

YOU ARE WELCOME!

Grace Episcopal Church is a place for all – the curious, the hurting, the imperfect, and the joyful. We gather as a lively and visible group of Christians dedicated to social justice and positive change in Chicago's South Loop neighborhood and beyond.

Whoever you are, whatever you bring to God's table, you are in the right place this morning. Welcome!

Praying with Grace

- Masks are optional at Grace and are always welcome.
- A gender-neutral restroom is located to the left of the altar along the east windows.
- Customary times to stand or sit are indicated by the italicized instructions throughout the service. It's perfectly fine to remain seated as you're comfortable.
- Everyone, without exception, is invited to receive communion. All the communion bread is gluten free. To receive a blessing; keep your hands folded across your chest.

Connecting with Grace

- Find Grace online at *gracechicago.org* and sign up for our weekly e-newsletter
- Contact the clergy and staff at info@gracechicago.org
- Email your prayer requests to prayers@gracechicago.org
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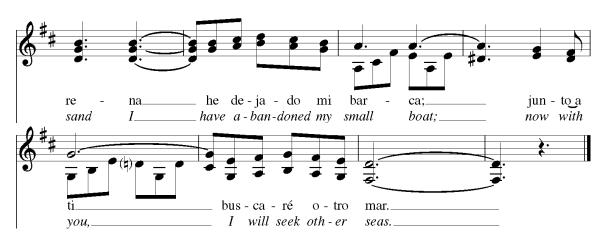
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Prelude Beautiful, arr. L. Perry

Please stand as the bells rings

Opening Hymn Ð 1. Tú. has ve - ni - do a la o - ri lla,_ no has bus-2. Tú. sa - bes bien lo que ten en mi _ go:_ 1. You. have come down to the lake shore_ seek - ing 2. You. know full well my pos - ses Nei - ther sions. ca do_ n<u>i a</u> sa - bios, ni a ri cos,__ tan só - lo bar ca_ ____ no_hay o - ro nies - pa das;___ tan só - lo the the But on - ly nei ther_ wise nor weal thy,___ trea nor weap - ons for con Just these my sure_ quest,___ Estribillo (Refrain) quie res_ ____ que yo ga. te si Je des_ re У mi - ba jo._ tra for me 0 ask ing_ to fol low._ fish and will for nets_ work ing. _ me_has mi - ra - do a los o sús, jos;_ son - ri -Je you have looked in - to my kind - ly sus,_ eyes;_ di - cho mi en do_ has nom - bre;____ en la_asmil ing, _____ you've called out my On the name.__

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Wonder Love & Praise #758

The presider welcomes the congregation.

The Word of God

Source of Life, in the beginning, you made us and called us beloved. When we forget how to love, you remind us we are beloved. When the powers of the world try to oppress us, you name us beloved. When our siblings in faith condemn us, you claim us: beloved.

God be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Hebrew Bible Lesson

the readings are from the New Revised Standard Version Bible (NRSV), one of 14 Bible translations authorized by the Episcopal Church and many Christian denominations for use in worship

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

¹³God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living.

¹⁴For he created all things so that they might exist;

the generative forces of the world are wholesome, and there is no destructive poison in them, and the dominion of Hades is not on earth. For righteousness is immortal.

 ²² ²⁵For God created us for incorruption, and made us in the image of his own eternity,
 ²⁴but through the devil's envy death entered the world, and those who belong to his company experience it.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 30 psalm is said antiphonally by whole verse

¹I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lifted me up * and have not let my enemies triumph over me. ²O LORD my God, I cried out to you, * and you restored me to health. ³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; * you restored my life as I was going down to the grave. ⁴Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; * give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness. ⁵For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, * his favor for a lifetime. ⁶Weeping may spend the night, * but joy comes in the morning. ⁷While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed. * You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains." ⁸Then you hid your face, * and I was filled with fear. ⁹I cried to you, O Lord; * I pleaded with the Lord, saying, ¹⁰"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? * will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness? ¹¹Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; * O LORD, be my helper." ¹²You have turned my wailing into dancing; * you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy. ¹³Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; * O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24

The New Testament Lesson

A reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you-so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

