

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

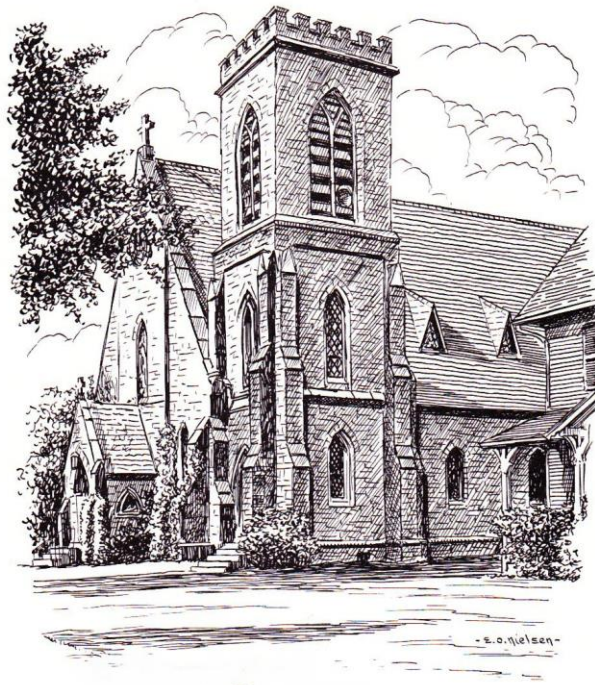
October 11th, 2026 10:00am

Grace Episcopal Church

Old Saybrook, CT

Online Service

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PRELUDE

I Want To Be Where You Are
by: Don Moen; arr. Bethany Hamill
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THE ENTRANCE RITE (pg. 355, BCP)

OPENING HYMN

CHRIST, THE ONE WHO TELLS THE TALE
by: Richard Leach; St. Kevin: Arthur Seymour Sullivan

Christ, the one who tells the tale likening earth and heaven,
Christ, the son for whom the king gives the wedding banquet,
Christ, the slave who tells the guests everything is ready,
Jesus, rabbi, son and slave, Mercy! Alleluia!

Christ, made light of by the guests, seized, mistreated, murdered,
Christ, the death of death, the flame that will burn its city,
Christ, sent to the streets to call everybody found there,
Jesus, victim, victor, voice, Mercy! Alleluia!

Christ, who fills the hall with guests, good and bad together,
Christ, the wedding robe to wear for the king's inspection,
Christ, the one who tells the tale likening earth and heaven,
Jesus, net and robe and friend, Mercy! Alleluia!

The people standing, the Celebrant says

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

People

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

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love
you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

GLORIA

Hymn #S-280

by: Robert Powell

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God.
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD *of* GOD

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:1-9

O Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.
For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.
Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.
For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.
On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

 The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23

The congregation remains seated

The Lord is my shepherd; *

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul *

and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I shall fear no evil; *

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *

you have anointed my head with oil,

and my cup is running over.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

THE EPISTLE:

Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

YOU'RE WORTHY OF MY PRAISE (I WILL WORSHIP)

by: David Ruis

I will worship (I will worship) **with all of my heart** (with all of my heart).

I will praise You (I will praise You) **with all of my strength** (all my strength).

I will seek You (I will seek You) **all of my days** (all of my days).
I will follow (I will follow) **all of Your ways** (all Your ways).

Chorus: **I will give You all my worship, I will give You all my praise.**
You alone I long to worship, You alone are worthy of my praise.

I will bow down (I will bow down) **and hail You as King** (and hail You as King).
I will serve You (I will serve You) **give You ev'rything** (ev'rything).
I will lift up (I will lift up) **my eyes to Your throne** (my eyes to Your throne).
I will trust You (I will trust You), **trust You alone** (You alone). (*Chorus 2x*)

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THE GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

Then, all still standing, the Minister reads the Gospel, first saying:

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev Greg Kronz

THE NICENE CREED *The congregation stands*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

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

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: **That your name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests and deacons.

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

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; for an end to racism; and for peace in Ukraine and Russia, and the Holy Land, and all other areas where war and hostilities are occurring.

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

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake.

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

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble. Please add your own petitions either out loud or in silence. (Silent Pause). We pray for those in need.

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

Leader: We remember those who have died, especially Grace Bates, for whom the altar flowers are given ... add your own petitions either out loud or in silence. (PAUSE) Give to the departed eternal rest.

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

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy.

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

Leader: Let us pray, either out loud or in silence, for our own needs and those of others.

