

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 10, 2024

online bulletin



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.
- 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. 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
- Follow Grace @graceplacechi





Children at Grace

Children are welcome at Grace. We consider them an integral part of the service and welcome their participation.

Busy bags with crayons and coloring pages for children are available by the Welcome Table.

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

Clergy Staff

The Rev. Amity Carrubba, Rector Marilyn Haverly, Minister of Music

The Rev. Andrea Billhardt, Deacon

Darrial Brown, Sexton

Sara Filipiak, Parish Administrator

Committees

Building: Tim Paprocki, Ted Otto, Kate Eakin, J Burger, Craig Bivins

Communications: Gail Purkey, Wendy Manning

Liturgy: Melissa Moore Gillespie, Emma Koch, Kim Callis, Andrea Billhardt, Kevin Malone, Marilyn Haverly

Service & Advocacy: Marilynn Rochon, Andrea Billhardt, Doreen Baker, Wynette Edwards,

Mary Beth Weigel, Paula Morrow

Prelude Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service.

stand as the bell rings and the presider welcomes the congregation

This is the day that God has made.

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Hymn





Santo, Santo, Santo #394

The Word of God

In the beginning,

God was.

Here and now,

God is.

In the future,

God will be.

May the God of all time and place be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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).

A reading from the first book of Kings.

The word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146 psalm is said responsively; the people proclaiming the bolded verses

Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! *

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

²Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, * for there is no help in them.

³When they breathe their last, they return to earth, * and in that day their thoughts perish.

4Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! * whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁵Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; * who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, * and food to those who hunger.

⁷The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; * the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; * he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The Lord shall reign for ever, * your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

The New Testament Lesson

A reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

²⁴Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁶so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Hebrews 9:24-28

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation After the introduction, please sing three times.





My Heart Sings Out #22

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.

³⁸As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Mark 12:38-44

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon silence follows the sermon beginning and ending with a bell

The Nicene Creed please stand as able

You are invited to cross yourself at the + below.

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Book of Common Prayer, Prayers of the People Form I, adapted

For the peace of the world, the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and the unity of all peoples, let us pray, O God, help us walk in love with our neighbors.

For Presiding Bishop Sean, our Bishop Paula, and all clergy and people, let us pray,

O God, help us walk in love as your servants.

For our President Joe, our President-elect Donald, the leaders of the nations, and all in authority, let us pray, O God, help us walk in love with those who lead.

For those who travel on land, on water, in the air, or through outer space, let us pray,

O God, help us walk in love with the stranger.

For the aged and infirm, the widowed and orphans, and the sick and the suffering, especially,

The people of the Holy Land & all those in conflict zones

Vanessa (Lopez)

Karen (Mary Beth Weigel's friend) Arthur (Craig Bivins' uncle)

Tom (Haverly)

Rich, Tony & Tony's mother (Ursula Forhan's friends)

Larry (Kim Callis' uncle)

Becky (Chris Wendroth's friend)

Ursula (Forhan)

Flore Maria (Angela's aunt) Cynthia (Marvin Foltz's wife) Nathaniel (Anderson)

Kaz (Pastor Amity's uncle)

Steve (Melissa Moore Gillespie's dad)

let us pray,

O God, help us walk in love with those who hurt.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray,

O God, help us walk in love with those who struggle.

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, especially, Betty (Dan Wilson's mother), let us pray,

O God, help us walk in love as we remember them.

For all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, or other blessings in this life, especially,

Ellen (Sandmeyer -11)

Veterans and all who are serving in the U.S. Armed Forces (11)

Grace's Diocesan Convention Delegates (Cassidy Connolly, Melissa Moore Gillespie,

Gail Purkey, Kate Eakin -alternate, Deacon Andrea & Pastor Amity)

Grace's faith partners (Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Onnuri Church & Hope's Table Chicago)

let us pray,

O God, help us walk in love with those who celebrate.

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray,

O God, help us walk in love as you have shown us the way.

We pray for the needs and concerns of this congregation.

People may add their own prayers in the chat.

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.

Report to the 78th General Convention: Supplemental materials

Let us confess our sins to God.

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.

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 God be always 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 Thanks in November

Today's Gratitude Prompt: A wise teacher or leader you are thankful for... perhaps someone you knew personally when you were a student, or someone you never met but admire and are inspired by from afar. You may share your note in the chat.

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.





Oramos Cantando #507

Giving Thanks in November

Feel free to post your note in the chat.

