



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide
Anglican Communion.

The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

August 16, 2026

*Before the Service — Speak quietly to God
During the Service — Let God speak to you
After the Service — Speak to one another*

LITURGICAL SEASON EXPLAINED

The Season after Pentecost is not actually a liturgical season with a common focus, rather, it is just the weeks between the Day of Pentecost and the First Sunday of Advent. This period is often referred to as “Ordinary Time” and the liturgical color is **green**. These are the ordinary days in which we live our Christian faith in the regular routine of daily life. This seems simple enough, but the way the Sundays are counted on the calendar gets a bit confusing. It begins with the First Sunday after Pentecost and then counts sequentially until the 24th Sunday after Pentecost which is Christ the King, the Sunday before Thanksgiving. If it stopped here that would be clear, but each Sunday during this time is also given another title: Proper 7-29 where the numbers do not coincide with the numbered Sundays after Pentecost. This proper numbering system is based on the moveable date of Easter. Honestly, there is no need to be concerned about this numbering framework, just focus on the ordinary daily life of Jesus as he goes about teaching, healing, and loving people as you live your ordinary life each day!

TO JOIN SERVICES ONLINE OR BY PHONE

To join the 8:30 service online, visit our website at gracechurchmtclemens.org and follow the links.

To join the 8:30 service by phone, call 312-626-6799

8:30 AM Service: Meeting ID: 881 8016 9300 Password: 246040

Follow the link on our website to watch the 10:30 service on YouTube.

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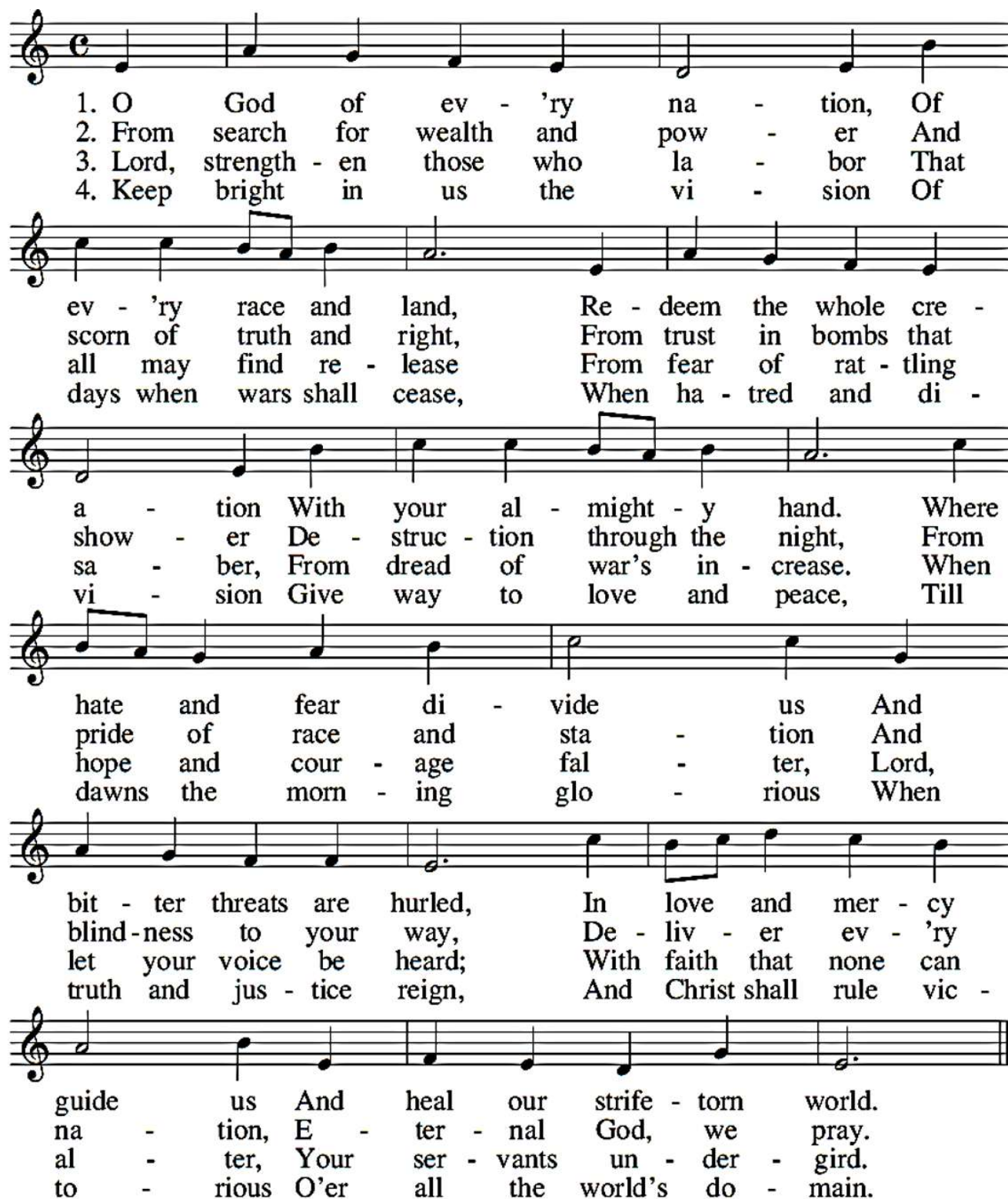
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OPENING HYMN: O God Of Every Nation

