

GRACE episcopal church

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (10A)

July 12, 2026 | 10:30am | Sung Mass

Welcome to Grace!

Restrooms are located in the Parish Hall at the top of the ramp outside.

Hymns are found in the blue hymnal.

The **Mass Setting** and **Nicene Creed** are printed on white pew sheets.

All congregational responses are printed in the bulletin; if you wish to follow along with the words of the celebrant or choir, follow the page references to the red **Book of Common Prayer (BCP)**.

Voluntary: *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier*

J.S. Bach

The Liturgy of the Word

(Please stand when the bell rings at the entrance of the Ministers.)

Introit *Dum clamarem*

Ps. 55, *passim*

Antiphon: When I called upon the Lord, he regarded my petition;
yea, from the battle that was against me:
and he hath brought them down, even he that is of old, and endureth for ever;
O cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall nourish thee.

Psalms: Hear my prayer, O Lord, and hide not thyself from my petition:
take heed unto me, and hear me.

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 from *Grace Mass*, E. Wagner

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Gloria in excelsis from *Grace Mass*, E. Wagner

White pew sheet

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *People*

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(Please be seated for the Lessons.)

A - men.

The First Lesson: Genesis 25:19-34 (NRSV)

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife because she was barren, and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other; the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle, so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came

out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel, so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau because he was fond of game, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual: Psalm 119:105-112 *Lucerna pedibus meis*

Tone III.2

(Congregation remains seated and sings the bold verses.)



I05 *Thy word* is a lantern | unto my feet, *
and a light | unto my paths.

I06 I have sworn, and am | steadfast[^]ly purposed, *
to keep thy | righteous judgments.

I07 I am troubled | above measure: *
quicken me, O Lord, accord|ing to thy word.

I08 Let the free-will offerings of my mouth | please thee, O Lord; *
and teach | me thy judgments.

I09 My soul is | alway [^]in my hand; *
yet do I not | forget thy law.

I10 The ungodly have | laid a [^]snare for me; *
but yet I swerved not from | thy commandments.

I11 Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine herit|age for ever; *
and why? they are the very | joy of my heart.

I12 I have applied my heart to fulfil thy | statutes alway, *
even | unto the end.

The Epistle: Romans 8:I-II (NRSV)

A reading from the Letter to the Romans.

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus

has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do:

by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin,

he condemned sin in the flesh,

so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us,

who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh,

but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God;

it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot,

and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you.

Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin,

but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you,

he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also

through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand for the Alleluia and Gospel.)

Alleluia *Te decet hymnus*

Ps. 65:I



Choir: Thou, O God, art praised in Syon:
and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

The People repeat the Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 13:1-9,18-23 (RSV)

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: ✠ **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat there; and the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they had not much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose they were scorched; and since they had no root they withered away. Other seeds fell upon thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear."

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When any one hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in his heart; this is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is he who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the delight in riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is he who hears the word and understands it; he indeed bears fruit, and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon—The Very Rev. Rowena Kemp, Rector

(Please be seated.)

(Please stand for the Nicene Creed and Prayers of the People.)

The Nicene Creed from *Missa de Angelis*

White pew sheet

The Prayers of the People, Form IV

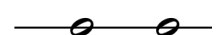
Book of Common Prayer p. 388

Each petition ends with the response:



The Celebrant concludes the Prayers with the following collect:

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*



(Please kneel for the Confession and Absolution.)

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.

All: 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 with all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Please stand for the Comfortable Words and the Peace.)

The Comfortable Words

Matt. 11:28, John 3:16

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.
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.

The Peace

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

People: And with thy spi-rit.

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

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Ps. 50:14

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

Offertory *Ad te Domine*

Ps. 25:1-2a

Unto thee, O Lord, lift I up my soul;
O my God, in thee have I trusted, let me not be confounded:
neither let mine enemies triumph over me;
for all they that hope for thee shall not be ashamed.

