



St Francis Day

Livestreamed @ 5 pm on Saturday October 1, 2022

10am on Sunday, October 2, 2022

at Grace Episcopal Church

Serving in Today's Liturgy

Presider	The Rev. Kathy McAdams
Music Ministry	Dr. Robert Lamb
Reader 1	Jim Hale
Reader 2	Joan Tinkham
LEM	Nancy Pineo
Tech Team	Richard & Juliana Hart, Jacob Warsofsky, Maureen Merigold



Please remember the following in your private prayers:

Members of Grace:

Muriel C., Richard T., David T., Sunrise T., Carole HP., Laura K., Natalie W., Milo M., Marjorie S., Betty H., Kay S., Katie P., the White family, Richard M., Susan H., Bill, Pat, Joanne C., Caesar B., the Burrows family.

Members of St. John's

Sona, Charlie and Family, Kimberly, John, Bp Bud & Ruth Ann, Michele, Paul, Marjorie, Shamali, Kristy, Peter and Joan, John & Donna, Hart Family, Sarah, Howie, Nathan, Mary, Marion, Stella, Alice, Barbara, Cory, Mark, Donald, Carol, Norman, Brenda, Glen, Joy and Bill, Caleb, Nick, Liz, Grace, Michael, Cindy and Dave, Jean and Family.

Our Brothers and Sisters:

Emmanuel Church, Braintree, Grace Chapel, Brockton, St. Stephen's Church, Cohasset, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, United Interfaith Action

Gathering

We come together to praise God

Prelude Veni Sancte Spiritus, Near

Please stand if you are able.

Opening Hymn All things bright and beautiful H405

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace Church's Parish Prayer

Almighty and ever-loving God, we know we are the body of Christ in this world and commissioned to do your work. With your guidance, help us to grow Grace Church in ways we cannot now imagine. In your compassion, Lord, help us to be open to all possibilities, In your love, Lord, help us to accept those things that we need to change, and not limit ourselves in moving forward. In your wisdom, Lord, please show us the way to go as we become your hands, your heart, and your voice in the world. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen

Song of Praise Sing to the Mountains SB89

The Word of God

We hear and respond to the story of God's liberating acts

Please be seated

The Reading A Reading from the Book of Job 39:1-18

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?
Do you observe the calving of the deer?
Can you number the months that they fulfil,
and do you know the time when they give birth,
when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,
and are delivered of their young?
Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;
they go forth, and do not return to them.

"Who has let the wild ass go free?
Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,
to which I have given the steppe for its home,
the salt land for its dwelling-place?
It scorns the tumult of the city;
it does not hear the shouts of the driver.
It ranges the mountains as its pasture,
and it searches after every green thing.

"Is the wild ox willing to serve you?
Will it spend the night at your crib?
Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,
or will it harrow the valleys after you?
Will you depend on it because its strength is great,
and will you hand over your labour to it?
Do you have faith in it that it will return,
and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?"

"The ostrich's wings flap wildly,
though its pinions lack plumage.
For it leaves its eggs to the earth,
and lets them be warmed on the ground,
forgetting that a foot may crush them,
and that a wild animal may trample them.
It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;
though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear;
because God has made it forget wisdom,
and given it no share in understanding.
When it spreads its plumes aloft,
it laughs at the horse and its rider."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 121

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
- 2 My help comes from the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
- 4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
- 5 The LORD himself watches over you; *
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
- 6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.
- 7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
- 8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Please stand if you are able.

Gradual Hymn *O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end H655 v.1,2*

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 11:25-30

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

Gradual Hymn O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end H655 v.3

Please be seated

Sermon The Rev. Kathy McAdams

Please stand if you are able.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

The Prayers of the People

Priest: Recognizing that our gifts are miracles that enable our ministry, serve our neighbors, and strengthen our community, we gather to offer our intentions, petitions, and thanksgivings to God.

Leader: I ask your prayers for the Church, the inspiration and inheritance of our gifts of wealth, works, and wisdom. Pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Kelly, our Regional Canon; Kathy our Rector/Priest, and all other ministers in the Church. When we give out of our abundance,

Response: **There is always more than enough.**

I ask your prayers for the world, your greatest miracle. May we who inherit this earth be wise stewards of Creation and kind caretakers of all your creatures. I ask your prayers for those who lead our nations. For António, Secretary-General of the United Nations; for Joseph, our President; for our legislative and judicial institutions, and for the representatives of our local government. May they use the plentiful resources they steward to care for the people of the world. When we give out of our abundance,

There is always more than enough.

I ask your prayers for our neighbors and all who need or request our prayers. For people and animals affected by Hurricane Ian and other extreme weather events. For Lenore's Pantry. For those who are marginalized and oppressed; those who are sick and those who are dying; for the lonely and isolated; for those who are suffering; and for those who sleep on our streets. For all those on ours and St John's prayer lists Muriel C., Richard T., David T., Sunrise T., Carole HP., Laura K., Natalie W., Milo M., Marjorie S., Betty H., Kay S., Katie P., the White family, Richard M., Susan H., Bill, Pat, Joanne C., Caesar B. John B., Patti O. the Burrows family, Sona, Charlie and Family, Kimberly, John, Bp Bud & Ruth Ann, Michele, Paul, Marjorie, Shamali, Kristy, Peter and Joan, John & Donna, Hart Family, Sarah, Howie, Nathan, Mary, Marion, Stella, Alice, Barbara, Cory, Mark, Donald, Carol, Norman, Brenda, Glen, Joy and Bill, Caleb, Nick, Liz, Grace, Michael, Cindy and Dave, Jean and Family, and family and friends we name now.