Please stand as you are able



1. O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, Of
2. From search for wealth and pow - er And
3. Lord, strength - en those who la - bor That
4. Keep bright in us the vi - sion Of

ev - 'ry race and land, Re - deem the whole cre -
scorn of truth and right, From trust in bombs that
all may find re - lease From fear of rat - tling
days when wars shall cease, When ha - tred and di -

a - tion With your al - might - y hand. Where
show - er De - struc - tion through the night, From
sa - ber, From dread of war's in - crease, When
vi - sion Give way to love and peace, Till

hate and fear di - vide us And
pride of race and sta - tion And
hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord,
dawns the morn - ing glo - rious When

bit - ter threats are hurled, In love and mer - cy
blind - ness to your way, De - liv - er ev - 'ry
let your voice be heard; With faith that none can
truth and jus - tice reign, And Christ shall rule vic -

guide us And heal our strife - torn world.
na - tion, E - ter - nal God, we pray.
al - ter, Your ser - vants un - der - gird.
to - rious O'er all the world's do - main.

ACCLAMATION

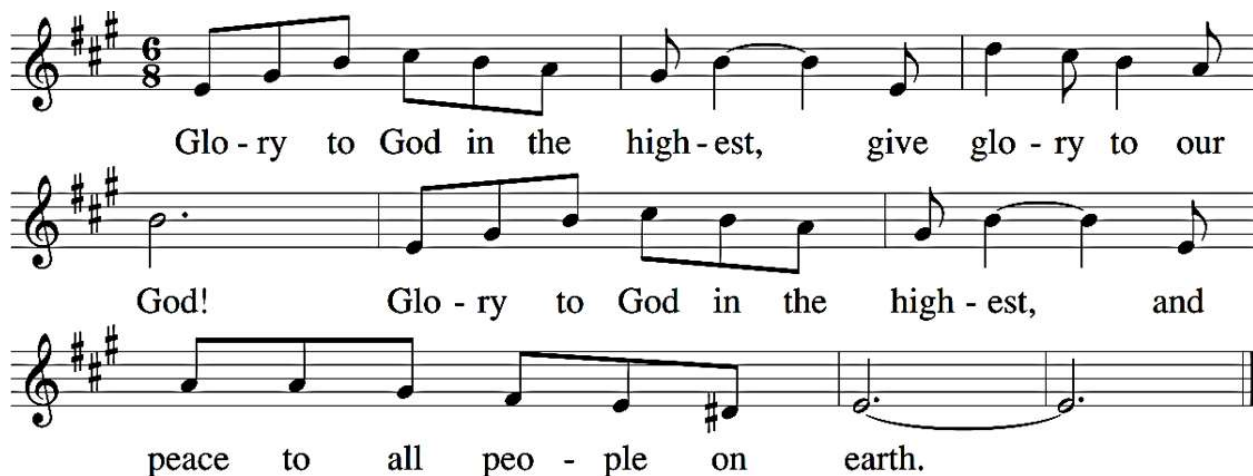
Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

