GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK

THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

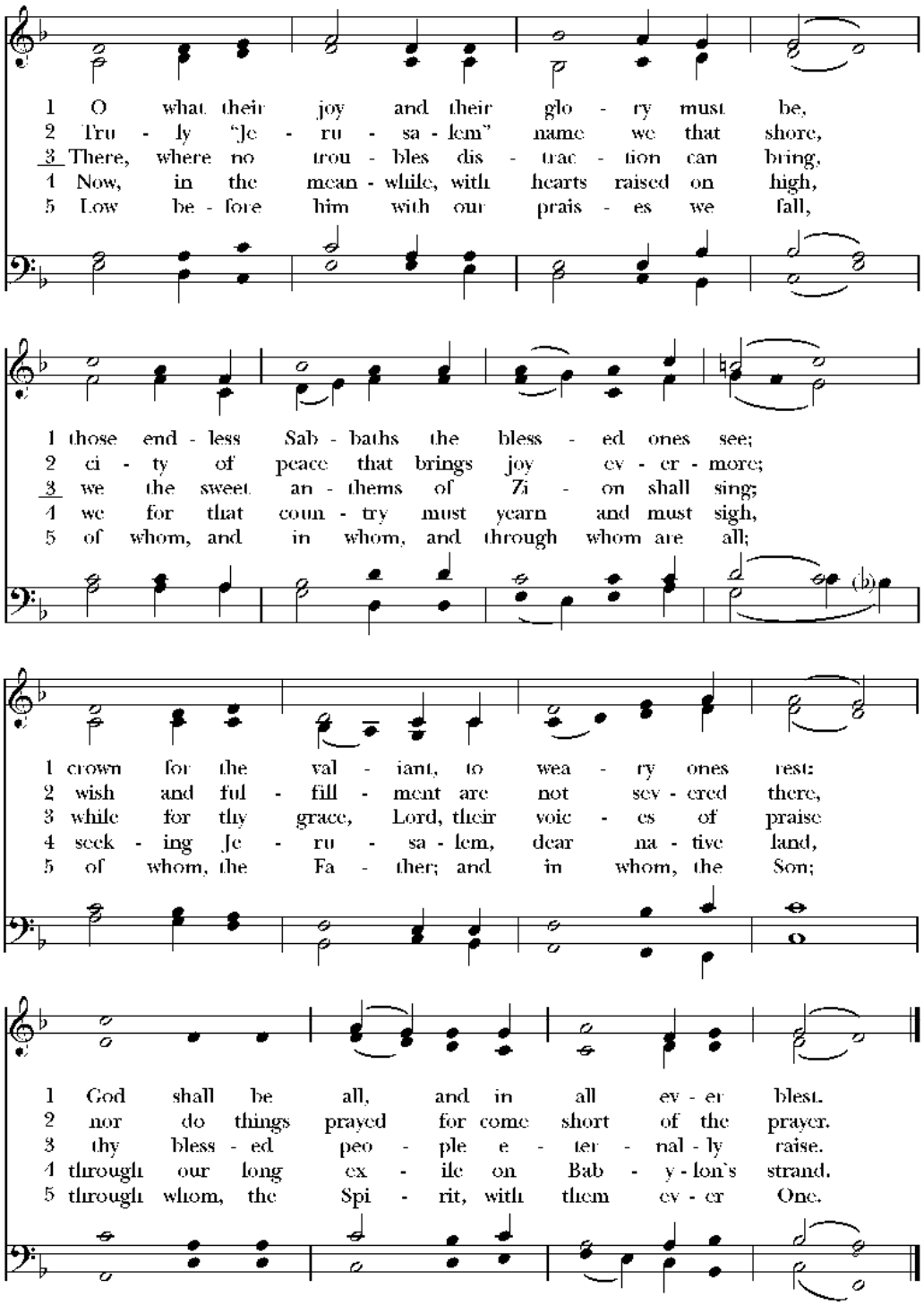
Morning Prayer & Sermon

October 18, 2026 at eleven o'clock A.M.

