



Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

Twenty-fourth Tuesday after Pentecost Election Day, November 5, 2024 – 6:00 pm Evening Prayer, EOW

INTRODUCTION

OPENING SENTENCE

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! *2 Corinthians 5:17*

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Officiant Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

All

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

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

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Officiant O God, be not far from us.

People **Come quickly to help us, O God.**

All **Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

PHOS HILARON - LIGHT OF THE WORLD

**Light of the world, in grace and beauty,
Mirror of God's eternal face,
Transparent flame of love's free duty,
You bring salvation to our race.
Now, as we see the lights of evening,
We raise our voice in hymns of praise;
Worthy are you of endless blessing,
Sun of our night, lamp of our days.**

THE APPOINTED PSALMS - *Read responsively by whole verse*

Psalm 15 - Domine, quis habitabit?

1 LORD, who shall dwell in your tabernacle? *

Or who shall rest upon your holy hill?

2 **Whoever leads an uncorrupt life, ***
and does that which is right, and speaks the truth from his heart.

3 He has not spoken deceitfully with his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbor, *
and has not slandered his neighbor.

4 **In his eyes the wicked is rejected, ***
and he makes much of those who fear the LORD.

5 He swears to his neighbor and disappoints him not, *
though it were to his own hindrance.

**6 He has not given his money for usury, *
nor taken a bribe against the innocent.**

7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

Psalm 16 - *Conserve me, Domine*

**1 Preserve me, O God, *
for in you have I put my trust.**

2 O my soul, you have said unto the LORD, *
“You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”

**3 All my delight is upon the saints who are on the earth, *
and upon those who excel in virtue.**

4 But those who run after another god *
shall have great trouble.

**5 Their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, *
neither make mention of their names with my lips.**

6 The LORD himself is the portion of my inheritance and of my cup; *
you shall maintain my lot.

**7 The boundaries have fallen for me in pleasant places; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

8 I will thank the LORD for giving me counsel; *
my heart also chastens me in the night season.

**9 I have set the LORD always before me; *
he is at my right hand; therefore I shall not fall.**

10 Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices. *
My flesh also shall rest in hope.

**11 For you shall not leave my soul in the grave, *
neither shall you allow your Holy One to see corruption.**

12 You shall show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy, *
and at your right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

**Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 17

Lector A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

1 An oracle concerning Damascus.

Behold, Damascus will cease to be a city
and will become a heap of ruins.

2 The cities of Aroer are deserted;
they will be for flocks,
which will lie down, and none will make them afraid.

3 The fortress will disappear from Ephraim,
and the kingdom from Damascus;
and the remnant of Syria will be
like the glory of the children of Israel,
declares the Lord of hosts.

4 And in that day the glory of Jacob will be brought low,
and the fat of his flesh will grow lean.

5 And it shall be as when the reaper gathers standing grain
and his arm harvests the ears,
and as when one gleanes the ears of grain
in the Valley of Rephaim.

6 Gleanings will be left in it,
as when an olive tree is beaten—
two or three berries
in the top of the highest bough, four or five

on the branches of a fruit tree,
declares the Lord God of Israel.

7 In that day man will look to his Maker, and his eyes will look on the Holy One of Israel. 8
He will not look to the altars, the work of his hands, and he will not look on what his own
fingers have made, either the Asherim or the altars of incense.

9 In that day their strong cities will be like the deserted places of the wooded heights and the
hilltops, which they deserted because of the children of Israel, and there will be desolation.

10 For you have forgotten the God of your salvation
and have not remembered the Rock of your refuge;

therefore, though you plant pleasant plants
and sow the vine-branch of a stranger,

11 though you make them grow on the day that you plant them,
and make them blossom in the morning that you sow,

yet the harvest will flee away
in a day of grief and incurable pain.

12 Ah, the thunder of many peoples;
they thunder like the thundering of the sea!

Ah, the roar of nations;
they roar like the roaring of mighty waters!

13 The nations roar like the roaring of many waters,
but he will rebuke them, and they will flee far away,
chased like chaff on the mountains before the wind
and whirling dust before the storm.

14 At evening time, behold, terror!

Before morning, they are no more!
This is the portion of those who loot us,
and the lot of those who plunder us.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

MAGNIFICAT - THE SONG OF MARY

Luke 1:46-55

All

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in you, O God my Savior, *
for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me,
and holy is your name.
You have mercy on those who fear you *
from generation to generation.
You have shown strength with your arm *
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
Casting down the mighty from their thrones *
and lifting up the lowly.
You have filled the hungry with good things *
and sent the rich away empty.
You have come to the help of your servant Israel, *
for you have remembered your promise of mercy,
The promise made to our forebears, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON

Mark 12:13-34

A reading from the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Mark

13 And they sent to him some of the Pharisees and some of the Herodians, to trap him in his talk. 14 And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone's opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?" 15 But, knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." 16 And they brought one. And he said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said to him, "Caesar's." 17 Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they marveled at him.

18 And Sadducees came to him, who say that there is no resurrection. And they asked him a question, saying, 19 “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies and leaves a wife, but leaves no child, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. 20 There were seven brothers; the first took a wife, and when he died left no offspring. 21 And the second took her, and died, leaving no offspring. And the third likewise. 22 And the seven left no offspring. Last of all the woman also died. 23 In the resurrection, when they rise again, whose wife will she be? For the seven had her as wife.” 24 Jesus said to them, “Is this not the reason you are wrong, because you know neither the Scriptures nor the power of God? 25 For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. 26 And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the passage about the bush, how God spoke to him, saying, ‘I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? 27 He is not God of the dead, but of the living. You are quite wrong.” 28 And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, “Which commandment is the most important of all?” 29 Jesus answered, “The most important is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ 31 The second is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” 32 And the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher. You have truly said that he is one, and there is no other besides him. 33 And to love him with all the heart and with all the understanding and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” 34 And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And after that no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE Q - A SONG OF CHRIST’S GOODNESS

Anselm of Canterbury

**Jesus, as a mother you gather your people to you; *
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.
Often you weep over our sins and our pride, *
tenderly you draw us from hatred and judgment.**

You comfort us in sorrow and bind up our wounds, *
in sickness you nurse us and with pure milk you feed us.
Jesus, by your dying, we are born to new life; *
by your anguish and labor we come forth in joy.
Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; *
through your gentleness, we find comfort in fear.
Your warmth gives life to the dead, *
your touch makes sinners righteous.
Lord Jesus, in your mercy, heal us; *
in your love and tenderness, remake us.
In your compassion, bring grace and forgiveness, *
for the beauty of heaven, may your love prepare us.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant God be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

THE SUFFRAGES

V. Help us, O God our Savior;

R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.

V. Look upon your congregation;

R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.

V. Declare your glory among the nations;

R. And your wonders among all peoples.

V. Do not let the oppressed be ashamed and turned away;

R. Never forget the lives of your poor.

V. Continue your loving kindness to those that know you;

R. And your favor of those who are true of heart.

V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;

R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

THE COLLECTS

A Collect for the Presence of Christ

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless

the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

General intercessions and thanksgivings.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL