

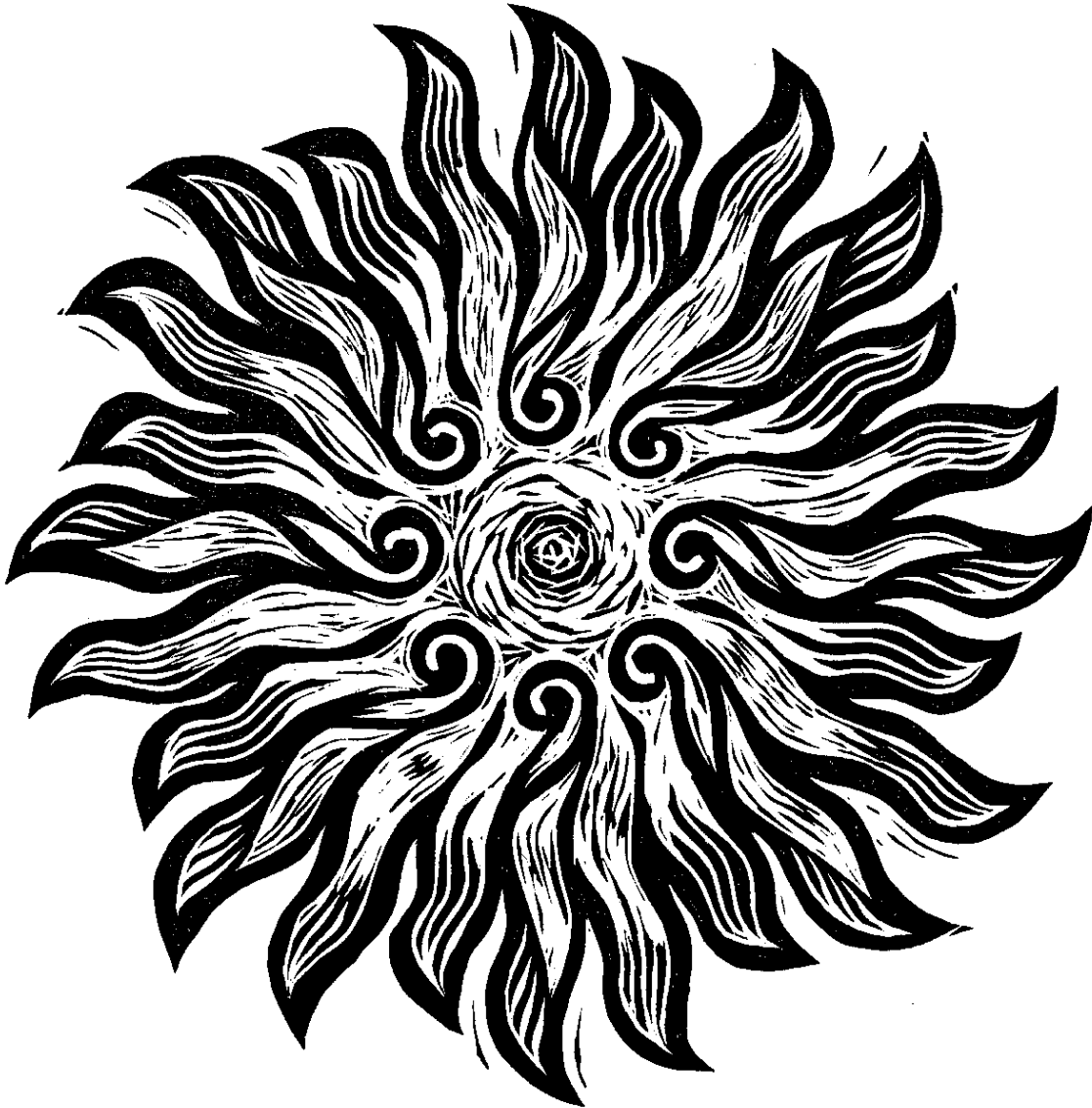


Grace  
Episcopal  
Church

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2024

*online bulletin*



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# 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!

