

Grace Episcopal Church

North Attleboro, MA

*We are a Christ-centered community, welcoming to all,
and working together to proclaim God's love through service, celebration and sharing.*



The Fifteenth Weekend after Pentecost
Livestreamed @ 5 pm on Saturday September 17, 2022
10am on Sunday, September 18, 2022
at Grace Episcopal Church

Serving in Today's Liturgy

Presider The Rev. Kathy McAdams

Music Director Dr. Bob Lamb,

Reader 1 Bob Chappuis

Reader 2 David Mortimer

LEM Lyle Pirnie

Tech Team Richard & Juliana Hart, Jacob Warsofsky, Maureen Merigold



Please remember the following in your private prayers:

Your prayers are requested for 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., Barb H., Clarence K., Bill, Pat, Joanne C. and Caesar B.

Your prayers are requested for 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:

Wyman Memorial Church of St. Andrew, Marblehead, St. Michael's Church, Marblehead
St. Mary's Church, Rockport, Secretaries and Administrators

Gathering

We come together to praise God

Prelude Canon in D, Pachelbel

Please stand if you are able.

Opening Hymn Praise to the Lord, the Almighty H390

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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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 a New Song SB87

The Word of God

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

Please be seated

The First Reading A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

My joy is gone, grief is upon me,
my heart is sick.

Hark, the cry of my poor people
from far and wide in the land:

"Is the LORD not in Zion?
Is her King not in her?"

("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images,
with their foreign idols?")

"The harvest is past, the summer is ended,
and we are not saved."

For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt,
I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

Is there no balm in Gilead?
Is there no physician there?

Why then has the health of my poor people
not been restored?

O that my head were a spring of water,
and my eyes a fountain of tears,

so that I might weep day and night
for the slain of my poor people!

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

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 79:1-9

- 1 O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance;
they have profaned your holy temple; *
they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
- 2 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, *
and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.
- 3 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, *
and there was no one to bury them.
- 4 We have become a reproach to our neighbors, *
an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
- 5 How long will you be angry, O LORD? *
will your fury blaze like fire forever?
- 6 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you *
and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your Name.
- 7 For they have devoured Jacob *
and made his dwelling a ruin.
- 8 Remember not our past sins;
let your compassion be swift to meet us; *
for we have been brought very low.
- 9 Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your Name; *
deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your Name's sake.

The Second Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

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

People: Thanks be to God

Please stand if you are able.

The Gospel

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 16:1-13

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

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

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

Gradual Hymn *Almighty God, your word is cast like seed upon the ground* H488 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 Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For the people of Ukraine and Russia, the people of Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Mississippi, Michigan, California and Kentucky, and all people and animals affected by extreme weather and climate change. For refugees, and communities affected by gun violence.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For our planet, that we may become better stewards of it.
For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For Lenore's Pantry. For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Diocese of Morogoro, The Anglican Church of Tanzania.
In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Wyman Memorial Church of St. Andrew, Marblehead, St. Michael's Church, Marblehead, St. Mary's Church, Rockport, Secretaries and Administrators
For the peace and unity of the church of God:
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Alan and Gayle, our Bishops; Kelly, our Regional Canon, Kathy our Priest and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially those on our prayer list:
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and for those on the St John's prayer list: 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.
Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Comfort for those who mourn.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace



The flowers on the altar are dedicated to Steven W. Howard.

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 Revive Us Again H380 verse 3

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:

Sanctus

Creation Mass - Sanctus

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 There is a balm in Gilead H676

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 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

Please stand if you are able

The Blessing

Closing Hymn God of grace and God of glory H594

Dismissal

Celebrant: Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People: **Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.***

Postlude Dorian Toccata, Bach



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SEPTEMBER 19-25 Worship Times

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

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

Sunday **10am Holy Eucharist @ St John's
and livestreamed at Grace**

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In an emergency, please call at any hour!