(The Celebrant concludes with a suitable Collect).

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

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.

ABSOLUTION

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

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 Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

PRAISE THE LORD FOREVER

by: Ben Smith, Benjamin Hastings, Jonathan Smith, Pat Barrett, Phil Wickham

Oh, let all that is within me bless His holy name
for His love endures forever and His mercies new today.
We will enter with thanksgiving and fill His courts with praise.
Come on church, lift your voice and sing.

Chorus: **Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, praise the Lord forever.
Bless His name, let all within me sing. Praise the Lord forever.**

If your life's been resurrected by the war that Jesus won,
if you wait in expectation for a kingdom yet to come,
all you citizens of heaven, sons and daughters of the King,
come on church, lift your voice and sing. (*Chorus*)

For the one who's broken-hearted and it's hard to sing this song,
you've been walking through the valley and your faith is feeling small,
I pray peace and love surround you from the God who understands,
as the family all around you lifts your arms up when you can't.
Join the choir of creation with the song of the redeemed,
come on church, lift your voice and sing. (*Chorus 2x*)

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THE OFFERTORY PROCESSION *The People stand and sing*

Doxology, *Old 100th*

**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.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

The people remain standing.

The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.
The whole earth is full of His glory, the whole earth is full of His glory,
the whole earth is full of His glory, Holy is the Lord.**

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The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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 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**
And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING of the BREAD

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

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION SONGS

PSALM 23

by: Stuart Townend

**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters, His goodness restores my soul.**

Chorus: **And I will trust in You alone, and I will trust in You alone;
For Your endless mercy follows me, Your goodness will lead me home.**

**He guides my ways in righteousness, and He anoints my head with oil;
And my cup, it overflows with joy, I feast on His pure delights. (Chorus)**

**And though I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one;
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff are the comfort I need to know.
(Chorus 2x)**

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STEP BY STEP

by: David (Beaker) Strasser

**O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.
O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.**

**I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways;
And step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.**

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O CHRISTE DOMINE JESU (O CHRIST, LORD JESUS)
by: Taizé Community; Psalm 23

Refrain: O Christe Domine Jesu, O Christe Domine Jesu!
O Christe Domine Jesu, O Christe Domine Jesu!

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.

(Refrain)

You are there with your rod and staff; with these you give me comfort.
You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever.

(Refrain)

PRAYER of SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(For those unable to receive communion today)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son 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.

THE BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING
by: Charles Wesley; Darwall's 148th: John Darwall

**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore.
Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice. Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice. Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
bow down at his command, and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice. Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope; for Christ, the Judge, shall come
to gather all his saints to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

THE DISMISSAL

After the Recessional the Priest or Deacon says

Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Celebrant and People

Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

How Sweet The Sound

by: Ben Calhoun, Josh Calhoun; arr. Bethany Hamill

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OUR PARTICIPANTS TODAY

CELEBRANT:	The Very Rev. Charlie Hamill	8 & 10 am
PREACHER:	The Rev. Greg Kronz	8 & 10am
MUSIC DIRECTOR:	Bethany Hamill	10 am
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Elizabeth Davey	8 am
	Dale Schneider	10 am
LECTOR:	Tom Fuller	10 am
USHERS:	Al Buroff, Keith Coughlin	8 am
	Fred Kmietek, Mary Matthews	10 am
NURSERY:	Christina Gleason, Karen Mulvihill	10 am
CAMERA TECH TEAM:	Ken Soudan	10 am
COFFEE HOUR TEAM:	Tom & Angela Larco	10 am
ALTAR GUILD:	Kathy Bartus, Penny Coleman	

GRACE CHURCH STAFF

Rector: The Very Rev. Charlie Hamill
Priest Associate: The Rev. Dr. Charles “Chuck” Hoffman
Priest Associate: The Rev. Canon Dr. Ellendale Hoffman
Priest Associate: The Rev. Dr. William “Bill” Veinot
Music Director: Bethany Hamill
Parish Administrator: Kate McKinney
Sexton: Sherry Schiavone

GRACE CHURCH VESTRY

Senior Warden: Jason Howey
Junior Warden: Matt Stosse
Treasurer: David Condren
Clerk: Julie Peace
Vestry Members: Sue Board, Ryan Earley, Tom Fuller,
Michelle Kapp, Peter Knox, Mary Matthews

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THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH: October 11th – October 18th