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## 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](http://gracechicago.org) and sign up for our weekly e-newsletter
- Contact the clergy and staff at [info@gracechicago.org](mailto:info@gracechicago.org)
- Email your prayer requests to [prayers@gracechicago.org](mailto:prayers@gracechicago.org)
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## Grace Leadership

### Vestry

2025 Nolan Cooper (Treasurer), Emma Koch (Clerk) and Wendy Manning (Co-Warden)

2026 Melissa Moore Gillespie and Ted Otto (Co-Warden)

2027 Kevin Malone and Tim Paprocki

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The Rev. Andrea Billhardt, Deacon

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**Prelude**     *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child*

*stand as the bell rings*

Blessed be God: +Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

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.**

*The presider welcomes the congregation.*

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## Opening Hymn

*Unison or harmony*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

*The Hymnal 1982 #304*

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# The Word of God

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever Amen.**

## The Hebrew Bible Lesson

*Common Lectionary offers two tracks for the Hebrew Bible lesson and accompanying Psalm. Grace is reading Track One which provides readings that complement the Gospel of the day.*

A reading from the book of Joshua.

<sup>1</sup>Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2a</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, <sup>14</sup>“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

*Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 34:15-22 *psalm is said antiphonally by whole verse*

<sup>15</sup>The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, \*  
and his ears are open to their cry.

<sup>16</sup>**The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, \***  
**to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.**

<sup>17</sup>The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them \*  
and delivers them from all their troubles.

<sup>18</sup>**The LORD is near to the brokenhearted \***  
**and will save those whose spirits are crushed.**

<sup>19</sup>Many are the troubles of the righteous, \*  
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

<sup>20</sup>He will keep safe all his bones; \*  
not one of them shall be broken.

<sup>21</sup>Evil shall slay the wicked, \*  
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

<sup>22</sup>The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in him.

## The New Testament Lesson

A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

<sup>10</sup>Finally be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

*Ephesians 6:10-20*

The Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

## Gospel Acclamation *sing three times*

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!

hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah!

hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - - - jah! Hal - le -

lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - - - jah!

*My Heart Sings Out #18*

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## The Gospel

*You are invited to cross yourself at the + below.*

+The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Christ.**

Jesus said, <sup>56</sup>“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.” *John 6:56-69*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon** *silence follows the sermon beginning and ending with a bell*

## 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.

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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.

# The Prayers

*Form VI, Book of Common Prayer*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael (Presiding Bishop), Sean (Presiding Bishop-elect), and Paula (our Bishop); and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The people of the Holy Land & all those in conflict zones	Becky (Chris Wendroth's friend)
Rich, Tony & Tony's mother (Ursula Forhan's friends)	Joe (Dan Petrosko's brother)
Larry (Kim Callis' uncle)	Donna (Cutler)
Arthur (Craig Bivins' uncle)	Cynthia (Marvin Foltz's wife)
Tom (Haverly)	Nathaniel (Anderson)



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Hear us, O Lord.  
**For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Wynette (Edwards -26)	Paula (Morrow -31)
Steve Carrelli and Louise LeBourgeois (26)	
Kate and Joe (getting married on Sunday, September 29)	
Grace's faith partners (Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Onnuri Church & Hope's Table Chicago)	

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, especially Jean (Tish Kruse's mother), that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

I 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 Lord. **Amen.**

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

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

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*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 Hymn



1. I am the Bread of life. You who  
 2. The bread that I will give is my  
 3. Un - less you eat of the  
 4. I am the Res - ur - rec - tion,  
 5. Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that  
 1. Yo soy el pan de vi - da. El que  
 2. El pan que yo da - ré es mi  
 3. Mien - tras no co - mas el  
 4. Yo soy la re - su - rrec - ción.  
 5. Sí, Se - ñor, yo cre - o que



