

Grace Episcopal Church

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The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
~ Proper 18 ~
September 8, 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 1 _____ *Christe sanctorum*

“Father, we praise thee”

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation _____ BCP p. 355

Collect for Purity _____ BCP p. 355

Gloria (Pew Card) _____ Proulx

Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7 _____ Jared Anders

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.”

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146 *Lauda, anima mea* _____ Jared Anders

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 Second Lesson: James 2:1-10, 14-17 Bobbi Patterson

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as

transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Lector: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 596 Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes
“Judge eternal, throned in splendor”

The Gospel: Mark 7:24-37 The Rev. Susan Scranton

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

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he

spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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 - Grandparents Day _____ Stacey Aldrete

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for our grandparents and special “grand friends,” who have embraced and loved us with that special love that spans the generations.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We thank you for our grandparents who have played such important roles in our lives. We remember with joy the times spent together doing simple things like fishing, baking cookies, doing a puzzle, taking walks, and reading stories together.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We thank you for our grandparents’ faith in you, O Lord, faith that is visible to young eyes, nurturing to hearts and minds, and strong enough to inspire us to follow in their footsteps of faith.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We thank you for the privilege of hearing their stories of life in another time and place that inspire us to work hard and be patient, while courageously enduring difficult times, trusting that such endurance will allow us to follow our dreams.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Lord, we ask that your continued grace and protection be upon our grandparents. Keep them constantly in your care, with good health, joy and peace. We pray especially for those who are ill or facing difficulties with age. Bless and guide them in all that they do, reminding them that you are with them to the end of the ages. We pray especially for those on our parish prayer list. Are there others?

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We remember and give thanks for our grandparents who are no longer with us. Grant to them eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine

upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Loving God, bless all of our grandparents, those with us here today, those who cannot be with us, and those who have gone to be with you. May they heed your call to share their wisdom and faith with us, confidently handing on their gifts of experience and knowledge of stories, songs, and memories. Bless them and all of us gathered here today with length of days, and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. 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 707 _____ *Hollingside*

“Take my life, and let it be consecrated”

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP p. 365

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 437

Birmingham

“Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!”

The Dismissal

BCP p. 366

Postlude

Thomas Mellan



The red rose on the altar celebrates the birth of
Margaret (Maisie) Frances Petteruto
born Sunday, September 1 at 10:09 AM
weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces
and measuring 20" long.

~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

Youth Pool Party - Today 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!!

The Grace Parish Choir will be hosting a reception in
Baxter Hall following the Concert.



Serving at 10 AM

CelebrantThe Rev. Susan Scranton
Lay Eucharistic Minister..... Frank Boyd
Lectors Jared Anders, Bobbi Patterson, Stacey Aldrete
Acolytes Amelie Palpant, McKenna Parra, Elizabeth Anders
Choirmaster David Aldrete
Organist Thomas Mellan
Flower GuildLiz Sandona, Susie Seielstad
Altar Guild Janese Grady, Dawn Mellon, Patricia Meyer,
Cathy St. Onge
Ushers Alex McKenzie, Rob Van Debur
Stream Team .. Trevor Camargo, Karen Williamson, Mizuki Williamson
Vestry Person of the Week Heather Moore

Prayer List

For healing and comfort: Edie Noland, Thomas Miller, Patricia Meyer, Rosemary, Emmy Wang, Alex McKenzie, Alan, Claire Wainwright, Grace Boyd
For healing after surgery: Patricia Meyer
For those who have died: Robert Hemstreet, Wendy White, Julie Orozco, Ethel Scherer, Rick Ingersoll, Sandy Dragoo
For those in mourning: The Hemstreet Family, The Aldrete Family, White and De Rubeis Families, The Hoffman Family, The Ingersoll Family, The Scherer Family, The Dragoo Family, The Boyd Family
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 11 - Gary Kindt 24 – Emily Kawamoto
2 - Al St. Onge 12 – Ted Kopf 26 – Kelsey McKenzie
6 – John Williamson 20 – Susan Sherman 30 - Jon Sharp
8 – Jerry Seielstad 20 – Manette Thomas

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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