PRELUDE Air *Gerre Hancock* (1934-2012)

Solemn Melody *H. Walford Davies* (1869-1941)

HYMN 623 O what their joy *(All stand to sing the hymn)* O QUANTA QUALIA



Words: Peter Abelard (1079-1142); tr. John Mason Neale (1818-1866), alt.
Music: *O quanta qualia*, melody from *Antiphoner*, 1681; harm. John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

OPENING SENTENCES

Officiant Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.
People **I was glad when they said unto me, "We will go into the house of the Lord."**

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant invites the people to confess their sins.
Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Then all kneel and say together:
Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against thy holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, spare thou those who confess their faults, restore thou those who are penitent, according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord; and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

The Priest alone stands and says:
The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

INVITATORY AND PSALTER *(Please stand)*

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.
People **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:**
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Venite, exultemus Domino. Ang1ican Chant *(Rimbault)*

O COME let us sing / unto . the / Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of / our . sal- / - VA - / -tion.
Let us come before his presence with / THANKS - / - giving;
and show ourselves / glad . in / him . with / psalms.
For the Lord is a / GREAT / God;
and a great / King . a - / - bove . all / gods.
In his hand are all the corners / of . the / earth;
and the strength of the hills is / HIS / AL - / - so.
The sea is / his and . he / made it;
and his hands pre - / - pared . the / DRY / land.
O come let us worship and / FALL / down,
and kneel before the / Lord . our / MA - / - ker.
For he is the / Lord . our / God;
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the / sheep . of / HIS / hand.
O worship the Lord in the / beauty . of / holiness;
let the whole earth / stand . in / awe . of / him.
For he cometh, for he cometh to / judge . the / earth;

and with righteousness to judge the world,
and the / peo - . - ples / with . his / truth.
Glory be to the Father and / to . the / Son,
and / to . the / Ho -.- ly / Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and / e -. -ver/ shall be,
world without / end. . A - / - A - / - men.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 45:1-7 *(Please be seated.)* Cecily Elizondo

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him--and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96:1-9 *(To be said by all)* *Cantate Domino*

1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.

2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.

4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.

SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 Lauren Snyder

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of

hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.
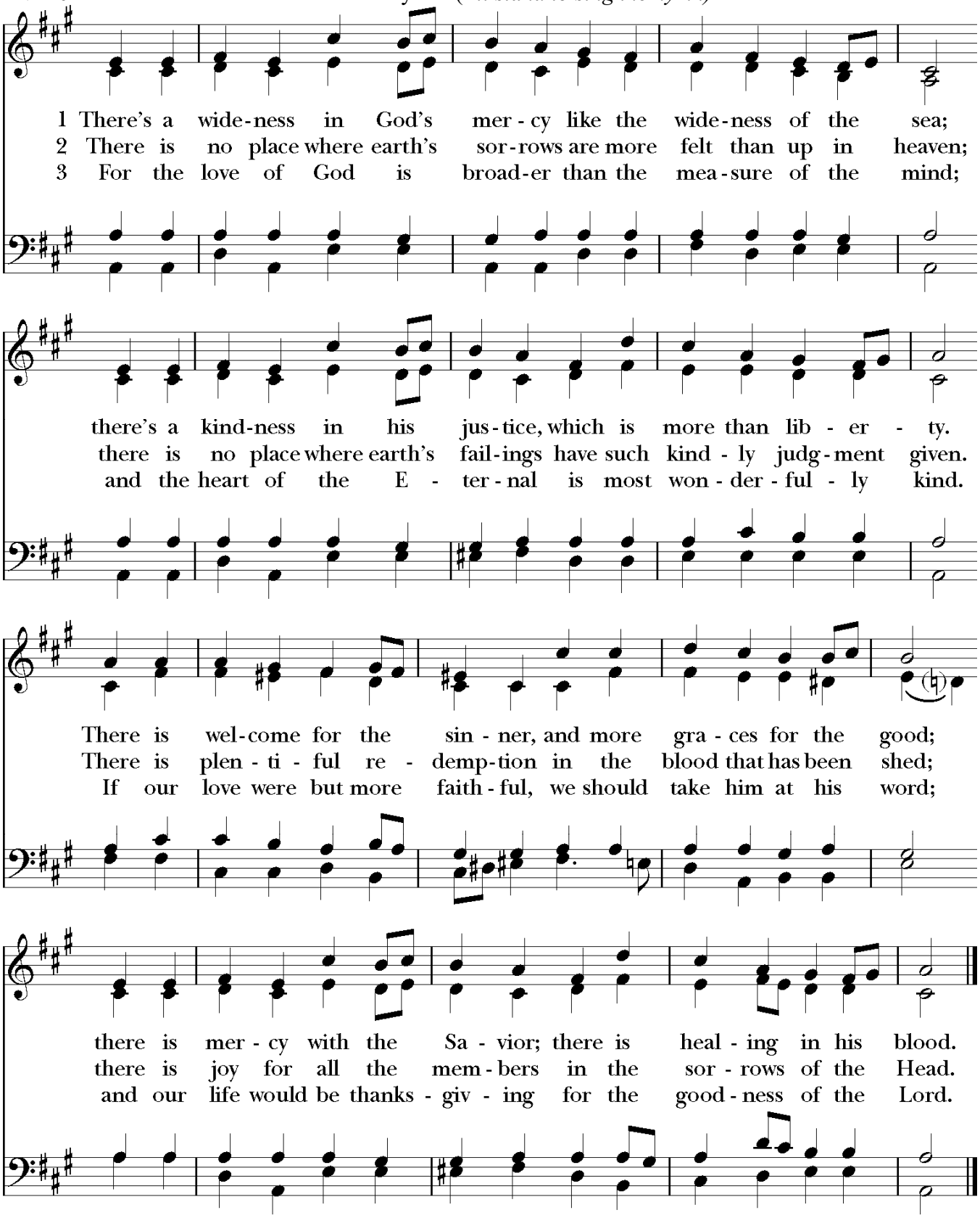
Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM, Almighty and everlasting God *Orlando Gibbons* (1583-1625)
Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Collect for the Third Sunday after Epiphany

THIRD LESSON Matthew 22:15-22 *(Please be seated)* Stacie Waring
The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God**

HYMN 470 There's a wideness in God's mercy *(All stand to sing the hymn)* BEECHER



Words: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt. Music: *Beecher,* John Zundel (1815-1882), alt.

SERMON *(Please be seated.)* THE REVEREND J. DONALD WARING

THE APOSTLES' CREED *(*To be said by all, standing) Book of Common Prayer p. 53

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And with thy Spirit.**
Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Please kneel if you are able)* *Book of Common Prayer p. 54*

Our Father, who art in heaven,
be thy Name,
kingdom come,
will be done,
earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
ever and ever. Amen.

SUFFRAGES A *Book of Common Prayer p. 55*

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. And grant us thy salvation.
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in thee can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. Thy saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY
Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

COLLECTS *Book of Common Prayer p. 56*

INTERCESSIONS

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING *Book of Common Prayer p. 58*
Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all people.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end.*Amen.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.* *2 Corinthians 13:14*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(Please be seated.)*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM, Judge Eternal *Gerre Hancock* (1934-2012)
Judge eternal, throned in splendor,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
With thy living fire of judgment
Purge this land of bitter things;
Solace all its wide dominion
With the healing of thy wings.

Still the weary folk are pining
For the hour that brings release,
And the city's crowded clangor
Cries aloud for sin to cease;
And the homesteads and the woodlands
Plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O God, thine own endeavor;
Cleave our darkness with thy sword;
Feed the faint and hungry heathen
With the richness of thy word;
Cleanse the body of this nation
Through the glory of the Lord.
H.S. Holland

Online worshippers may use the Virtual Offering Plate to make their gifts.
https://gracechurchnyc.org/donate/plate/

