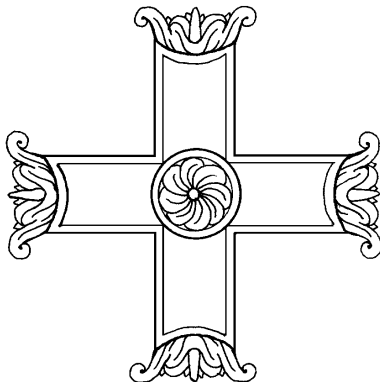


# *Grace Episcopal Church*

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 21  
September 29, 2024, 10:00 AM

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## *Welcome*

Welcome to Grace Church. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. The order of worship is found in this service leaflet. The hymns are found in the blue hymnal in front of you. We pray with our words and our bodies; kneeling, sitting and standing. You may join in as you are able. All are invited to a time of fellowship and refreshments following the service to get to know one another better.

Prayer requests to be published for the community should be given to the parish office.

**Offerings** may be made on-line at [www.gracekirkwood.org/give-to-grace](http://www.gracekirkwood.org/give-to-grace).

**Hearing assistance** is available; please ask an usher.

*We enter into silence in preparation for worship  
and request that you silence cell phones and similar devices.*

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Voluntary

Liturgical *Prelude I*

George Oldroyd  
(1886-1951)

Hymn 7

*Ratisbon*

## THE WORD OF GOD

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

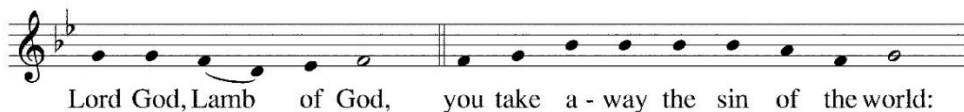
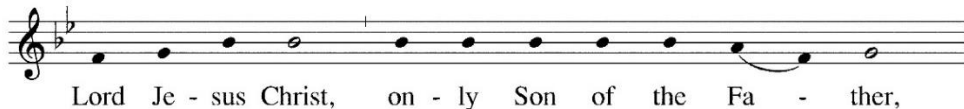
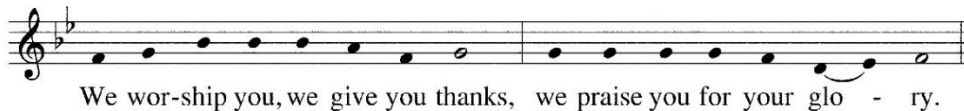
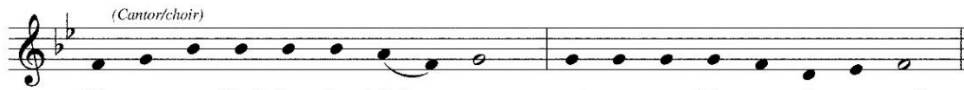
*People* **And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.**

### The 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.**

### Gloria in excelsis

John Lee



have mer-cy on us; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the  
 Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the  
 Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the  
 Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant* O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## The First Lesson

**Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22**

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me-- that is my petition-- and the lives of my people-- that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no

enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

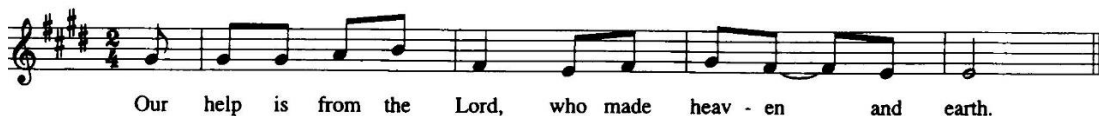
*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 124 *Nisi quia Dominus*

Michele Guimont

*Cantor, then All*



If the LORD had not been on our side, let Israel now say;  
If the LORD had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us;  
Then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us;  
Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us;  
Then would the raging waters have gone right over us.  
Blessed be the LORD! he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.  
We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.  
Our help is in the Name of the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.

