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SUNG EUCHARIST

July 26, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost



"Pray that our Church structures promote justice, its laws foster integrity of heart and its ministry model compassion and forgiveness."

Prelude

Entrance H-388

"O Worship The King"

Hanover

1. O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing his power and his love! Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.
2. O tell of His might! O sing of his grace! Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
3. The earth, with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, thy power hath founded of old, hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.
4. Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light; It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, In Thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail; Thy mercies how tender! how firm to the end! Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a meeting in the Parish Hall on Sunday, August 2 at 12:30 p.m. to discuss plans for the future development of the church property.

Vacation Bible School will be held on Monday, August 3 thru Thursday, August 6 from 4:00 p.m. to 7 p.m. Please contact Mary Barnes to register.

SAVE THE DATE: Grace Episcopal Church (GEC) MEN'S MINISTRY 15 TH ANNUAL SUMMER JAMBOREE, Friday, August 21st, 2026, at 8:00 PM. At the Parish Hall. Fellowship, Dinner, DJ Music, Dancing, 50/50 Raffle. Come and join us at this fundraising summer celebration. Donation \$ 35.00. Contact/see any GEC Men's representative for tickets and any information.

If you are 18 years or older and a United States citizen, please be aware of the following dates: 1) August 18, 2026 - Primary Election. 2) If you have not registered to vote - the last day to register is July 20th. If you have moved or changed your name, you must update your registration to reflect the change. All changes must be made no later than July 20th. 3) To vote by mail, your request must be made no later than August 6th. Everyone is encouraged to vote and it is a good idea to check your status to be sure your name has not been removed. The Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections can be reached at 561-656-6200 or VotePalmBeach.gov.

There will be a presentation at the Parish Hall during coffee hour on Sunday August 26, 2026 Entitled "Planning for Tomorrow and Knowing Your Options". Contact Angela White for more details.

Starting September 27 and every fourth Sunday thereafter, there will be a sponsored coffee hour for 8 a.m. worshipers.

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Liturgy

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Celebrant: *Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Collect for Purity: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Glory To You

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Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you. Glory to you, seated between the cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.. Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Collect of the Day: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson

Genesis 29:15-28

(Lector –Martha White-Jones)

Laban said to Jacob, “Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?” Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah’s eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, “I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me.” So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

The Word Of The Lord

Thanks Be To God

Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples.
 - 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works.
 - 3 Glory in his holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
 - 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; continually seek his face.
 - 5 Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
 - 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen.
 - 7 He is the LORD our God; his judgments prevail in all the world.
 - 8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, the promise he made for a thousand generations:
 - 9 The covenant he made with Abraham, the oath that he swore to Isaac,
 - 10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, an everlasting covenant for Israel,
 - 11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan to be your allotted inheritance."
- 45b Hallelujah!

Second Lesson

Romans 8:26-39

(Lector –Martha White-Jones)

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word Of The Lord

Thanks Be To God

Sequence H-488

“Be Thou My Vision”

Slane

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; All else be nought to me, save that thou art thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; Thou my great Father; thine own may I be; Thou in my dwelling, and I one with thee.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The Gospel Of The Lord

Praise To You, Lord Christ

3. High King of heaven when victory is won, may I reach heaven’s joys, bright heaven’s Sun! Heart of my heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People

From "Intercessions for Christian People"

(Maureen George)

Leader: *As we reach out our thoughts and our energies beyond the walls of this gathering space, hoping that God's reign may be the deepest desire of every human heart, let us pray, saying: **In the Spirit we plead, hear us, O God.***

O God, make your justice grow in our land, that all those who long for freedom and peace may find it, *let us pray, saying: **Lord of all peace, come into our midst.***

O God, we pray for all the oppressed, all the needy, all in terror, all the sick and shut-in [especially N.]. Give health and peace to all, *let us pray, saying: **Lord the healer of all, may your loving arms bring comfort to the sick.***

O God, imaginative Creator, bless artists, poets, and writers with the creative touch of your word. Make them avenues of your vision, *let us pray, saying: **Lord the giver of vision, help us to hope in a future with you.***

O God, we pray for the leaders of nations, the President and those given the public trust. To you, Abba, we raise our eyes in hope. Inspire those whose decisions influence the lives of others, that they may discern wisely and act compassionately, *let us pray, saying: **Lord, we await your justice in our time.***

O God, we thank you for the people of Todos Los Santos, La Romana, and for all people, may your dominion grasp us and ravish the hearts of all who claim Christ as Lord, *let us pray, saying: **Lord the lover of all people, help us to love as you do.***

O God, look upon the times in which we are living. Come among us so that we may feel your presence and know that we are not alone. Send us a blessing to fill us with hope and faith in believing, *let us pray, saying: **Lord of all goodness and power give us patience as we look to you.***