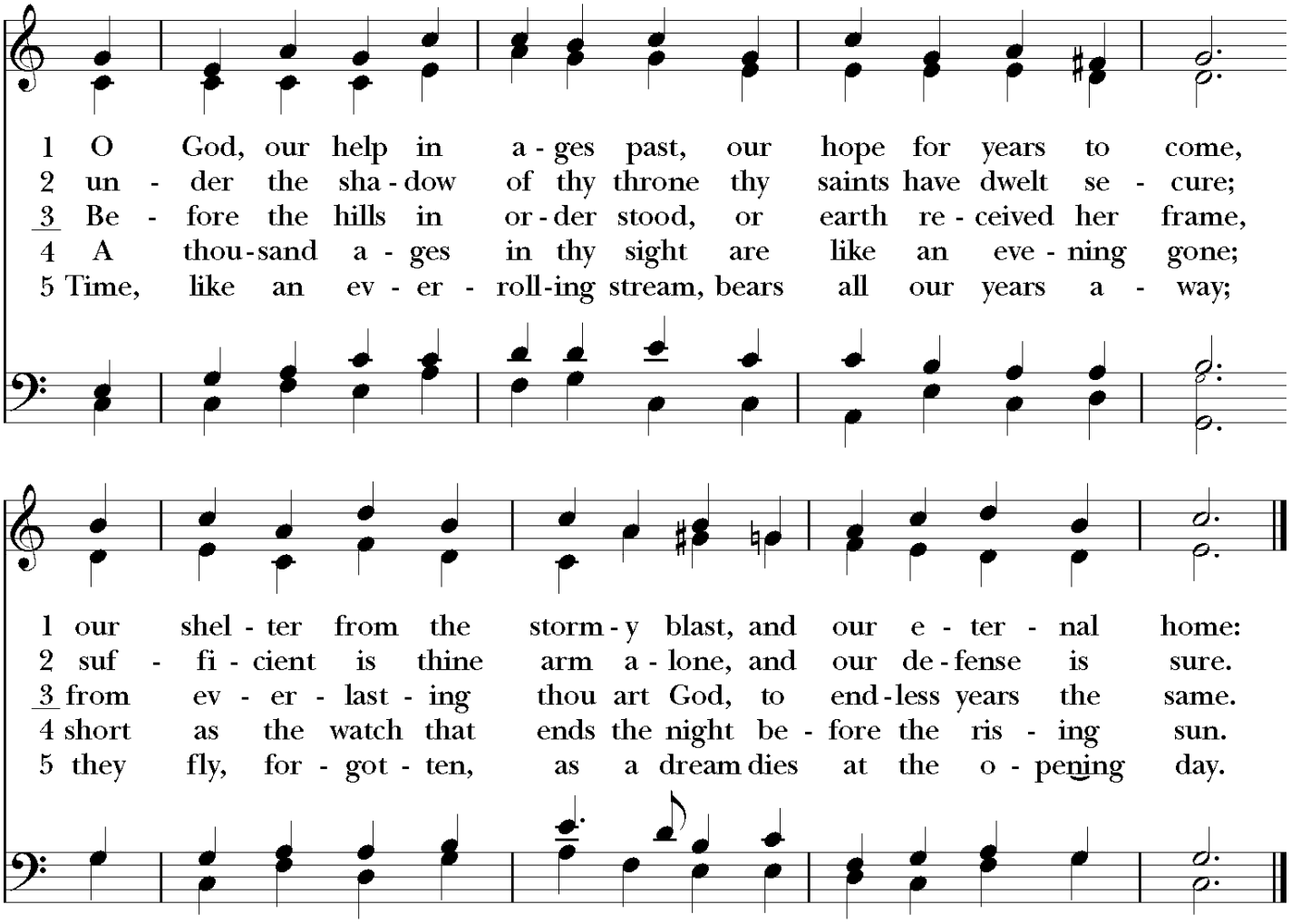
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PRAISE God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

PRAYERS AT THE ALTAR

THE BLESSING

HYMN 680 O God our help in ages past *(All stand for the hymn.)* ST. ANNE



6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.; para. of Psalm 90:1-5
Music: *St. Anne,* melody att. William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

DISMISSAL *The people respond:* **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Chorale en la mineur *César-Auguste Franck* (1822-1890)

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Serving Today
The Choir of Men and Boys
Lesa Bowman, Aditya Chanmugam, *Acolytes*
Cecily Elizondo, Lauren Snyder, Stacie Waring, *Readers*
Colin Heywood, Austin Berger, Ivey Ao, *Ushers*
Ginger Blake, *Altar Guild*
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TODAY

The Sunday Forum – The Purpose of Prayer – What is prayer? What is the point of it? What happens when you pray? There's a good chance you've asked yourself these questions and may still be waiting for answers. Drawing on wisdom from our tradition, the Rev. James Morton will lead the discussion. 10 am in the reception room. Breakfast treats and coffee served.

Coffee hour and fellowship take place in Tuttle Hall following the 9 and 11 am services.

Children's Chapel – Children ages 5 and up are invited to start church with their parents in the pews, before joining a member of the clergy in the chantry for a time of singing, stories, and prayer. Younger children are welcome to attend with an adult. Children return during the announcements. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez for more information.

New Worship Leader Open House (Refreshments Provided) – Curious about joining a worship ministry, but not sure where to begin? Readers, ushers, acolytes, and altar guild members play vital roles in all our services here at Grace Church and new worship leaders are always welcome to join. Meet us for refreshments in the reception room of the parish house following the 11 am service to learn more. We'll have representatives from each worship guild speak to their ministry so you can discern where to plug in. RSVP to the Rev. James Morton.

Hymns from Grace – Hymns from Grace features favorite hymns, anthems, and voluntaries on The Bicentennial Organ from 4–4:45 pm on Sundays during the program year.

Today and Oct 25 – Bible Passages for Bad Days | Sunday Evening Adult Formation – It's not fun, but all of us have bad days. Can you think of a time when a family member wasn't doing well, or work got you down, or the world was too much with you? Those days are hard to navigate, but thankfully Scripture is filled with wisdom and examples of how to traverse troubling times. Meeting a total of four evenings, this course explores passages from the Bible along with other resources in a small group setting. Led by the Rev. James Morton, we will meet in the chantry on Sunday nights immediately following the 6 pm service. No advance reading is necessary to participate. Refreshments served.

Canterbury Downtown – Canterbury Downtown is an open and inclusive Episcopal campus ministry for students of Manhattan colleges. Students of all religious and cultural backgrounds are invited to share in a faith-based community, connect with one another, and grow together in Christ. During the academic year, students gather for worship, conversation, and a complimentary meal with Canterbury Downtown Chaplain, the Rev. Megan E. Sanders, following the Sunday 6 pm service in the chantry. All college students are welcome.

COMING SOON

Oct 21, 28 – Wednesday Evening Bible Study – We continue our series on the books of Ecclesiastes and Job, led by the Rev. Eva Suarez. Join us in the reception room immediately following the 6 pm Eucharist as we explore two of the strangest and most challenging texts in the Bible. Light refreshments are served, and we adjourn by 8 pm.

Oct 24 – Volunteer Day at The Red Door Place – Help us prepare a meal for our neighbors at The Red Door Place at The Church of the Village, our food ministry partner. There are two available shifts, 8:30–11:45 am and 11:30 am–2:30 pm. Email the Rev. James Morton if you would like to attend.

Oct 25 – Shojin Cooking Demonstration – Tokyo-based chef Masami Asao will visit Grace Church from 12:45–4 pm for a Shojin cooking demonstration. We will learn to make miso soup and a selection of dashi (broths), and about the significance of tableware in Shojin cooking.

Oct 27 – 20s & 30s Pub Theology – The next 20s & 30s Pub Theology will take place at 6:45 pm in the reception room of the parish house. We'll explore intersections of the divine and our everyday lives. No advance reading is necessary! Pizza, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages will be served. Email the Rev. James Morton to RSVP.

Nov 1 – All Saints' Sunday – During the services we'll light candles and remember all those connected with Grace Church who have died but remain on the hearts and minds of their loved ones. To include a name on this year's list, please email to Mickey Hawley by Monday, Oct 26.

Nov 1 – 2027 Annual Pledge Campaign: "The Bread of Life" – On All Saints' Sunday, we will begin receiving financial commitments for supporting the work of the Lord through Grace Church in 2027. More details to come.

Nov 1 – The Parish Choir – If you are an adult or teen who likes to sing with others, you can join the Parish Choir for the 9 am Sunday service. All you have to do is meet Dr. Allen at the chancel steps at 8:30 am and he will ready the group for the service. You will be backed up by a quartet of professional singers, so there is no fear factor if you don't always hit the right note. The Parish Choir typically sings on the first Sunday of every month. Give it a try!

Nov 1 – The Sunday Forum - Biblical Scenes in Brilliant Color: Stained Glass in the South Aisle – As the south aisle project finally nears completion, the scaffolding will be coming down, revealing the newly restored stained-glass windows for the first time in over two years. Jean Phifer is a renowned stained-glass conservationist who has managed the window aspect of the project. She will be with us at the Forum to show before-after slides and talk about the challenges. After the 11 am service, she will lead a tour of the windows in the south aisle. 10 am in the reception room for the Forum, 12:45 in the church for the tour.

