

The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost



10 November 2024

Choral Holy Eucharist: Rite II
With Blessing of Knitters
10:00 AM

Grace Episcopal Church

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Welcome!

Welcome to those of you here. Here's some information:

Most Sundays, we have Church School at 10:00 am with trained teachers. The classroom is located through the door at the front right of the chapel and down the hall; please ask if you need help finding it. The children will join us in church at the Peace and for Communion. All baptized children of any age are welcome to receive communion.

Please join in the singing! Hymnals are located in the pew and the numbers are listed in the leaflet. **"S"** numbered hymns are found in the front of the *Hymnal 1982*. The *Book of Common Prayer* may also be found in the rack in front of you.

This is a self-supporting congregation, so when the plate is passed in the middle of the service, please be generous. Today's collection will support our ministries to the community.

At the communion, God welcomes all to the heavenly banquet. The Episcopal Church offers the sacraments to anyone baptized in any denomination who, through prayer and thoughtful consideration, desires them. Please come to the communion rail to receive the bread whether you are an Episcopalian or not, or to receive a blessing.

When coming to the rail for communion, please kneel or stand at the rail from right to left until the rail is full. You may receive the wafer, receive the wine after consuming the wafer (no intinction) or may ask for a blessing. Please let the priest know if you need **gluten free**.

The priest, Debbie, is available after the service to answer any questions you might have. Please let her know your thoughts about today's service.

If this is your first time here, please sign the book at the entrance of the church. If you want more information, our website is www.gracechurchsalem.org. Our weekly newsletter, called Grace Notes, can be found there. If you wish to receive the newsletter, simply go to the website, open Grace Notes and subscribe.

May we all find the service meaningful and the embrace of the community inviting. It is a joy to worship together, wherever we are in our journey.

The Opening Rite

Opening Voluntary Vesper Voluntary No. 3 Edward Elgar

The Hymn at the Procession *The Hymnal 1982, #598*
Lord Christ, when first thou camest to earth *Mit Dreuden zart*

Opening Acclamation *The Book of Common Prayer, page 355*

Trisagion *The Hymnal 1982, S 101*
Holy God, holy and mighty *John Rutter*

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Word of the Lord

The Lessons *The people sit.*

The First Lesson

1 Kings 17:8-16

The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so

that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146

Frederick Ousley



- 1 Hallelujah!
Praise the LORD, O my soul! *
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- 2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
— for there is no help in them.
- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- †9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

The Epistle

Laura Beasley-Topliffe

The Sequence Hymn

What does the Lord require

The Hymnal 1982, #605

Sharpethorne

The Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Deborah Phillips

The Nicene Creed

The Book of Common Prayer, page 358

Prayers of the People: Form VI

page 392

The Blessing of Knitters and their Hats

Gracious God, you knit us together in our mothers’ wombs so that we are marvelously made: Bless these knitters who come before us this day; whose hands have been instruments of creation and beauty; who have used humble tools and hand-spun wool in order to provide cover and warmth for children and others near and far. Bless their hands. These instruments of love have done mundane tasks, yet also create beauty. They reach out, touch, stroke, scrub, lift, grasp, gesture and guide, and all for your love’s sake. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Anthem

Ryan Hebert

How shall I sing that Majesty Which angels do admire? Let dust in dust and silence lie; Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir. Thousands of thousands stand around Thy throne, O God most high; Ten thousand times ten thousand sound Thy praise; but who am I? Thy brightness unto them appears, Whilst I Thy footsteps trace; A sound of God comes to my ears, But they behold Thy face. They sing because Thou art their Sun; Lord, send a beam on me; For where heaven is but once begun There alleluias be. Enlighten with faith's light my heart, In flame it with love's fire; Then shall I sing and bear a part With that celestial choir. I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, With all my fire and light; Yet when Thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite. How great a being, Lord, is Thine, Which doth all beings keep! Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep. Thou art a sea without a shore, A sun without a sphere; Thy time is now and evermore, Thy place is everywhere.—John Mason -

The Hymn at the Presentation

Lift Every Voice and Sing, #202

The Church of God

Hezekiah Brinson, Jr.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP, page 361

The Sanctus

The Hymnal 1982, S 125

Holy, holy, holy

Richard Proulx

The Lord's Prayer

BCP, page 364

The Fraction

All present are invited to receive the Holy Sacrament.