The Table of God

The Great Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer Eucharistic Prayer C

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.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is +the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord. On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving, **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God od Sara, Rebecca, Rachel and Leah, God of the people of Israel; God of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the +grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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





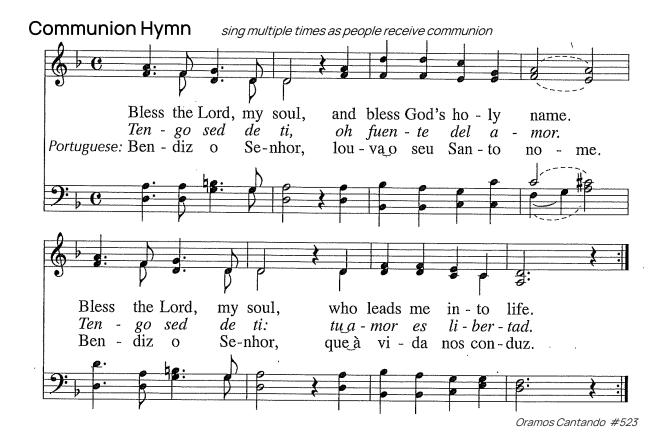
Oramos Cantando #764

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.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

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

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.

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

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus, and may the blessing of the +Holy Trinity, one God, remain with you always. **Amen**,

Closing Hymn



- 1. Let all things now liv - ing of thanks-giv - ing A song the The stars 2. God rules all forc - es: their cours - es in 1. ¡Que to - do vi - vien - te E - le - ve al cle - men - te
- 2. Sus le yes ha da do, Y cuan to ha cre a do



To God Cre a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, the And or - bit be - dient - ly sun in its 0 shine; Crea - dor bon - da - do - so can - to de a - mor! un si guey, ha - cién - do - lo, rín - de - le ho - nor. Las



Who fash-ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us, The hills and the moun-tains, The riv - ers and foun-tains, Nos cui - da, Pro - te - ge, y da vi - da; *hi - zo*, y nos mon - ta - ñas, Del Los ríos v mar las en - tra - ñas



And guides us with to the end of days. care our pro - claim God The deeps of the o - cean di - vine. Nos guí - a has - ta el fin de nues - tra ar - dua la - bor. \boldsymbol{A} co - ro pro cla - man elgran Ha - ce - dor.



o'er us, God's light goes be - fore us, God's ban - ners are should be We too voic-ing Our love and re - joic-ing; - fla - ma; Su Su a - mor nos in luz cual lla - ma, esNues-tro him-no es in - jer-to Al vas - to con - cier - to

Oramos Cantando #538

Dismissal

Go forth to love and serve God.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude Doxology, arr. M. Hayes

Please stay online for conversation.

TOD	AY'S	MIN	IIST	FRS

Presider & PreacherDeaconSeminarianGuest MusicianOnline HostAmity CarrubbaAndrea BillhardtArlicia CorleySally KidwellJanet HarperServersBread BakerKim Callis (lead), Wynette Edwards, Tom Haverly, Chris Wenderoth, Mary Beth WeigelSara Filipiak

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Giving to Grace in 2025

Throughout November, Grace celebrates the season of thanks and of giving in our annual giving campaign. Each Sunday a Grace member will share why they give to Grace. We invite you to reflect on something for which you are thankful. We hope these practices will help you pray and consider your pledge to Grace in 2025.

We will gather our pledges and offer them, as a community, to God on **Thanks/Giving Sunday, November 24.** A festive potluck brunch will follow worship. The sign up is on the Welcome Table or email Kim Callis. Be sure to attend on November 24*!

^{*}If you cannot attend in person, you can share your pledge online in advance or on the day.

Announcements

Welcome to Sally Kidwell

Grace welcomes Sally Kidwell as our guest musician. She has performed in many genres and has composed and recorded 4 CD's of ambient piano music. After retiring from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Columbus, OH, she moved to Chicagoland in 2013 and sings in the choir at Grace Episcopal in Oak Park when not playing for other congregations.

Welcome the Rev Mike Choquette, Archdeacon of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

Bishop Paula Clark recently appointed and installed the Rev. Deacon Mike Choquette as the new archdeacon of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago. In this part-time role, Deacon Mike will lend his energy and creativity to support the deacon community throughout the diocese. He will tend to the pastoral and vocational needs of deacons as they seek new ways to serve and support the discernment of people who are exploring a call to diaconal ministry. Please welcome Deacon Mike to Grace today!

Diocesan Convention is November 23

Delegates to the 187th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago will gather online on Saturday, November 23 for the annual business meeting of the diocese, during which we elect leaders, consider resolutions and hear reports from across the diocese and the wider church. General attendees and visitors are invited to observe the proceedings online on the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago's YouTube channel. Grace will be represented by delegates Cassidy Connolly, Melissa Moore Gillespie, Gail Purkey, Kate Eakin (alternate), Deacon Andrea and Pastor Amity.

Save-the-Date: Windy City Holiday Concert

Grace member Kevin Malone and many of our regular guest singers are members of the Windy City Performing Arts. The chorus is celebrating their 45th anniversary with the holiday concert *Illuminate!* on Friday, December 20. They will bring light to the dark through a pair of Ola Gjeilo works: Dark Night of the Soul and Luminous Night of the Soul in addition to presenting holiday classics that magnify the light, joy, and beauty of the holiday season. Purchase your tickets at windycitysings.org and support Kevin and those who add music and beauty to Grace's worship.