Nov 1 – Requiem by Gabriel Fauré will be offered as part of Choral Evensong by The Adult and Parish Choirs at 4 pm in the church.

Nov 1 – Did Somebody Say Chicken and Waffles? – Join us for a parish-wide dinner to celebrate the saints and the launch of our annual campaign. 5 pm in Tuttle Hall, immediately following Evensong and before the 6 pm service. Yes, chicken and waffles is the main course! Bring your completed pledge card. RSVP to Travis Kennedy.

Nov 1 – Be Part of the Christmas Pageant – All children ages 5 and above are warmly invited to be a part of this beloved (and fun!) Grace Church tradition. Please email the Rev. Eva Suarez for more information, rehearsal dates, and to sign your child up to participate. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, November 1!

Nov 3 – Interviews for Christmas Pageant Solos, Duets, Trios – Interviews for this year's Christmas Pageant will be held on the afternoon of Tuesday, November 3. Children only need to interview with the directors if they would like to sing a solo, duet, or trio. Please email the Rev. Eva Suarez for more information. All children must register for the pageant by Sunday, November 1.

Nov 7–8 – Grace Christmas Fair – Saturday, Nov 7 from 11 am–6 pm. Sunday, Nov 8 from 10 am–4 pm. Enter through the church on Broadway. Art and Crafts / Treasures / Homemade food and baked goods for purchase at Catharine's Cafe! Wine & Cheese Reception on Saturday from 4–6 pm. Bring your Christmas gift list! Sponsored by the GCW. If you are able to volunteer, bake for the cafe, or donate treasures, contact Elana or Kristin.

Nov 9 – Grace Church Legacy Society Dinner – Have you remembered Grace Church in your estate planning? If so, you are invited to the inaugural gourmet dinner for those who have made arrangements for Grace Church to thrive in generations to come. The GCLS is a new ministry that is chaired by Douglas Evans and Jack Browning. If you would like to attend the dinner and learn more, please email Travis Kennedy for details.

Nov 15 – **The Sunday Forum – Episcopal Church Building in New York City: An Architectural Overview –** This Sunday Forum invites participants on a journey through the rich architectural heritage of the Episcopal Church on the island of Manhattan. From humble colonial-era chapels to majestic Gothic Revival landmarks, both finished and unfinished, Episcopal architecture has left an indelible mark on New York's urban fabric. Led by Cole Wagner, this talk will highlight notable buildings that have shaped the city's cultural and religious landscape and that embody the spiritual imagination of their time.

Nov 15 – Newcomer Gathering – New to the Grace Church community and looking to learn more? We'll be having a brief info session between our two morning services, a wonderful chance to meet other new parishioners, ask any questions you might have, and learn a little more about what it means to "join" the church. We'll have plenty of coffee and donuts on hand. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez to learn more!

Nov 16 – Annual Campaign Party – Join us for a festive gathering of hors d'oeuvres and beverages at the home of Ravi Chanmugam and Christina Lucas. Our purpose will be to enjoy the delightful fare and thank the generous givers who support the ministry of Grace Church. We are most grateful to Ravi and Christina for hosting the event in their beautiful home while the rectory is out of commission. More details to come. For now, make plans to support the 2027 Annual Campaign.

Nov 18 – Episcopal Charities Tribute Dinner – Every year the Diocese gathers for a gala dinner at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine to support Episcopal Charities, our collective outreach ministry funding parish-based programs in under-resourced communities. To learn more about Episcopal Charities and the dinner, visit their website at https://www.episcopalcharities-newyork.org/.

EVERY SUNDAY

Worship with us at 9 and 11 am in the church and 6 pm in the chantry. The 11 am service is livestreamed at https://gracechurchnyc.org/worship/live/.

The Sunday Forum is a weekly opportunity to gather with others at 10 am in the reception room and delve into topics of Christian concern, including theology, history, Scripture, and politics. Coffee and breakfast treats are served.

Coffee hour and fellowship take place in Tuttle Hall following the 9 and 11 am services.