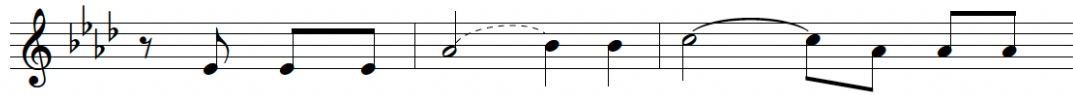
- come to me shall not hun - ger; and who be -  
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you  
 flesh of the Son of Man and  
 I am the life. If you be -  
 you are the Christ, the  
 vie - ne a mí no ten - drá ham - bre. El que  
 cuer - po vi - da del mun - do, y el que  
 cuer - po del hi - jo del hom - bre, y  
 Yo soy la vi - da. El que  
 tú e - res el Cris - to, El



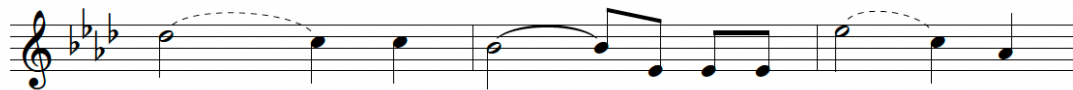
- lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 eat of this bread, you shall live for  
 drink of his blood, and drink of his  
 lieve in me, and e - ven though you  
 Son of God, Who has  
 cree en mí no ten - drá sed. Na - die vie - ne a  
 co - ma de mi car - ne ten - drá vi - da e -  
 be - bas de su san - gre, y be - bas de su  
 cree en mí, aun - que mu - rie -  
 Hi - jo de Dios, que vi - no al



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons.  
 ev - er, you shall live for ev - er.  
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you.  
 die, you shall live for ev - er.  
 come in - to the world.  
 mí mien - tras el Pa - dre lla - me.  
 ter - na, ten - drá vi - da e - ter - na.  
 san - gre, no ten - drá vi - da en ti.  
 ra, ten - drá vi - da e - ter - na.  
 mun - do pa - ra sal - var - nos.



And I will raise you up, and I will  
 Yo le re - su - ci - ta - ré, Yo le re -



raise you up, and I will raise you  
 su - ci - ta - ré, Yo le re - su - ci - ta -



up on the last day.  
 ré el di - a de El.

*Oramos Cantado #750*

# The Table of God

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Book of Common Prayer Eucharistic Prayer A*

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 God 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. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

*Sing verse 1 in Spanish and verse 2 in English*

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.  
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

*Wonder Love & Praise #785*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

+Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask

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through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.**

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

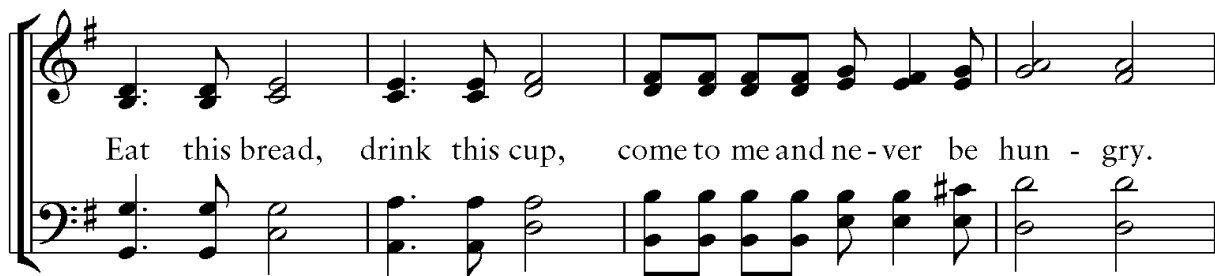
*The invitation to Communion comes from Jesus himself; everyone, without exception, is welcome to receive. Those at home may unwrap their host and consume it. If you do not have communion at home, you are invited to pray the Prayer for Spiritual Communion below.*

### 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.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

## Communion Hymn *sing multiple times as people receive communion*



Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and ne-ver be hun - gry.

