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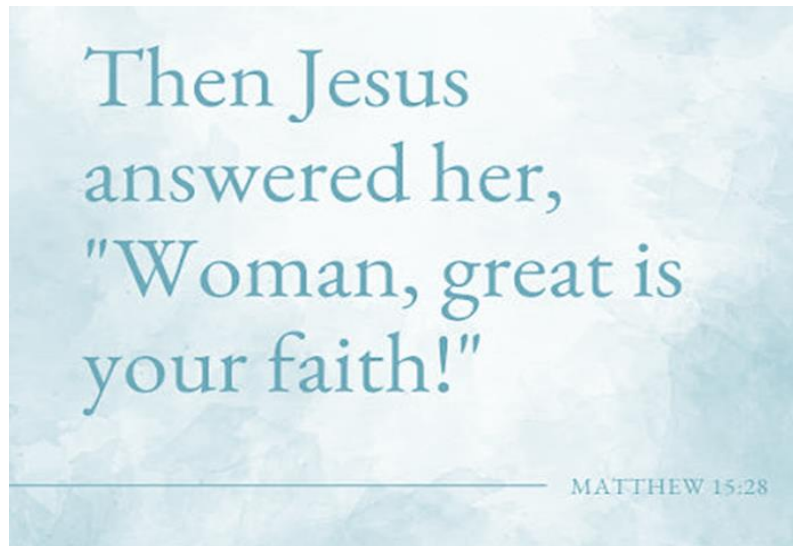
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SUNG EUCHARIST

August 16, 2026 – 10:00 a.m.

Twelfth 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-371

"Thou, Whose Almighty Word"

Moscow

1. Thou, whose almighty word chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight; hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel-day sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.
2. Thou, who didst come to bring on thy redeeming wing healing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the inly blind, now to all humankind let there be light.
3. Spirit of truth and love, life-giving, holy Dove, speed forth thy flight; move on the water's face, bearing the gifts of grace, and in earth's darkest place let there be light.
4. Holy and blessed Three, glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might; boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride, through the world far and wide let there be light.

Liturgy

BCP-355

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: Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word Of The Lord***Thanks Be To God*****Psalm 133**

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word Of The Lord

Thanks Be To God

Sequence LV-18

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

Spiritual

Refrain: Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home. Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

1. I looked over Jordan, and what did I see coming for to carry me home. A band of angels coming after me, coming for to carry me home. ***Refrain:***

2. If you get there before I do, coming for to carry me home. Tell all my friends I'm coming too, coming for to carry me home. ***Refrain:***

3. The brightest day that ever I saw coming for to carry me home. When Jesus wash'd my sins away, coming for to carry me home. ***Refrain***

Holy Gospel

Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

[Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the

crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel Of The Lord

Praise To You, Lord Christ

4. I'm sometimes up and sometimes down, coming for to carry me home. But still my soul feels heavenly bound, coming for to carry me home. **Refrain:**

Sermon

Father Winston

Prayers of the People

From "Intercessions for Christian People"

(Randy Smith)

Leader: *As we face our own cares and concerns, at times storm-tossed and frightened. Let us cry out to the Lord in faith for our own needs and the needs of the world, saying: **Lord, save us.***

For those churches who are resisting oppression and enduring persecution in the name of our Lord Christ. Let us cry out to the Lord saying: **Lord, strengthen us.**

For those caught in addictions of mind or body, for those who feel powerless and sink even deeper into despair, let us cry out to the Lord saying: **Lord, set us free.**

For those who rely on themselves, for those who struggle to trust in God's beckoning word, for those who know fear before the actions of grace, let us cry out to the Lord saying: **Lord, grant us courage.**

For the sick and shut-in in our world [especially N.], let us cry out to the Lord saying: **Lord, send us your healing grace.**

For the leaders of nations, communities and households, the President and those given the public trust who are faced with terrible choices and whose decisions affect the lives of many, let us cry out to the Lord saying: **Lord, grant us justice and peace for the living of these days.**

For the people of Todos Los Santos, La Romana, and for all people. For all of us who gather at this Eucharistic table, weak in faith, faltering in our response to God, let us cry out to the Lord saying: **Lord, let us find you in this Eucharistic meal.**

Together: *O true and faithful God, you are the hope of those who cry out to you. Hear our petitions. Where there is no faith, awaken it; where there is little faith, enlarge it, that one day we may all come to acknowledge Jesus as your Son and the savior of the world. We ask this in his name, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. **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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please remember, elections are upon us! We will have a speaker, following the 8:00 and 10:00 services, today, August 16 who will explain the importance of voting and why state and local elections are as important - if not more important - than national elections.

SAVE THE DATE: Grace Episcopal Church (GEC) MEN'S MINISTRY 15TH ANNUAL SUMMER JAMBOREE, Friday, August 21, 2026, at 8:00 p.m. in 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.

Next Baptism – Sunday, September 13, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

There will be a Parish Retreat at Camp Weed & Cervený Conference Center at Live Oak, Florida on Friday and Saturday, December 4 & 5, 2026. See Christa Knowles at 8:00 a.m. and Mary Barnes at 10:00 a.m. for more information and to register your interest, space is limited.

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Offertory H-530

“Spread, O Spread Thou Mighty Word”

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1. Spread, O spread, thou mighty Word, spread the kingdom of the Lord, that to earth's remotest bound all may heed the joyful sound;
2. Word of how the Father's will made the world, and keeps it, still; How his only Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
3. Word of how the Savior's love earth's sore burden doth remove; How forever, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
4. Word of how the Spirit came bringing peace in Jesus' name; How is never failing love guides us on to heaven above.
5. Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the nations long, spread abroad, until from night all the world awakes to light.

Doxology

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”

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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

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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 LV-139
LV-106**

**“Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior”
“Precious Lord Take My Hand”**

***William H. Doan
Thomas A. Dorsey***

Choir Selection

Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

1. Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry; While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.

Refrain: Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; While on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.

2. Let me at Thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief; Kneeling there in deep contrition, help my unbelief.

Refrain:

3. Trusting only in Thy merit, would I seek Thy face; Heal my wounded, broken spirit, save me by Thy grace.

Refrain:

4. Thou the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me; Whom have I on earth beside Thee? whom in heaven but Thee? **Refrain:**

Precious Lord Take My Hand

1. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I'm tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light, take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.
2. When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone; Hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall, take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.
3. When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone; At the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand, take my hand, precious Lord, lead me on.

Post Communion Prayer

BCP – 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

H-544

“Jesus Shall Reign Where’er The Sun”

Duke Street

1. Jesus shall reign where’er the sun doth his successive journeys run; His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head; His Name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.
3. People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song; And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his Name.
4. Blessings abound where’er he reigns; The prisoners leap to lose his chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.
5. Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King; Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

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, Ruthlyn Daniels, Kevin Williams