Communion Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, #707

Take my life and let it be

Hollingside

Postcommunion Prayer

page 365

Postcommunion Hymn

The Hymnal 1982, #607

O God of every nation

Llangloffan

Blessing and Dismissal

Refreshments are offered in the Lobby for all.

— **Worship Leaders** —

The Reverend Deborah Phillips	<i>Presider and Preacher</i>
Joanne Moar	<i>Vesper</i>
Gavin Watson-Betrand	<i>Acolyte</i>
Maureen Bingham	<i>Lector</i>
Lisa Duffy	<i>Chalicer</i>
Jason Barnes, Barbara Layne	<i>Usbers</i>

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Our Prayers are offered for

For Nancy and Christine, Reny Sparapani, Neil Olson, Gary Young, those recovering from Hurricane Helene and Milton, Amy, Paul, Chuck and Tom Brown, Claire Smith, Heather and Prescott,, Ariana, Sheridan, Faith Aroko and Family, Jesse Hurst and Family, Angela Williams, Neal and Maureen Joyce, Arthur, Jane Thompson, Deb Young, Cindy Rhodes, Ron, Gerald Tucker, Allison Mascolo, Melissa Glassman, Max Joyce, Marc Britt and Francie Hill, those battling cancer, especially Faith's friend and the Princess of Wales, for Mel, Corey MacNeil, Dianne, Michael Towey, Jenny, Loretta and Kris, Deb Papps, Derek Fuller and Family, the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and their ministries, for Ukraine and Haiti; the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Salem, the Salem Public Schools and for an end to racism, war, anti-Semitism, gun violence and oppression. In thanksgiving, we pray for our Bible Study, for those giving Epistles this season, for your guidance, for this community of faith, for rest and refreshment, for creation, for the diversity of your people, and for all the blessings of this life. If you have prayer requests, please email prayelistlist@gracechurchsalem.org by Tuesday at noon for publication in that week's e-news.

Stewardship 2025

The last few weeks, we have heard stories from our community of times they “walked in love.” This is our theme for our 2025 Stewardship season. Those times when we have felt the presence of love it changes us in profound ways. The wells of generosity and grace seem to overflow from our hearts. The stories of those times invite us to consider our own.

For those of you new to pledging in The Episcopal Church, it is our annual financial commitment to the ministries of Grace Church. These are not our ministries, but God’s working in us. Our pledge supports our priest, our structure, and those other resources necessary for God’s work in us. It is also a commitment to the person online who joins us each week, the person sitting near you in the pew, the next child baptized, anyone whom you encounter now or in the future. It is a token of the ways we walk in love together.

This year, those of you who receive our weekly newsletter will receive your pledge card via email. It will contain a link to the pledge card. Simply fill it out and submit. There will also be pledge cards in the church for those who may not receive the newsletter or would prefer to give in this way.

How do you determine how much to give? You pray about it. Seriously, ask God what amount you are called to give. Priscilla offers that she, “Gives until it feels good.” Others use a % of income. 10% is the scriptural amount, “the tithe,” but you may want to give a different % of income. For 2024, 53 households pledged over \$120,000 for an average pledge of about \$2300.

Many are having their banks send us their donation electronically, usually monthly. Simply direct your bank to mail the check to Grace Church regularly (most are monthly).

We are invited to take advantage of this time set apart to consider our relationship with God and one another. Let us continue to walk in love during this time when so many need this love more than ever.