Together: *O Master of night and merciful Judge, in our weakness we turn to you for help. Hear us, and come to our rescue. You have promised to hear our prayers if we raise them in the name of Jesus, and so we do. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.***

Parish Prayer: *Gracious and loving God, bless all the people of Grace to be truly a community of prayer and love. Raise up faithful people for your service. Bless us with abundant resources and compassionate leadership. Open our hearts to a generosity of spirit and kind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Exchange of the Peace

WELCOME

Offertory H-613**“Thy Kingdom Come, O God”***St. Cecilia*

1. Thy kingdom come, O God! Thy rule, O Christ begin! Break with thine iron rod the tyrannies of sin!
2. Where is thy reign of peace, and purity, and love? When shall all hatred cease, as in the realms above?
3. When comes the promised time that war shall be no more, oppression, lust, and crime shall flee thy face before?
4. We pray thee, Lord, arise, and come in thy great might; Revive our longing eyes, which languish for thy sight.
5. Wherever near or far thick darkness broodeth yet: Arise, O Morning Star, arise, and never set!

Doxology**“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”***Old 100th***Eucharistic Prayer B**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might heaven and earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, ***“Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”***

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, ***“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”***

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

“Jesus Christ has died; Jesus Christ is risen. Jesus Christ will come again. Deep in my heart I do believe Jesus Christ will come again.”

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____. and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Lord’s Prayer

Malotte

Agnus Dei S-164

“Jesus Lamb of God ”

Powell

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Breaking of the Bread

Communion H-328

“Draw Nigh And Take”

Song 46

Choir Selection

Draw Nigh And Take

1. Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord, and drink the holy Blood for you outpoured.
2. Saved by that Body and that holy Blood, with souls refreshed, we render thanks to God.
3. Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son, by His dear cross and blood the victory won.
4. Offered was he for greatest and for least, Himself the Victim, and himself the Priest.
5. Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere, and take the pledges of salvation here.
6. He that his saints in this world rules and shields to all believers life eternal yields;
7. With heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole, gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
8. Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow all nations at the doom, is with us now.

And Now, O Father

1. And now, O Father, mindful of the love that bought us, once for all, on Calv'ry's tree, and having with us him that pleads above, we here present, we here spread forth to thee that only off'ring perfect in thine eyes, the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.
2. Look, Father, look on his anointed face, and only look on us as found in him; Look not on our misusings of thy grace, our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim: For lo, between our sins and their reward we set the Passion of thy Son our Lord.
3. And then for those, our dearest and our best, by this prevailing presence we appeal: O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast, O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal; From tainting mischief keep the white and clear, and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.
4. And so we come: O draw us to thy feet, most patient Savior, who canst love us still; And by this food, so awful and so sweet, deliver us from ev'ry touch of ill: In thine own service make us glad and free, and grant us never more to part with thee.

O Lord Jesus, I Adore Thee

1. O Lord Jesus, I adore thee for the bread of worth untold freely given in thy Communion, wonderful a thousandfold, given to-day in loving bounty more than my poor heart can hold.
2. Make thou of my soul an orchard quickened into fruitfulness; Come, O Come, life-giving Manna, making glad my wilderness: Sweeter far than any sweetness tongue can taste, or words express.
3. Ah, Lord Jesus, go not from me, stay, ah, stay with me, my Lord; Make me shrink from whatsoever will not with thy name accord; Act through me in every action, speak through me in every word.
4. Would that I could keep thee always in mine inmost heart to be, thou and only thou suggesting every thought and wish in me; All my soul, with singing, offered for a sacrifice to thee.

Post Communion Prayer

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Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Blessing

H-462

“The Lord Will Come And Not Be Slow”

York

1. The Lord will come and not be slow, his footsteps cannot err; Before him righteousness shall go, His royal harbinger.
2. Truth from the earth, like to a flower, shall bud and blossom show; And justice, from her heavenly bower, look down on us below.
3. Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might, this wicked earth redress; For thou art he who shalt by right the nations all possess.
4. The nations all whom thou hast made shall come, and all shall frame to bow them low before thee, Lord, and glorify thy Name.
5. For great thou art, and wonders great by thy stronghand are done: Thou in thy everlasting seat remainest God alone.

Postlude

SICK AND SHUT-INS: Cameron Williams, Gary & Barbara Breakenridge, Irving Simpkins, Millicent Logan, Vilma Pindling, Cora McLeod, Morris & Zerna Anderson, Vandary Chin, Rosita Cowart, Ruthlyn Daniel, Elizabeth Curry, Dennis Francis, Ike Robinson, Bill Turner, Johnny Davis, Jackie McDonald, Robin Vaughan.