Nursery Care – The nursery is open from 8:30 am–12:30 pm (during and between both morning services). The room is located in the Sunday School wing just off Tuttle Hall and is professionally staffed according to Safe Church guidelines. Adults can sign children ages 0–4 in and out at their convenience. Please be sure to collect your children by 12:30 pm. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez for more information.

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Activity Corner for Children – In the north aisle of the church, you will find coloring supplies and books for children to use during the service. Please return all materials before you leave and help us keep the area clean for future families.

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EVERY WEEK

Enter, Rest, Pray (Open Door Hours) Sunday: 8:30 am–5 pm, Monday–Saturday: 12–5 pm. Wednesday and Sunday 6 pm services are in the chantry.

Monday – Centering Prayer is offered from 12:14–12:45 pm, both in person and on Zoom. This Christian silent prayer practice prepares us to receive the gift of God's presence and is led by Currie Estreich, MA, Spiritual Direction, the General Theological Seminary. To practice in person, please come to the southeast corner of the church, just to the right of the organ and behind the pulpit. If you come down the center or north aisle and turn right, you will see the spot set up.

Tuesday–Friday – Bach at Noon is offered by our Organist and Master of Choristers, Dr. Patrick Allen, from 12:20–12:50 pm on The Bicentennial Organ. Stop into the church at any time during this 30-minute meditation to enjoy a diverse selection from the works of J.S. Bach. You can also tune in to the livestream and enjoy recordings of previous offerings via Vimeo: https://vimeo.com/gracechurchnyc.

Wednesday – Women's Bible Study meets weekly via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:30 am. This is an opportunity for learning, camaraderie, and lively discussion—no advance preparation required. All those who identify as women are welcome. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez for more information.

Wednesday – 6 pm Holy Eucharist in the Chantry – Holy Eucharist, sermon, and lively hymn singing accompanied by our Steinway grand piano. The first Wednesday of every month includes prayers for healing and anointing with oil.

Wednesday – Adult Formation – We offer classes each Wednesday evening after the Eucharist. Come for worship and stay for the evening or just come to class! Classes begin at 6:45 in the reception room. Light refreshments are served. This October, we'll be studying the "Wisdom Literature" of the Bible. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez for more information.

Saturday – Weekend Organ Meditations – Weekend Organ Meditations feature the diverse repertoire of the pipe organ from 4–4:45 pm on Saturdays during the program year. All are invited to attend in person, and you can tune in to the livestream and enjoy recordings of previous offerings via Vimeo: https://vimeo.com/gracechurchnyc.

OUTREACH

Food Donations for The Red Door Place – Our food ministry partner, The Red Door Place at The Church of the Village, is a vital pantry/soup kitchen serving those in need, supporting the social safety net in our neighborhood. Donations are desperately needed. Non-perishable food items may be dropped off in the collection baskets in the narthex when you visit Grace Church during open hours. Clothing donations are not needed for this ministry.

October is Tuna Month! – Canned tuna is a staple that food pantries always need. Help us make a special push to ensure The Red Door Place is well stocked this October.

Fresh Direct Bags Needed – The Red Door Place is also seeking donations of Fresh Direct bags to support its ministries. Please note that they only accept Fresh Direct bags. Other reusable bags are not needed. If you would like to donate bags, please place them in the collection baskets in the narthex with the food items.

PARISH LIFE

Baptism and Confirmation at Grace Church – Are you interested in learning more about the sacrament of Baptism for you or a family member? Were you baptized as an infant, and not sure what that means now that you're returning to church as an adult? Grace Church is a place where everyone is welcome to deepen their life of faith. Please contact the Rev. Eva Suarez to learn more about Baptism, Confirmation, and other Rites of Initiation here at Grace.

Join the Choir! – Do you have a child in grades two through twelve? The Choirs are always recruiting and, with creative scheduling, all young people are eligible to participate, not just those who attend Grace Church School. It’s fun, y’all come! Contact Patrick Allen via email at pallen@gracechurchnyc.org to work out the details. Please visit the choirs page at https://gracechurchnyc.org/music/choirs/ for more information about the choirs.