***People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. AMEN.**

Celebrant continues:

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



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, give glo - ry to our
God! Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to all peo - ple on earth.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*This Week's Readers: **Gay Gillespie & Lucia Smith***

*Next Week's Readers: **Ann & Dave Farrell***

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated

FIRST READING Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Reader A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,

for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord,
to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord,
and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—

these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;

their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;

for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,

I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE Psalm 67 – *Deus misereatur*

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us,*
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

²Let your ways be known upon earth,*
your saving health among all nations.

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;*
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,*
**for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;*
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶The earth has brought forth her increase;*
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

⁷May God give us his blessing,*
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

SECOND READING Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN: Christ Within Me

Please stand as you are able



- 1,4. Christ be - fore me, Christ be - hind me, Christ with-in me;
2. Christ in ev - ery eye that sees me, Christ with-in me;
3. In my heart, my ver - y be - ing, Christ with-in me;



- 1,4. Christ a - bove me, Christ be - low me, Christ with-in me.
2. Christ in ev - ery ear that hears me, Christ with-in me;
3. In my thoughts, my words, my liv - ing, Christ with-in me;



- 1,4. On the lips of friend and strang-er, Christ in all who love me;
2. Christ in ev - ery path I take, in ev - ery choice I make;
3. In the morn-ing when I a-rise, at night when I fall in sleep;



- 1,4. Christ in qui - et, Christ in dan-ger, Christ with-in me.
2. In the beau - ty of cre - a - tion, Christ with-in me.
3. Christ to com-fort and re-store me, Christ with-in me.

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

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

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Celebrant The Gospel of our Lord.

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

HOMILY The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik

Please be seated

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Please stand as you are able

*This is an ancient baptismal creed, but using the words "I give my heart,"
a truer translation of the Latin word "credo" than "I believe."*

**I give my heart to God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I give my heart to Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, and descended to the
dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is
seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living
and the dead. I give my heart to the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic and
apostolic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the
resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Holy and gracious God, you created us in your image. Help us to recognize and honor your image in ourselves and in one another, especially those whom we are at odds with. God our Creator,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Holy and life-giving God, look with compassion on all those in this world suffering from violence and broken relationships. We especially pray for women and children living in poverty and those living in fear of abuse. God of Hope,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Holy and faithful God, hear our prayers for all your people who are silent because of oppression, and for those who feel that their voices are not heard. God who speaks,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Holy and magnificent God, you have filled the earth with beauty and diversity. Look graciously upon all of us with our varied gifts, characteristics, and qualities, and give us all a respect for the dignity of others that we may treat all people with love and care. God of Grace,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader All-knowing God, you see the pain of your people who suffer and fear because of war, especially those in Ukraine, the Middle East, Haiti, and Sudan; may you comfort them and keep them safe. Open the eyes of all those who advocate for and promote war that they may see their atrocities and pursue peaceful resolutions. God of Peace,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Holy and loving God, we give you thanks for the blessings and wisdom we have received from those who have died. Receive them into eternal life and comfort those who mourn. God of Abundant Life,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Healing God, we pray for all those who have asked for our prayers, especially those on our prayer list. Are there others?