Hymn 440 "Blessed Jesus, at thy word"

Liebster Jesu

Presentation of the Alms & 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

The musical notation for the Sursum corda section consists of four staves. The first staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "The Lord be with you." and the People, with the lyrics "And with thy spirit." The second staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Lift up your hearts." and the People, with the lyrics "We lift them up un-to the Lord." The third staff is for the Celebrant, with the lyrics "Let us give thanks un- to our Lord God." The fourth staff is for the People, with the lyrics "It is meet and right so to do." The notation includes treble clefs, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and various musical symbols such as notes, rests, and accidentals.

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

Celebrant *People*
Lift up your hearts. 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.

Celebrant: 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, Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 from *Grace Mass*, E. Wagner

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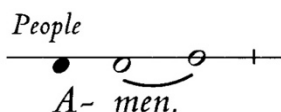
(Please kneel for the Consecration.)

The Consecration

Book of Common Prayer p. 334

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer, which ends:

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



The Lord's Prayer

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

A musical score for 'The Lord's Prayer' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are: '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 music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

The Fraction

A musical score for 'The Fraction' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves of music. The first staff is for the Celebrant and the second is for the People. The lyrics are: 'Al-le-lu-ia. Christ our Pass-o-ver is sac-ri-ficed for us. There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu-ia.' The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

Prayer of Humble Access

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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 *Qui manducat*

John 6:56

He that eateth my Flesh, and drinketh my Blood: dwelleth in me, and I in him.

Hymn 337 vv. 1-2 “And now, O Father, mindful of thy love”

Unde et memores

(Please stand for the Postcommunion prayer.)

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: 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.

(Please kneel for the Blessing.)

The Blessing

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.**

(Please stand for the Dismissal and Last Gospel.)

The Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

The Last Gospel

St. John I: I-14

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 misericordiae:
 Vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
 Ad te clamamus, 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, O Queen, Mother of Mercy:
 our life, sweetness, and hope, hail.
 To you we cry, exiled children of Eve.
 To you we sigh, groaning and weeping
 in this vale of tears.
 Now, therefore, our Advocate,
 turn those your merciful eyes upon us.
 And after this our exile, show to us Jesus,
 the blessed fruit of your womb. O gentle,
 O faithful, 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.**

Celebrant: Behold the handmaid of the LORD.

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

Celebrant: Hail Mary, full of grace...

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

People: (*Here rise*) **And dwelt among us.**

Celebrant: Hail Mary, full of grace...

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 344 "Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing"

Sicilian Mariners

Voluntary: *Prelude and Fugue in F major*

J.L. Krebs

(*Please remain seated during the Voluntary.*)

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 12 & Sunday, July 26, following the 10:30am Mass: Rector's Forum

Saturday, July 18, 10:00am: All Parish Conversation with Bishop Laura Ahrens

Sunday, July 19, 10:00am: Jazz Mass at Christ Church Cathedral

A contingent from Grace will attend this annual multi-parish service featuring the Hot Cat Jazz Band. Grace's 8:00am and 10:30am services will also take place as usual.

Sunday, July 26 – Thursday, July 30, 5:30 – 7:30pm: Vacation Bible School

Join others from the North Central Region at St. John's Episcopal Church, West Hartford for an intergenerational VBS exploring and celebrating God's Creation. Cost is \$20/person or \$60/family, with scholarships available. Dinner is included. Registration closes July 23; email office@gracehartford.org to receive the sign-up form.

Saturday, August 1, 9:00am - 3:00pm: Camp Washington Tag Sale & Bake Sale

Rain or shine – used treasures and baked treats for sale to support Camp Washington's ministry. Email camp@campwashington.org to rent a table for \$25 and sell your own "stuff", or for information about donating either quality household goods or baked treats.

Every week:

Sunday Eucharist at 8:00am and 10:30am

Food Pantry Distribution at 9:00am on Thursdays (closed on 1st Thursdays)

Office Hours:

Tuesday, 10:00am – 3:00pm

Wednesday, 1:00pm – 5:00pm

Friday, 10:00am – 3:00pm

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