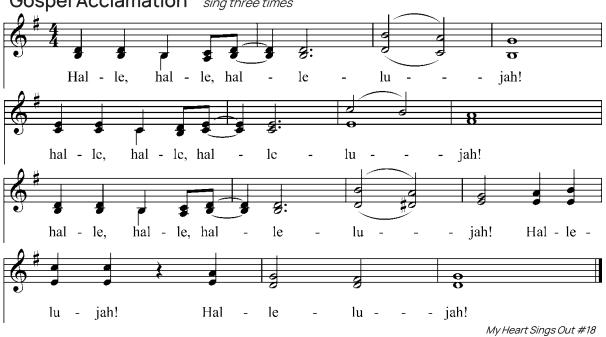
I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. "And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something-"now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. "For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has-not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between wyour present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. 15As it is written,

"The one who had much did not have too much,

and the one who had little did not have too little."

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

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Gospel Acclamation sing three times

The Gospel

You are invited to cross yourself at the + below.

+The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. Glory to you, O Christ.

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at

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his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁶Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁶for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" ³¹And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement.

Mark 5:21-43

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon silence follows the sermon beginning and ending with a bell

Affirmation of Faith

from Trinity Episcopal Church, St. Louis

We believe in God, who is love, and who has given the earth to all people.
We believe in Jesus Christ, who came to heal us, and to free us from all forms of oppression.
We believe in the Spirit of God, who works in and through all who are turned towards the truth.
We believe in the community of faith, which is called to be at the service of all people.
We believe in God's power to transform and transfigure, fulfilling the promise of a new heaven and a new earth where justice and peace will flourish. Amen.

The Prayers

by Rev. Claudia Aguilar Rubalcava, Avery Arden, Rev. Brooke Scott, and Matt Webb, from A Sanctified Art, LLC

We come with joyful hearts for the gift of diversity and bodies of all colors, sizes, and genders. For the gift of love and different ways in which we can love one another. For the gift of community and families that extend beyond biology. So today, we pray:

Increase our joy, O Holy One.

We come with broken hearts for a society that makes tiny boxes and wants us all to fit in them. For love that is conditional and asks us to be who we aren't. For relatives that reject us and friends that forget us when we need them. So today, we pray:

Deliver us from evil, O Holy One.

We come with open hearts, for strength and courage to be and exist in this world as we are. For dreams of new ways to dismantle systems of oppression.

For love and hope knowing a different world is possible. So today we pray:

Be with us today and always, O Holy One.

We come with caring hearts for those who hurt in body, mind, or spirit, especially:

The people of the Holy Land & all those in conflict zones Rich, Tony & Tony's mother (Ursula Forhan's friends) Larry (Kim Callis' uncle) Arthur (Craig Bivins' uncle) Bernard & Brenda (Monique Patterson's family) Nathaniel (Anderson)

Becky (Chris Wendroth's friend) Joe (Dan Petrosko's brother) Donna (Cutler) Cynthia (Marvin Foltz's wife) Tom (Haverly)

So today we pray: Heal us and make us whole, O Holy One.

We come with grieving hearts, as we remember those who have died, including Pearl (1st anniversary of her death on June 4, Carmen (Keima's mother who died on June 20), saints of the LGBT liberation movement including Marsha P. Johnson, Sylvia Rivera, Storme DeLarverie, queer people who have died from illness, violence or suicide, and all those whose life moved the world towards the loving vision of God's heavenly kingdom. So today we pray:

Comfort and strengthen us, O Holy One.

We come with thankful hearts, celebrating the gift of parenthood on this Father's Day, giving thanks to all who have fathered us through their care, their strength and example. We also rejoice with those who have birthdays, anniversaries, and other blessings this week, especially:

Nancy (Rawley-24)	Andrea (Billhardt -24)	Jim (Edwards -28)
Ted (Otto -29)	Nolan (Cooper -1)	
Grace's faith partners (Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Onnuri Church & Hope's Table Chicago)		

So today we pray: Celebrate with us, O Holy One. l invite your prayers and petitions.

People may add their own prayers.

Online worshippers are invited to unmute and offer their prayers first. Those in the sanctuary are invited to come to the microphone.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen**.

Confession and Absolution You are invited to cross yourself at the + below.

Let us confess our sins to God.

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

Siblings in Christ, as long as we live on this side of heaven, there will be days when we fail to believe our own belovedness or affirm it in others. Even still, the promises of God are for us. Though the road is long and difficult, nothing can separate us from God's love. You are +forgiven, embraced, and cherished. You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

The Peace

To celebrate the truth that each of us is loved, forgiven, embraced, and cherished by God, you are invited to pass the peace of Christ to one another with a blessing. As you greet each person say: "I see the image of God in you."

I see the image of God in you. The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The people greet one another.

Announcements

Some announcements will be given; more information is at the end of this bulletin.

Giving to Grace

You can give online to Grace during worship (or anytime) using your phone; simply scan the QR code and the church's online donation provider VANCO will appear in your browser. Thank you for supporting Grace's ministries! On the first Sunday of each month, the cash offering is designated for Grace Church's Discretionary Fund.



Offertory Anthem

Rainbow, performed by Cassidy Connolly

The Table of God

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 3

God 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 God thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

Sing two times in the language of your preference





Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit +upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. **Amen.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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

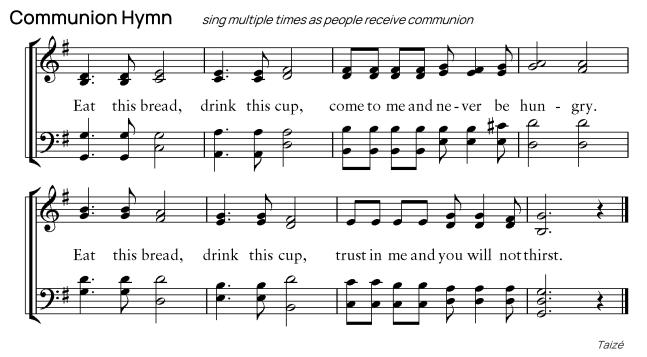
The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ. We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The invitation to Communion comes from Jesus himself; everyone, without exception, is welcome to receive. Those at home may unwrap their host and consume it. If you do not have communion at home, you are invited to pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion below.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, dear Jesus, with the faithful at every altar of your Church, I offer you my praise and thanksgiving. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament and that you are able, even when received by faith alone, to heal, enrich, and sanctify me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you and you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.



Sending Forth

At the + below, you are invited to cross yourself.

Let us pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.

Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

At the +below, you are invited to cross yourself.

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May the +peace of God, the love of Christ, and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 1. Build long - er ta - ble, high-er a not a wall. 2. Build saf - er ref - uge, a not a larg-er jail; 3. Build a broad - er door-way, not a long-er fence. ex - iles, 4. When we lived as ref - u - gees a - broad, feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all. where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail. Love pro-tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense. Christ be-came our door-way to the reign of God. Feast - ing to - geth - er, friend, stran - ger turns to place where jus - tice de - nied, an - y is For When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear, So must our ta bles wel-come those who roam. Christ breaks walls to piec-es; false di - vi - sions end. Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing in - side. all Christ tears down our fenc-es: all are wel-come here. None can be ex - clud-ed; all must find home. a

All Creation Sings #1062

Dismissal

Go in peace, to love and serve God. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Please stay online for conversation.

TODAY'S MINISTERS

Presider & Preacher Amity Carrubba

Minister of Music Andrea Billhardt Marilyn Haverly

Guest Musician Cassidy Connolly **Online Host Kim Callis**

Bread Baker

Mary Beth Weigel

Servers

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Deacon

June Liturgy Has Celebrated PRIDE

Throughout the month of June, Grace has celebrated Pride month with a liturgy celebrating all bodies, lives, and ministries, especially those of our LGBTQIA+ siblings. Our sanctuary has been decorated with three flags symbolizing pride and support for various communities (see article further below).

On the national level, the Episcopal Church has designed a new shield to symbolize support for the LGBTQIA+ communities. Thank you to Kevin Malone for adding the shield to our sign that is on the sidewalk to welcome worshippers each Sunday. The new shield communicates to people walking by the church that Grace is a welcoming congregation.

If you would like to learn more about Pride Month, and ongoing efforts to welcome all to our worship and faith life, talk with Vestry members Melissa Moore Gillespie or Kevin Malone directly.