Today	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sanctuary)
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sanctuary) w/music
	4:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Monday		OFFICE CLOSED
	6:30 pm	Con Brio Choral Group (Merrill Hall)
	7:00 pm	Healing Ministry Bible Study (Sanctuary)
Tuesday	9:00 am	Common Good Gardens -- Volunteers in Garden behind church
	3:00 pm	GriefShare (Hudson Room)
	5:30 pm	Officers Meeting (Hudson Room)
	7:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)
Wednesday	10:30am	Rector's Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark (Hudson Room)
	12:00-1pm	Shoreline Soup Kitchens Community Lunch (Merrill Hall)
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
Thursday	9:00 am	Common Good Gardens -- Volunteers in Garden behind church
	6:30 pm	Rector's Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark (Hudson Room)
Friday	10:00 am	Women of Grace (WOG) (Hudson Room)
	12 noon	Men's Bible Study (Parthenon Diner in Old Saybrook)
	7:00 pm	Friday Night Light FirePit (Church Backyard)
Saturday	8:00 am	Men's Discipleship (Merrill Hall)
	9:00 am	Common Good Gardens -- Volunteers in Garden behind church
Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite I (Sanctuary)
	9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist, Rite II (Sanctuary) w/music
	4:00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting (Merrill Hall)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Either during the service or during prayer time at home, please keep the prayers of Grace Church and the people going! Please keep us up to date on names to add and remove.

WE PRAY FOR: Myra, Lisa, Bryan, Barbara & Jon Zakhar, Deidra & George Labelle, Earlene Bell, Aurelia Knox, Sarah, Len Pass, James, Penny, Emily, Mary, Doug Hamill, JJ Evola & family, Jane Hamill, Kathi Jones, Cheryl Dudek, Debra Sticht, Elsie, Alicia Winalski and family, Marilyn, Dean, Barbara Bowie, Dick & Suzanne Watson, Judy & Clive Cowper, Alan, The Benways, Carol Wilson, Kate, Coral, Kirsten, Joyce Brinley, Curtis, Annaliese Harms, the Igelbrinks, Carol, Rory, Gianna Porcelli, Jan, Kathleen Lemelin, Mike DeLisa, Patti & Missy Matto, Jennifer Baker Elizabeth Davey, Faith Drechsler, Josh, Walt, Jack, John and the Lloyd family.

FOR THOSE IN SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY: Travis Board, Todd Buroff, Adam Randle, Susan Eaccarino, Madeline Sheahan, Matthew Auger & Eve Inglis.

FOR OUR MINISTERS AND MISSIONS: Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our presiding Bishop; Jeff and Laura, our Bishops; Charlie, Ellen and Bill, our priests; and for: Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Common Good Gardens, Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services, Early Head Start, the AA groups that meet at Grace Church, Patrick Dominguez and his church planting effort and Kateri Medical Services in Nigeria. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for St. John's, Waterbury; Christ Church, Waterbury; St. John's, Washington. And for Young adults, Young Adults Episcopal Ministry Network, 20 & 30's Ministry Network. The Episcopal Service Corps & the Young Adult Service Corps of the Episcopal Church..

GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rector's Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark: October and November

Join Pastor Charlie in October and November in the Hudson Room for an 8-week study on the Gospel of Mark beginning on Wednesday October 7 (or Thursday October 8). There will be TWO options for study running at the same time: Wednesdays 10:30am-12pm OR Thursdays 6:30pm-8pm.

Each option will look at two chapters a week focusing on the Gospel of Mark and seeking to ask, "Who is Jesus?". There will be coffee and tea and cookies at both options but NO meals will be served. The Wednesday study group is invited to stay for the 12pm SSKP lunch. If you are interested in joining the Bible Study, please sign-up in the church entryway for ONE of the two options, either Wednesday or Thursday. If during the study you need to switch days, that is fine. For more info, please talk to Pastor Charlie.

Grace Church Men's Discipleship:

Meeting in Merrill Hall at Grace Church 8am-10am

NEXT Gathering: Saturday October 17

Once a month from 8am-10am, Pastor Charlie gathers w/the men of Grace Church for fellowship & deeper discipleship in Jesus Christ. The 1st hour we gather for light breakfast & fellowship to get to know each other. In the 2nd hour we delve into whatever book/video series we're working on. February 21, we began an 8-week video program on discipleship called *Practicing the Way*.

Through the program, we hope to strengthen our walk with Jesus, grow in the grace & knowledge of God, and support one another as brothers in Christ. For more info contact Pastor Charlie at gracechurchrector@gmail.com.