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The image shows a musical score for a liturgical text. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written between the two staves. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The bass line provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

*Taizé*

## Sending Forth

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

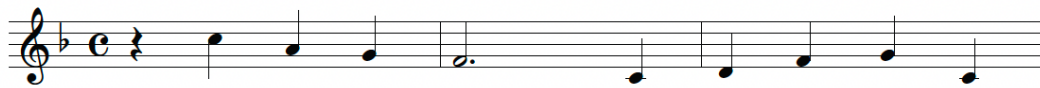
Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
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 Lord. Amen.

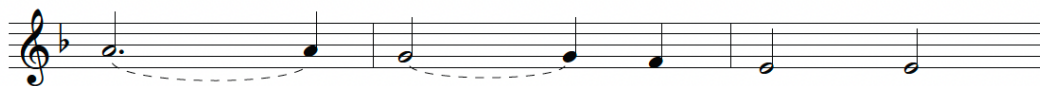
*At the + below, you are invited to cross yourself.*

The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the + Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn



1. Go to the world!	Go in - to all the
2. Go to the world!	Go in - to ev - 'ry
3. Go to the world!	Go strug - gle, bless and
4. Go to the world!	Go as the ones I
1. ¡Va - yan con Dios	A to - da la crea -
2. ¡Va - yan con Dios	Al mun - do sin te -
3. ¡Va - yan con Dios	Ao - rar y ben - de -
4. ¡Va - yan con Dios	A ce - le - brar tam -



earth.	Go	preach	the	cross	where
place.	Go	live	the	Word	of
pray.	The	nights	of	tears	give
send,	For	I	am	with	you
<i>ción!</i>	Y	lle - ven	la	cruz	de
<i>mor!</i>	Vi	- van	el	e - van	-
<i>cir!</i>	Des - pués	de	sus	lu - chas,	-
<i>bién</i>	Que	Cris - to	es - ta - rá	pre	-



Christ	re - news	life's	worth,	Bap - tiz - ing
God's	re - deem - ing	grace.		Go seek God's
way	to joy - ous	day.	As	ser - vant
till	the age	shall	end,	When all
<i>nues - tra</i>	<i>sal - va - ción</i>			<i>Con un bau -</i>
<i>ge - lio</i>	<i>del Se - ñor.</i>			<i>Bus - quen a</i>
<i>go - zo</i>	<i>ha de ve - nir.</i>			<i>La I - gle - sia</i>
<i>sen - te</i>	<i>has - ta el fin,</i>			<i>Y en - ton - ces los</i>



as	the	sign	of	our	re - birth.
pres -	ence	in	each	time	and space.
Church	you	fol - low	Christ's	own	way.
hosts	of	glo - ry	cry	"A - men!"	Al -
<i>tis</i>	<i>- mo</i>	<i>de</i>	<i>re - no - va - ción.</i>		
<i>Dios</i>	<i>en</i>	<i>to - do</i>	<i>al - re - de - dor.</i>		
<i>si</i>	<i>- gue</i>	<i>a</i>	<i>Cris - to</i>	<i>en el</i>	<i>ser - vir.</i>
<i>san</i>	<i>- tos</i>	<i>gri - ta - rán</i>	<i>"A - mén!"</i>		<i>¡A -</i>



le - lu - ia!	Al - le - lu - ia!
le - lu - ya!	¡A - le - lu - ya!



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## Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Soon We Are Going To See the King*

*Please stay online for conversation.*

### TODAY'S MINISTERS

#### Guest Presider & Preacher

Heidi Haverkamp

#### Deacon

Andrea Billhardt

#### Guest Musician

Sally Kidwell

#### Servers

Wendy Manning (lead), Gail Purkey, Marilyn Rochon

#### Bread Baker

J Burger

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### Welcome to the Rev. Heidi Haverkamp