In gratitude,
Debbie+

Link to the pledge card <https://www.gracechurchsalem.org/stewardship>

The logo features a stylized cross with four arrows pointing outwards (up, down, left, right) in blue and red, with colorful leaves (yellow, red, blue) at the ends of the arms.

Walk in Love

Perseverance

I came from Mexico in 1999, leaving behind all of my family and friends. My husband got a job at the dairy next door to The Bishop's Ranch in Healdsburg California, so I walked over and asked for work. I had to repeat myself many times before they would consider me, because I didn't speak English, but I told the director that if they would give me a job I would learn English. Now I have three associates degrees, and I teach English, too. This is a way of walking in love for me. The hospitality we practice at The Bishop's Ranch is another way of walking in love. I am happy with my work if people feel the love of God here; in the kindness of the community and the natural environment.

I have three sons and a daughter born in the United States. The youngest, Juan Pablo, was born with spina bifida and lived for six years, ten months and twenty-one days. To walk in love is not dependent on whether the journey is easy or hard. When my child was in the hospital, it was always such an experience of love to visit him. He was my angel on earth. Sometimes I feel sadness because I miss him, but then I think about how much love he gave, and how it was like the love of God; like a fountain of love that would never stop flowing.

My husband, Angel, walks in love with me: This year will be our twenty-fifth anniversary. We've gone through a lot together on our walk in love. After we lost Juan Pablo, Angel had an accident and became disabled. He had to be airlifted to the hospital and lost the use of his left arm. Recently, he had a twelve-hour surgery to transplant muscle tissue. But we just don't give up. I just keep praying to God. There is always a way to walk together no matter how hard things are. God fills me with love every day. This is what the journey of love is about. | TENs.org



Questions for Reflection:

When the walk becomes difficult, how do you still move forward? Who are the people on your journey of love?



Mari Gonzalez is the Housekeeping Manager at The Bishop's Ranch Episcopal Camp & Conference Center in the beautiful Sonoma Wine Country, Healdsburg, California.

The logo for The Episcopal Network for Stewardship, featuring the letters 'TENs' in a stylized font with a cross-like shape.

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Update on RenewalWorks

Our workshop team had its first gathering on Tuesday, October 29th. During this time together, we learned more about the process for RenewalWorks, and then explored our spiritual lives together. One big take away from this meeting is how our spiritual lives ebb and flow; it is never a constant thing but more of a journey. As with all relationships, we have those times when we are close to God and those times when our focus is elsewhere.

We have now received the results of the Spiritual Life Inventory that 43 of you took. The Team will meet again on November 17th to go over the results and get a sense of where we are and of where we want to go in our relationship with God and the influence the Holy One has on our lives.

We give thanks for the Team that has committed to this work that is the essence of what it means to be “Church.” We look forward to seeing where God is leading us next.

Christmas in Salem



Grace Church will again be part of the Christmas in Salem House Tour to take place December 7 and 8.

There are three ways you can be a part of this weekend.

On Saturday November 30th from 9-12, we will gather to decorate wreaths that represent some of our ministries here at Grace Church. Materials will be provided. Whether you feel you are “crafty” or not, come and help us put these wreaths together. (If you have a glue gun, please bring it)

On Saturday December 7th, we will be serving lunch in Abbott Hall from 11-1. The menu will include quiche, soup, coffee, tea and water. More information as to how you can help is forthcoming.

We also need docents for both days. We have plenty of materials with information about the building and history. The shifts for docents are 10:15-1:15 and 1:15-4:15 on Saturday and 11:15-1:30 and 1:30-3:45 on Sunday. There will also be a lecture in the church at 1 and 2 each day.



*Thanksgiving Eve
Choral Holy Eucharist*

*Wednesday · November 27
7 o'clock in the evening*

*Anthem by Ralph Vaughan Williams
Traditional Hymns and Prayers*

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The Mission of Grace Church is to unconditionally invite all people to join us in building a faithful Episcopal congregation that goes out into the community and through prayer, presence, and partnering improves the quality of life by bringing everyone closer to God.