May you bless, comfort, and heal those who are struggling with physical, emotional, social, and relational pain, especially those affected by the ongoing Ebola outbreak and the earthquakes around the world. God of Healing,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Leader Nurturing God, we pray for the children in our lives and in our world. Grant us calm strength and patient wisdom that we may teach them to love whatever is just, true, and good. God of Caring,

People **Hear our prayer.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Celebrant:

In the name of the true and living Holy One, who made us for love, who saved us by love, and who loves us still. **AMEN.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Please share a sign of peace with one another.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please be seated

OFFERTORY HYMN: Lord, Make Us Servants Of Your Peace

1. Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace; Where there is
2. Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; Where all is
3. May we not look for love's re - turn, But seek to

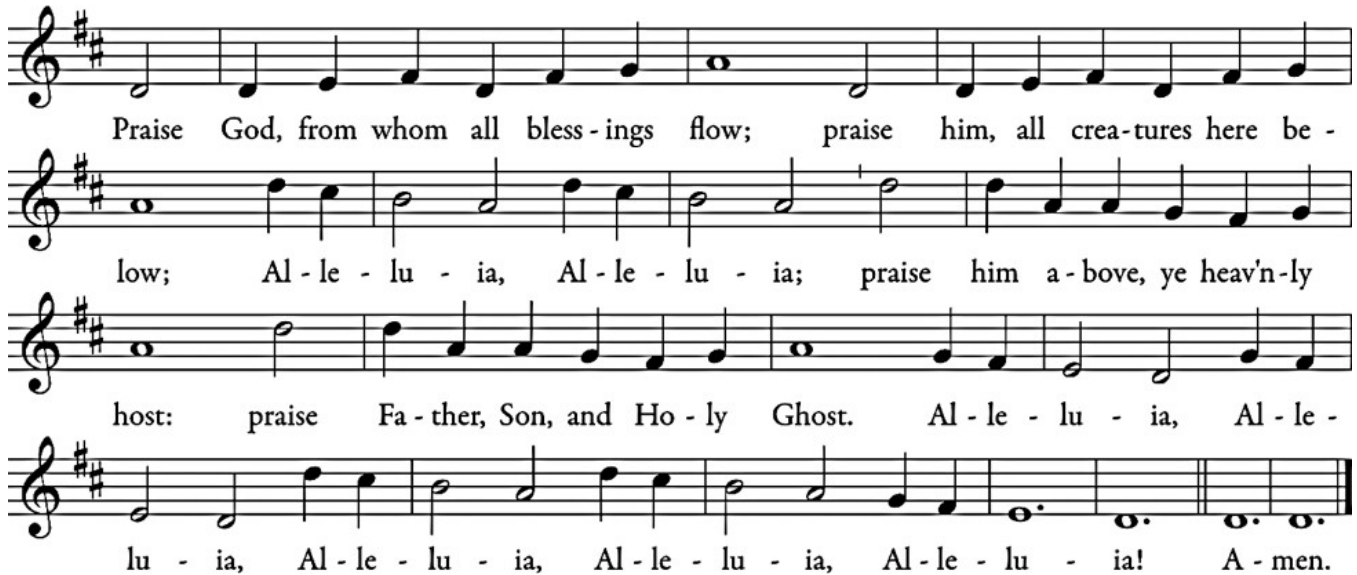
hate, may we sow love; Where there is hurt, may
gloom, may we sow hope; Where all is night, may
love un - self - ish - ly, For in our giv - ing

we for - give; Where there is strife, may we make one.
we sow light; Where all is tears, may we sow joy.
we re - ceive, And in for - giv - ing are for - giv'n.



DOXOLOGY

Please stand as you are able



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant 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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant continues:

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your Word and all things have come into being. You fashioned us in your image and placed us in the garden of your delight.