Grace Christmas Fair: Call for Treasures/Donations – Do you have unique, versatile, decorative, vintage, or collectible items at home that you no longer need? The GCW Christmas Fair Committee invites everyone to look around at home for treasures donations and hold onto them for the Grace Christmas Fair. If small, they can be brought to Elana, Kristin, or Susan at the 11 am service on Sundays.

Grace Christmas Fair: Call for Baking Contributions – Catherine’s Café is always a big hit at the fair and we are hoping you can help to make it a sweet success once again! Please let Rachel Kuhns know if you are willing to bake an item for the fair. Thank you in advance for your delicious donations and for helping to make the Café a holiday delight!

Altar Flowers – Donations of flowers beautify our sanctuary every week, a steady reminder of the love God shows us in creation. Flowers can be given in memory of a loved one, in celebration of a milestone, or just in general thanksgiving; both donors and their commemorations will be listed in that Sunday's bulletin. The cost to sponsor our usual Sunday display is $400. To learn more, please email our Parish Office Administrator, Mickey Hawley.

Become a Worship Leader – Readers, ushers, and altar guild members play vital roles in all of our services here at Grace Church. If you feel called to help us lead worship and are interested in learning more about any of these opportunities, email the Rev. James Morton and he can help you connect to a ministry that suits you.

Is hospitality your forte? Would you like to help put on parish events? If so, the Hospitality Guild wants your help! Throughout the year, Grace Church puts on many special events and opportunities for table fellowship. At parish dinners, summer cookouts, and other festive receptions, the Hospitality Guild helps set the table, lay the buffet, and extend the church's hospitality to members and newcomers alike. If you would like to be on the list of people we reach out to when we need hospitality volunteers, please contact a member of the clergy.

Nametags can be found on the boards in Tuttle Hall. Newcomers are encouraged to visit our welcome table during coffee hour to create their own nametags. If you are a pledging member and do not see your nametag on the boards in Tuttle Hall, please email Travis Kennedy so he can make you one.

20s & 30s at Grace Church – We have a very active group of parishioners in their twenties and thirties here at Grace who meet regularly for Pub Theology and other seasonal events. If you are interested in connecting with us, please email the Rev. James Morton and he will add you to our email list.

Grace Cares – Would you like a visit at home, or at the hospital? Do you need assistance in getting to church or an appointment? Are you struggling and in need of a friendly phone call? Would you like the Sunday lessons read to you or the service bulletin brought to you? Would you like to receive communion in your home? Grace has a pastoral care team that provides these services and more. Contact the Rev. James Morton.

Assistive Listening System – During Sunday morning worship services, Grace Church provides an assistive listening system (ALS) for visitors with hearing loss. Please bring a small, handheld FM radio to the church to access this system. Once at the church, tune in to frequency 87.6 mHZ on your FM dial to listen. Please visit https://gracechurchnyc.org/assistive-listening/ for more information.

Nut-Free Fare – To ensure the safety of all our parishioners, every precaution is taken to provide food that is nut-free at coffee hours and other receptions. If you are bringing treats for others to enjoy, please make sure they are nut-free.

Safe Church – Grace Church is committed to providing its members, staff, and visitors with a place that is free of abuse and harassment. If you have observed, or personally experienced sexual or other forms of harassment, or other concerning behavior while attending activities, classes, or events held at Grace Church, or on our shared campus with Grace Church School, we encourage you to notify us. Please visit https://gracechurchnyc.org/safeguarding-our-community/ to find a direct means of providing feedback.

Please refrain from eating and drinking in the church to help keep the church a clean and peaceful space for all.

Restrooms are available on the first floor of the parish house, through the north aisle door near the baptismal font.

Give Via Venmo – If you don't have cash on you, but still want to give to Grace Church, you can make a donation via Venmo at https://venmo.com/u/GraceChurchNYC. Use the "What's it for?" line to tell us the specific project or program you want to support.

Do you have an announcement for the bulletin? Please contact a member of the clergy by 12 pm on Wednesday to request to add an announcement to the Sunday bulletin.

Photos and videos taken at services display the vibrancy and joy of Grace Church in print and online materials. As a participant in Grace Church events, you have a right to opt out of photos and videos. To do so, please contact Michelle Henderson at mhenderson@gracechurchnyc.org.

Thank you for worshipping with us today.