Last Major Milestones in the Episcopal Journey towards full LGBTQIA+ Inclusion

In 2012 it called for the repeal of discriminatory federal laws, increased legal protections for domestic partners, and recommended a liturgy for blessing the relationships of same-sex couples. In the same convention, the canons of The Episcopal Church were amended to prohibit discrimination in the ordination process based on gender identity and gender expression.

Finally, in the summer of 2015, just five days after the Supreme Court of the United States ruled that same-sex couples had the legal right to marry, General Convention voted to amend the canons of The Episcopal Church that regulate marriage, permitting any couple the rite of Holy Matrimony. They also called for a name-change rite to honor an important moment in the lives of anyone claiming their true identity. The work continues at each Diocesan and General convention including resolutions to remove gendered language from many of our church's bylaws.

Right: Transgender Pride Flag

The transgender pride flag was designed by transgender woman Monica Helms and first flown at a Pride Parade in Phoenix, AZ in 2000. Helms described the meaning: "The light blue is the traditional color for baby boys, pink is for girls, and the white in the middle is for those who are transitioning, those who feel they have a neutral gender or no gender, and those who are intersex. The pattern is such that no matter which way you fly it, it will always be correct. This symbolizes us trying to find correctness in our own lives."

Announcements

Pastor Amity is on vacation next Sunday. The Rev. Juan Reed will be the guest preacher and presider.

The 81st General Convention of the Episcopal Church Concluded Friday

The General Convention, the governing body of The Episcopal Church, met in Louisville, KY last week. It is a bicameral legislature that includes the House of Deputies (lay people, deacons, and priests) and the House of Bishops, composed of deputies and bishops from each diocese. During its triennial meeting, deputies and bishops considered a wide range of important matters facing the Church. Of special significance at this Convention was the election of a new presiding bishop to succeed Presiding Bishop Michael Curry as his nine-year term concludes. Other issues included setting the church's budget, resolutions on the Holy Land, racial justice and reconciliation, and structure.

Save-the-Dates

Sign up for some fun activities for the summer. All are welcome!

Sunday, July 14 Grace at the Art Institute

After lunch at the museum, we will tour with Steve Carrelli.

Sunday, July 28 Parish Potluck Picnic

Bring your favorite summertime dish as we gather in Printers Row Park across the street from Grace after worship.

Saturday, July 27 Film Screening of The Philadelphia 11 at Saint James Cathedral

Watch the trailer at philadelphiaelevenfilm.com

Sunday TBD in August Gospel Brunch Drag Show (let's agree on a date for this fun outing)

Dragalicious Gospel Brunch Drag Show at Lips (2229 S. Michigan Ave) \$43 per person (tax, tips, and drinks additional)

Sunday, September 15 Bishop Paula Visitation to Grace at the 10am service

If you are interested in baptism, confirmation, reception or reaffirmation, please contact Pastor Amity.

Printers Row Park Ice Cream Social and Game Night

Come out and enjoy a free ice cream social on Thursday, July 18 from 5-7pm in Printers Row Park. This is sponsored by the South Loop Neighbors and the Printers Row Park Advisory Council and is followed by the Printers Row PAC Meeting.

Summer in Chicago Means Street Closings - Be Prepared

Grace's location in one of the most vibrant downtown neighborhoods in Chicago is wonderful, but it also means that we often deal with street closings for festivals, concerts, and races during the summer and fall that can make navigation difficult, if not near impossible at times. We will do our best to give advance notice about street closings around Grace. Here's some of what we know is coming our way soon:

NASCAR - July 6-7, Street closures began on June 10 for construction of viewing stands and the course. Street closings continue after race weekend for teardown of the event site. Find details at NASCARChicago.com.

Lollapalooza - August 1-4. Street closings will be posted at lollapalooza.com.

Printers Row Art Fest- August 10-11. Dearborn street will be closed from Harrison to Polk that weekend. Information about the festival can be found <u>here</u>.

Democratic National Convention - August 19-22 at the United Center. While not close to Grace, street closures and traffic pattern changes will upend getting around in the city for the duration of the convention. Check the official DNC website for more.