Heidi Haverkamp is a writer, author, spiritual director, and Episcopal priest. She served in parish ministry for ten years at St. Benedict, Bolingbrook, and St. Chrysostom's, Chicago. Her books include *Everyday Connections: Reflections and Practices for Year C* (2021), *Year A* (2022), and *Year B* (2023), *Advent in Narnia* (2015) and *Holy Solitude: Lenten Reflections with Saints, Prophets, Hermits, and Rebels* (2017). She writes an occasional newsletter, *Letters from a Part-time Hermit*. Learn more about her at [heidihaverkamp.net](http://heidihaverkamp.net)

### Welcome to Sally Kidwell

Grace welcomes the Rev. Gloria Hopewell as our guest presider and preacher today while Pastor Amity is on vacation. Gloria recently retired from parish ministry after nearly a decade as rector of Grace Episcopal Church, Galena IL. Gloria combines short term ministry and travel in retirement.

### About Grace's Summer Liturgy

This July, August, and early September, Grace is praying with a liturgy directly from the Episcopal Church's 1979 Book of Common Prayer (BCP). The liturgy includes an additional prayer led by the presider at the beginning of worship, called the Collect for Purity, which is intended to prepare us for prayer and worship. To honor the integrity of the BCP liturgy, we have not edited or changed the language to make it more inclusive as we have done in other liturgical seasons. We hope you enjoy the poetry, the beauty, and the tradition of Grace's liturgy this summer!

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# Announcements

## Printers Row Lit Fest 2024 September 7 and 8

The 2024 Printers Row Lit Fest is set for Saturday, September 7 and Sunday, September 8. This free event takes place on South Dearborn Street, right outside Grace's front door. Grace will once again host an exhibitor table on Saturday and Sunday and invite fest attendees to enter to win a free book in our drawing. On Sunday we will host an author talk with R. Derek Black. *Save the dates and get ready to sign up to help host the table on Saturday and Sunday!*

### Grace Book Swap Next Sunday, September 1

Bring a book... Take a book... Read a book...

In honor of Printers Row Lit Fest, happening on Dearborn Street the next weekend, Grace is hosting a book swap on Sunday, September 1 after worship.

Take a look at your bookshelves or on your coffee table. Bring a book you've already savored for someone else to enjoy. Or, if you see something you like at the Book Swap, please take it. Any unswapped books will be donated to Open Books.

### Community Bible Study Begins on Wednesday September 4

You are invited to gather with people from Holy Trinity and Grace on Wednesdays in September to read and reflect on the Letter of James. Co-led by Pastor Sharai and Pastor Amity, we will gather in person in Pastor Amity's office and on zoom from **noon to 1pm**. Bring your lunch; bring your questions; bring your Bible (optional). All are welcome!

### Can You Help with These Migrant Ministry Needs?

One of the City of Chicago shelters for migrants arriving here is located a few blocks north of Grace in the former Standard Club Hotel. A group of migrants staying at the shelter who hail from Venezuela, Columbia, Cuba, and Guatemala began worshipping with Grace since spring.

### Household Items & School Supplies

Grace members have generously donated household items to help furnish the four apartments for some of our new members. We are working on an Amazon Wish List so we can help fill in the gaps of our donations. This list can also be shared with family and friends who are interested in contributing. On Wednesday, August 28 we need help organizing the household donations. Please let Gail Purkey or Pastor Amity know if you can help.

A few of our new members are school-aged children. We will let you know once we know what their school supplies needs are.

### Other Ways to Help

Once people get settled into apartments, we hope to connect them with a few Grace members to specifically befriend them. This would begin with making a special effort to connect during Coffee Hour and sharing prayer requests. Please consider this ministry in friendship, it is one of the most valuable things we can offer!

## Bishop Paula Clark Visits Grace September 15

As part of her episcopal (bishop) responsibilities, Bishop Clark visits each congregation in the diocese every few years. Grace's next visit is Sunday, September 15. She will preach and preside, meet with the Vestry, and join coffee hour.

Kim Callis is coordinating a festive coffee hour in honor of Bishop Paula's visit. Please consider bringing food for the special event; contact Kim for details.