Though we chose the path of rebellion, you would not abandon your own. Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace. You gave your people the Law and taught us by your prophets to look for your reign of justice and mercy. In our unending joy we echo on earth the song of the angels in heaven, evermore praising you as we sing:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,
God of pow - er, God of might, Hea - ven and
earth are full of your glo - ry. — Ho - san - na
in the high - est! — Bles - sed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord; — Ho - san - na in the high - est! —
— Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Celebrant continues:

Lord, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendor and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ, who suffered for the salvation of the world, you reveal the glory and power of your love.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Embracing our humanity, he taught us the way of salvation. Loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us. Dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

On the night you gave up your Son for us all, he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, and we long for his coming in glory.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit, let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit!

Look with favor on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, free the oppressed, and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

Amen. Alleluia!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant says:

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

Our Father in heaven, holy is 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.

FRACTION



In the break-ing of the bread We have come to know the Lord,
And in drink-ing from the cup We have shared the life of God.

Celebrant Taste and see that our God is good; come to the banquet table with joy and thanksgiving!

COMMUNION

Please be seated

Communion at Grace is Open to Everyone

Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, there is a place for you at God's table. You may choose to receive bread (gluten free wafers available upon request). You may choose to receive wine in the silver chalice or grape juice in the white and blue chalice. You may drink from either cup or intinct (dip) the bread into the chalice. You may refrain from the bread and chalice and just receive a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

COMMUNION HYMN: I Know Not Where The Road Will Lead



1 I know not where the road will lead I fol - low day by day,
2 And some I love have reached the end, but some with me may stay,
3 The count-less hosts lead on be-fore, I must not fear nor stray;

or where it ends: I on - ly know I walk the King's high - way.
their faith and hope still guid - ing me: I walk the King's high - way.
with them, the pil-grims of the faith, I walk the King's high - way.

I know not if the way is long, and no one else can say;
The way is truth, the way is love, for light and strength I pray,
Through light and dark the road leads on till dawns the end - less day,

but rough or smooth, up hill or down, I walk the King's high - way.
and through the years of life, to God I walk the King's high - way.
when I shall know why in this life I walk the King's high - way.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Please stand as you are able

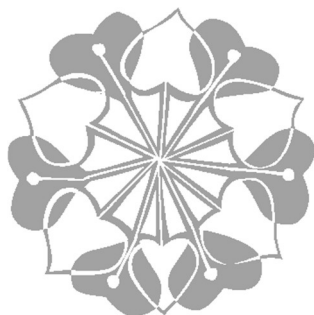
Celebrant Let us pray together our post-Communion prayer.

Celebrant and People say together:

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope: teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

BLESSING

May God lead you in marvelous ways and stir your inmost being to be light and love to those around you, and may the blessing of God—God our Creator, God our Redeemer, and God our Sanctifier—be upon you this day and remain with you always. **AMEN.**



CLOSING HYMN: The King Of Love My Shepherd Is

1. The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow With
3. Lost and con - fused, Lord, I have strayed, But
4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill With
5. And so through all the length of days Your

1. good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
2. gen - tle care he leads me, And where the ver - dant
3. yet in love he sought me, And on his shoul - der
4. you, dear Lord, be - side me; Your rod and staff my
5. good - ness fails me nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I

1. I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.
2. pas - tures grow, With heav'n - ly food he feeds me.
3. gent - ly laid, And home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
4. com - fort still, Your cross be - fore to guide me.
5. sing your praise With - in your house for - ev - er.

DISMISSAL

Celebrant Our time of worship has now ended. Go in peace to love God and to love your neighbor! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Prayers of this Congregation

Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop; our Bishop, Bonnie Anne Perry; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Julie E. Schneider-Thomas, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod. Our retired bishop, Wendell Gibbs; our retired community, spouses, and companions. Our diocesan household: Committees, commissions, ministries, agencies, priests, deacons, lay leaders, volunteers, and staff members; Steven Steinberger-Domienik; Grace Church Mt. Clemens; Bonao, DR Church of the Pentecost.

