicaea is in the Creed. The Council also addressed issues of church organization and discipline, including penalties for clergy guilty of sensual sin (Canon 2) or greed and usury (Canon 17). Canon 12, reflecting the church's commitment to peace, established penance for those who "having cast aside their military girdles, but afterwards returned, like dogs, to their own vomit." Canon 17 did address a disputed question: to what extent were mercy and forgiveness possible for those who had denied their faith during a recent persecution? Imitating Jesus, the canon declared such people should be "dealt with mercifully."

But those canons did not address the controversy that had led to the calling of the Council of Nicaea. The debate roiling the church was not about Jesus' moral teachings, but rather who Jesus was and how he was related to God, whom he called Father. And, with that, questions about the basic understanding of God. The answer to that question had implications for the salvation of humanity and the restoration of creation. The answer to that question also has implications for why the teaching and example of Jesus should matter more than any other human teacher.

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September 28 *The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 21*

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

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

- *Bishops and Clergy:* Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, Presiding Bishop; Jeffrey and Laura, Bishops of ECCT; Rowena, Jerry, Annika, and Joseph, our priests, and Marta, our curate.
- *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; Christ Church, Stratford; Trinity, Tariffville; St. Peter's-Trinity, Thomaston; youth & youth ministries, J2A, Confirm Not Conform & all other confirmation classes. *Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.*
- *World & Community Concerns:* For peace throughout the world, especially between Iran, 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 Kraig Holmes (Fri.), and Elizabeth Rose (Sat.), whose birthdays we celebrate this week; and Morgan & Heath Tiberio, celebrating their 16th wedding anniversary on Thursday.
- *Sick or in need:* Veronica & the Rovetti Family; Kathy; Nancy; Lucy; Jane; Kristen & Quintin; Lee; Adrienne & Kenneth; Paulo Junior; Felix & Carmen; Mark; Jerry; Bonnie & the Burns Family; Tom & Elaine; Ellen; Sally; Errol, Norma & the Kemp Family; Barbara; Nigel, Kraig & Deidre; Mary; Josephine, Melissa, Jaden, Tay, Soraya & Rapael; Linda, Tiffany & the Galarza Family; Julia, Mike, André & Maria; Soncia; Tom; Gail; Camden; Joan; David; Neil; Lea; Megin; Kathy; Patti; Delores; Nancy; Marcolina; Peter; Sr. Linda; Leonard; Joy; Cori and the Mackey Family; Judy; Jane; Bill, Carolyn & Susan; McJohn; Doreen; Ted; Kanata; Betty & John; Mary & Lou; Nelda Sue; Diane; Michael; Mark & Diane; Jean; and all victims of natural and man-made disasters.
- *The Deceased:* We pray for the repose of all soldiers and civilians killed in war or civil strife, and in memory of Barbara Vaslett, Margaret Merriman, Charles Walden Jr., Michaela Morse Bailey, Jane Hutcheson, Wilbur Hart, Jr., Stephen Hirsch, James P. Wilkinson, and Sona Der Sarkissian, in whose memory the flowers are given *(by Adrienne and Ken T. Brown).*

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE

Sunday, September 28 *The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 21*

8:00 am: Low Mass

10:30 a.m.: Sung Mass (*also on YouTube*)

Tuesday, September 30 *Jerome, Priest and Monk of Bethlehem, 420*

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Office Hours

6:00 p.m.: SOLEMN EVENSONG *presented by HAVEN RELIGIOUS (followed by supper)*

Wednesday, October 1 *Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, c.530*

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.: Office Hours

7:00 p.m.: Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 2

10:00 a.m.: “*A Place of Grace*” food pantry distribution

Friday, October 3

1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Office Hours

Sunday, October 5 *SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS (transferred from September 29)*

8:00 am: Low Mass

10:30 a.m.: Procession and Solemn High Mass (*also on YouTube*)



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All are welcome.

Tuesday, Sep. 30

6:00pm

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