The people may add their own petitions.

When we give out of our abundance,
There is always more than enough.

I ask your prayers for those who have died. May they forever gather at your table of plenty, sharing their gifts with love and joy. We remember those who preceded us here, whose gifts, bequests, and intentions provide inspiration and abundance beyond their lifetimes. When we give out of our abundance,

There is always more than enough.

As the crowd gathered to hear Jesus preach shared two fish and five loaves, they discovered that when their gifts were blessed, they increased and became a blessing to others. We give you thanks for the uncountable miracles and blessings in our lives. When we give out of our abundance,

There is always more than enough.

Priest: May we, too, reach within ourselves to share our gifts with the world so that our love overflows in a need-filled world. These and all things we ask in the name of Your Son. **Amen.**

Blessing of Pets

God, we thank you that you have made us and our pets and all living things. You are even more wonderful than the things you have made. We thank you for giving us these pets who give us love and joy. As you take care of us, so we ask that you help us to take care of our pets. By doing this, we know that we share in your own love for all Creation. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

For all your creatures that breathe and move and have life,
We thank you, O Lord.

That we may love and honor everything you've made,
We thank you, O Lord.

That each pet here may be treasured with care,
We thank you, O Lord.

Bless the Lord, all you his creatures.
Bless the Lord, in heaven and on earth.

The Priest will offer a blessing for each pet.

When all the pets have been blessed, the Priest says:

As God has blessed you with these pets, so may they be blessed by your love and care.
Amen. Thanks be to God!

The Peace

A Moment for Stewardship - Juliana Hart, Senior Warden



The flowers on the altar are in memory of Dot & Bob Burrows.

The Holy Eucharist

We are nourished at God's table

Presentation of the Gifts

You may pay your pledge or make a donation on our website.

Offertory Anthem Fill This House With Grace

Please Stand if you are able

Eucharistic Prayer III (from Enriching Our Worship)

Celebrant God be with you.
People ***And also with you.***
Celebrant *Lift up your hearts.*
People ***We lift them to the Lord.***
Celebrant *Let us give thanks to God.*
People ***It is right to give him thanks and praise.***

Presider

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we sing with joy:

Creation Mass - Sanctus

1 Haugen

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10 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord; God of

16 pow - er, God of might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your

22 glo - ry: Ho - san - na in the high - est!

28 Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; Ho -

34 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the

high est!

Please stand or kneel as you are able.

The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

**Dying, you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People **Blessed are you now and forever. Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Communion of the People *All are Welcome at God's table*

Communion Hymn *Strengthen for service, Lord* H312

NOTE: It is perfectly acceptable to receive Communion in only one kind (the bread). If you choose to also receive the cup, we ask that you DO NOT INTINCT (don't dip the bread in the cup, as hands carry more germs than do lips).

Prayer of Spiritual Communion *may be prayed by those joining us remotely:*

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

Please stand if you are able.

Post - Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed, that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Sending

We go forth to share God's love with the world

Special Celebrations and Announcements

The Blessing - Please stand if you are able

Closing Hymn Rise up, ye saints of God! H551

Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude Bishop's Promenade, Coke-Jephcott



This Week's Stewardship Quote:

"Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine."-Proverbs 3:9-10

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October 3 – October 9 Worship Times

**Wednesday
through Saturday** *Morning Prayer 8:30am on St John's Facebook Page*

Saturday **5pm Holy Eucharist at Grace and on ZOOM**

Sunday **10am Holy Eucharist @ St. Johns
Livestreamed at Grace**

Call or text Rev. Kathy at 857-237-9428 or email: priest@gracechurchna.org

In an emergency, please call at any hour!

Announcements for Grace Church:



**God's Work
Our Hands**

When two or three are gathered in my name, I am there. (Matt. 18:19-20)

Prayer Circle prays for Grace Church and its ministries (altar guild, choir, etc...). We meet on the first Saturday of the month from 9-10 AM. Please join us and pray for Grace Church. The dates we are meeting are: **November 5, 2022; December 3, 2022; January 7, 2023; February 4, 2023; March 4, 2023; April 1, 2023; May 6, 2023; June 3, 2023.**

If you have any questions please contact Mickey Fournier at (508-406-1724) or at nallanf@aol.com.

Volunteers



We need folks to help with opening and closing the church for Saturdays and Sundays and also, for hospitality. Check with Juliana for specifics. Pray for opening your heart to say yes!

Sheila will be coordinating the schedules - Thanks Sheila! and thanks to she and Paul, who have donated a new coffee machine and coffee.



**We have much to be thankful for.
Let us all praise his name!**

Festival of Trees and the Country Store.....

Friday, November 25th 6-8pm & Saturday, November 26th 10am-2pm

We need trees! Decorate a table top (or larger) artificial tree with your very own "theme" so we can raffle it off on the 26th

Contact Maureen 508-369-2464 to sign up, get ideas or even a tree!