## The Second Lesson

**James 5:13-20**

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel Acclamation

Phillip Brunswick



Your word, O Lord, is truth; consecrate us in the truth.

## The Holy Gospel

**Mark 9:38-50**

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

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

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into

hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

*Priest*     The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Corry

The 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.**

### Prayers of the People — Form III

*The People kneel.*

*Intersessor* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People* **That we all may be one.**

*Intersessor* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Intersessor* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People* **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Intersessor* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Intersessor* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Intersessor* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People* **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Intersessor* Give to the departed eternal rest; especially ...

*People* **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Intersessor* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Intersessor* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially....

*Silence may be kept*

## The Confession of Sin

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. 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

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

## Announcements

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Voluntary at the Offertory

*Vater unser im Himmelreich*

Deitrich Buxtehude  
(1637-1707)

Hymn

*Moscow*

**To Thee, great One in Three, the highest praises be,  
hence evermore; thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,  
and to eternity love and adore.**



# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## Eucharistic Prayer B

*Expansive Language*

*Celebrant* The Lord 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 the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

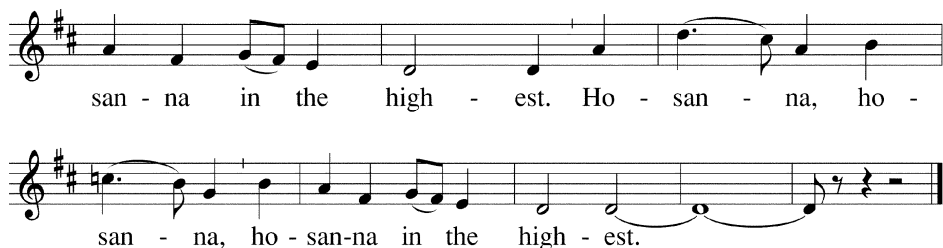
*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth ...

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:

## Sanctus

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might. Heav - en and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho -



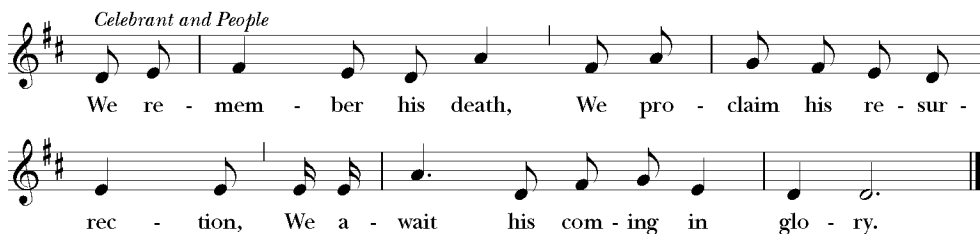
*The people kneel.*

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 Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, 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 Savior 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 Jesus 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, according to his command, O Father,



And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior 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 in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.



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

**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.**

### The Fraction Anthem

*Mode VI*



### The Communion of the People

*All are invited to receive communion. Gluten-free Bread is available upon request.  
Inform an usher if communion in the pew is needed.*

### Hymn 312

*Malaber*

The Post-communion Prayer — *The People stand.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.**

The Blessing

Hymn 525

*Aurelia*

The Dismissal

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

The Voluntary

*Vater unser im Himmelreich, BWV 737*

J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

*The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Diane Thompson  
in memory of her mother, Shirley Browne, who would have been 100 on September 25<sup>th</sup>.*

#### TODAY'S MINISTERS

Celebrant & Preacher	The Rev. Dr. Lisa M. Corry
Organist & Choir Master	Phillip Brunswick
Cantor	Susan Vernon
Lector	Carla Kurth
Intercessor	Sarah Sehie
Acolytes	Mary Merriweather, Molly Frisch, Addy Johnson
Altar Guild Directress	Rebecca Harrison
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