

Grace Episcopal Church

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The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
~ Proper 17 ~
September 1, 2024

The Rev. Susan L. Scranton, Rector
David Aldrete, Choirmaster ~ Thomas Mellan, Organist

Welcome to Grace Parish! We are glad that you have answered God's call to worship, and we are honored that you have chosen to be with us. In addition to the service, we offer childcare for children age 4 and under, and Sunday School for preschool through 5th grade.

Visitors, we would like to meet you! Please take a moment to fill out the "Voice from the Pew" found in the red folders and place it in the offertory plate.

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10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST: Rite II

Prelude _____ Thomas Mellan

Processional Hymn 541 _____ *Ora Labora*

“Come, labor on.”

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation _____ BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity _____ BCP p. 355

Gloria (Pew Card) _____ Proulx

Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 _____ Donte Apperwhite

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 15 Domine, quis habitabit? _____ *Donte Apperwhite*

1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.

3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.

5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

The Second Lesson: John 1:17-27 _____ *David Aldrete*

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and

persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 617 Song 1

“Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round of circling planets”

The Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 The Rev. Susan Scranton

Celebrant: The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’
You abandon the commandment of God and
hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Sermon _____ The Rev. Susan Scranton

The Nicene Creed _____ BCP p. 358

Prayers of the People - Form III _____ Jon Sharp

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; praying especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, for Sean, our presiding bishop-elect, for John, our bishop, and for Susan and Jim, our priests.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. Are there others?

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution _____ BCP p. 360

The Peace

Welcome, Announcements and Special Blessings

Blessing (Said by all): Watch over thy child, O Lord, as his days increase, bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he falls; and in his heart may thy peace which passes understanding abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem _____ Thomas Mellan

Presentation Hymn 380 v. 3 _____ *Old 100th*
“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”

Great Thanksgiving (Prayer A) _____ BCP p. 361

Sanctus & Benedictus (Pew Card) _____ Proulx

The Lord’s Prayer _____ BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread _____ BCP p. 364

Invitation to Communion _____ BCP p. 364

(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Lord’s Table. If you have difficulty coming forward, please notify an usher, and we will be happy to bring Communion to you where you are seated.) Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Communion Hymn 656 _____ *Franconia*
“Blest are the pure in heart”

Postcommunion Prayer _____ BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 556 vv. 1-5 _____ *Marion*
“Rejoice, ye pure in heart!”

The Dismissal _____ BCP p. 366

Postlude _____ Thomas Mellan



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Thank you!



The flowers are given to the Glory of God
 In loving memory of Dr. K. J. Stavrinides, a
 Greek professor who passed away on
 Saturday, August 24, 2024



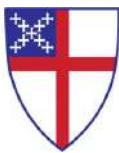
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grandparents Day - Sunday, September 8. Special blessings for our grandparents.

Youth Pool Party - Sunday, Sept 8 after the 10 AM service at the Palpant home. Please see Rev. Susan for details.

Bible Study Resumes - Wednesday, September 11 at 10 AM in the Fireside Room.

Hemstreet Memorial - We are sad to announce the passing of Robert Hemstreet on August 5, 2024. (He was the father of Ruth Aldrete.) The memorial will be held at Grace on September 15 at 3:30 PM. All are welcome.




Welcome Back Celebration of our Grace Ministries

Sunday, September 22 after the 10 Am service.

Enjoy your parish family at a BBQ and learn about our ministries.

Please bring a side dish, dessert, chips & dips, or a salad to share.

Organ Concert
featuring Thomas Mellan
 Sunday, September 29 at 4:00 PM
 Please join us for an amazing concert... Bring a friend!!

We are sad to announce the death of Dr. K.J. Stavrinides, a beloved teacher who passed away unexpectedly. He was still teaching classes to senior citizens. He taught his last class that met on July 16, 2024 .

Serving at 10 AM

CelebrantThe Rev. Susan Scranton
Lay Eucharistic Minister..... Todd Rice
Lectors Donte Apperwhite, David Aldrete, Jon Sharp
Acolytes Ethan Seielstad, Morgan Patterson, April Moore
Choirmaster David Aldrete
Organist Thomas Mellan
Flower GuildDenise Barcelo, Nancy Rice
Altar Guild Janese Grady, Dawn Mellon, Patricia Meyer,
Cathy St. Onge
Ushers Rob Van Debur, Rick Sandona
Stream Team .. Trevor Camargo, Karen Williamson, Mizuki Williamson
Vestry Person of the Week Janet Kawamoto



Prayer List

For healing and comfort: Edie Noland, Thomas Miller, Patricia Meyer, Rosemary, Emmy Wang, Alex McKenzie
For healing after surgery: Claire Wainwright
For those who have died: Robert Hemstreet, Wendy White
For those in mourning: The Hemstreet Family, The Aldrete Family, De Rubeis Families
For strength & guidance: Kayla St. Onge, Audra Montoya, Sam & Stephanie Luna, Corrine Miller, Christopher Family
For those serving in the military: Chad Donohoe ~ U.S. Navy, Nelson Acosta ~ U.S. Air Force, Sgt. Mitchell Bennett ~ Army, Adam Corona Jr. ~ U.S. Air Force

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 – Dawn Mellon 12 – Ted Kopf 24 – Emily Kawamoto
2 - Al St. Onge 15 – Jerry Seielstad 26 – Kelsey McKenzie
6 – John Williamson 20 – Susan Sherman 30 - Jon Sharp
11 - Gary Kindt 20 – Manette Thomas

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Janese and Bill Grady – 24 ~ Barbara and Donald Dexter – 11
Marcia and Joe Goetz ~ Melanie and Guillermo Moreno