Women of Grace (WOG) began a new study on Friday, September 25 at

10:00am. We will be studying the Bible book Song of Songs. This is a 7 week video Bible Study by Lisa Harper. Through relatable stories and gut-level honest teaching, you'll discover how intimacy with Jesus isn't based on our deservedness or lack thereof. It's about letting our guards down and leaning into the unconditional love He initiates with us. All Grace Church women are welcome. We meet at 10:00 a.m. on Friday mornings in the Hudson Room. No personal invitations are necessary. We are hoping to have some new members join us for lively conversation, prayer and most importantly sharing the importance of having Jesus as our guide in the modern world.

Men's Bible Study is NOW meeting in-person at the Parthenon Diner in Old Saybrook on Fridays at 12noon.

For more information you can email Charley Bates: charley.bates@yahoo.com or go to our website: <https://www.graceoldsaybrook.org/mens-bible-study>. Currently the men are studying the book of Hebrews.

Feeding the hungry one donation at a time...

SSKP Food Pantry Donation Basket at Grace Church

Grace Church is always accepting non-perishable food donations throughout the year. A basket is present outside the main side entrance to Grace Church 24/7 to place donations in, or you can bring donations into the church entryway by the patio and place them in the colored bins. If you are curious as to what kind of foods, they are in need of most you can go to their website <https://www.shorelinesoupkitchens.org>. In addition, you can always make a cash donation to SSKP. Thank you for your ongoing donations to feed those in need along the shoreline!

GriefShare at Grace Church

A new GriefShare session will be starting soon for those who wish for some support to help grieve the death of a loved one. Sessions will be held weekly as follows:

In the Hudson Room at Grace Church

Tuesdays, September 15-November 24

3:00PM-4:30PM

Contact Jeannette Barone for more info

gracegriefshare@gmail.com

Autumn Soiree

Grace Church will be hosting a unique Fall evening: a delicious pairing of warming soups, with an exclusive exhibition of artwork & music. A night of fundraising, fellowship, food & fun!

Saturday, November 7th

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

In the Parish Hall at Grace Church

Contact Gretchen North for more info

saybrookartworks@gmail.com

In addition: we are seeking artists (of any medium) and soup makers to share their talents from the studio or the kitchen to help make the evening a success. If you are an artist in the parish, please consider donating a piece or two of your work for sale to benefit Grace Church. If you are a chef with soup making skills who can offer delicious soup to sell at the event, please reach out to Gretchen North to sign up for a space for either art or soup. The sooner we know who is interested, the more effectively we can plan the evening to make it the liveliest event of the year.

Altar Flower Memorials

The Altar Guild is always accepting donations for Sunday altar flowers made out to "Grace Church Altar Guild" in memory or in celebration of loved ones. For more information, please contact Betty Salldin at bettrysalldin@gmail.com.

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Line

Here's how it works...If you need prayer for something, call one of the Prayer Line Chairpersons (Joyce Brinley & Penny Coleman). Use your directory or call the church office for contact info. Please briefly tell them your request. The Prayer Line will take it from there. Once a member hangs up the phone, the intercession begins! The Prayer Line is available to receive requests from **9:00am to 8:30pm**. Typically the Prayer Line requests for the day go out to members about 7:00pm. However, requests of an emergency nature will be passed on immediately. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to have your brothers and sisters in Christ lift up your requests to God

Grace Episcopal Church in Old Saybrook

We are a community of faith, rooted in Jesus Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, following God's call to feed the hungry in both body and spirit.

Our intention is to know Jesus and to make Him known.

You are welcome regardless of where you are on your spiritual journey.

Currently our in-person worship services are Sundays at 8am and 10am with Holy Communion (the 10am is also live-streamed onto Facebook and YouTube). Go to our website graceoldsaybrook.org for more info and for bulletins to download for the 10am live-stream service.

Whether you are just exploring a new spiritual direction, curious about the Episcopal Church, or are ready to find a new church home, feel free to fill out a welcome card and place it in the collection plate, sign our guest book, or contact the church by phone or email for more info.

Grace Church is a close-knit community called by God to share the healing love of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. We are also engaged in the greater local and regional community in various outreach ministries as well. If interested, ask us how you can get involved in what Christ is doing at Grace, in Old Saybrook and Connecticut!! Or better yet, tell us where you find God at work in your life, and tell us how we can help!

If you have any questions feel free to call, email or Facebook us.

We hope your visit to Grace was Spirit-filled, welcoming and meaningful.

In Christ,

The Rev. Charlie Hamill, Rector, and the People of Grace Church

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