For our Wednesday and Sunday supper guests; Donna Hanes; Frankie Dion; Elliott Belair; Charlotte Kalligeros; Jennifer Holland; Joan Walsh; Elizabeth Gage; Logan & Teresa Davidson; Jeanne Nowak; Donna Powell; Pamela Sherry; Linda Fields; Michael Woodard; Sara Mattocks; Gene Skladnowski; Sherie Borsa; Joan Donald; Rob Haynes; Scott Kadets; Brenda Steinberger-Domienik; Laurisa; Pat Ruditis; Jean & Terry Hitchcock; Laura Mary Lake; Allen Clay; Martha Wehba; Jody Gorney; Tammy Murphy; Eka & Kiana Bassey; Suzanne LaMontagne; Vito Fontana; Christa Carpenter; Nancy & Bob Johnson; Rick Gherisi; Rory Heinz; Carole Schwertman; Tish Germain; Shirley & Nelson Rumpel; Helen Fitzgibbon; Joyce & Roy Schafer; Danielle; Betty Brogan; Ulrike Lamb; Debbie H.; Beverly Wolff; Beth Jarvis; Dave Salyer; Al Gazoul; Sharon Fedchenko; Joyce Geiger; Steve Burns; Betty Moore; Sandy Krell; Bobby Coutts; Sharon Potter; Rita Vermeersch; Sallie Coffey; Frank Davis; Shelly Volpe; Bud Denham; John Schober; Tish Mastro-Burns; Gary Cynowa; Linda Hurley; Fran Merlo; Betty Gillis; David Schihl; Stacy Wagenknecht; Matthew Smith; Robert Tuten; the Stotz family; Daniel Ranger; Gary Keranen; Leslie Sasges; Louise Lambert; Norris Satterly.

Do you know someone who can use our prayers?

Please contact the office to add them to or keep them on the prayer list.

The MINISTRIES of GRACE CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays, in person & online 8:30 & 10:30 AM. Visit our website for more information.
Bible Study: Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Guild Room

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Community Suppers:

Wednesdays at 4:00

Sunday Suppers: Sundays at 4:00, November-March

Food Pantry:

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 AM-12 noon, curbside pickup
Serving from 250-500 people every month

Fueling Kids' Futures:

Tuesdays at 11:30 AM at Oakley Industries, Inc. Plant 4
35088 Automation Drive, Clinton Township, MI 48035
Packing for the 2026-27 school year begins in October

**All outreach ministries welcome volunteers,
financial donations, or food and clothing donations.**

***Call the office to learn about helping or giving:
586-465-4573***

CURRENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send all bulletin submissions to bulletins@gracechurchmtclemens.org

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please sign up for altar flowers on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the sanctuary.

COFFEE HOUR

Please volunteer to host a coffee hour; the sign-up sheet is in the hallway. The host(s) makes and sets up the coffee and any snacks and then cleans up afterwards. You may also be reimbursed for any money you spend for snacks—just let Marchea (in the office) know! Thank you for sharing in the hospitality ministry of our parish!

BIBLE STUDY

Please join us on **Sundays at 9:30 AM** in the Guild Room for our Bible study. No preparation needed; just come and listen and join in the conversation. Each session is self-contained so you do not have to attend each week; come when you can. We learn a great deal about Scripture, our faith, ourselves, and each other! Hope to see you there!

BOOK CLUB

The book club will meet at Grace on **Thursday, September 10 at 6 PM** to discuss *The Shadow Box* by Luanne Rice. Reviews of this book describe it as a thriller mystery with multiple and seamless twists and turns. If you have any questions, please call Ann Strevel. Looking forward to seeing you!



For the Courage to Seek a World Free of Nuclear Weapons

God of peace, whose mercy is **stronger than** the violence of this world, **we remember** with sorrow the devastation of **Hiroshima** and **Nagasaki**, and the generations who have borne the wounds of nuclear war. **We grieve** that even now humanity continues to rely upon weapons capable of unimaginable destruction, **placing hope in threats** of mutual annihilation rather than in the hard work of peace. **Preserve us** from believing that lasting peace can be built upon fear. **Grant wisdom**, humility, and restraint to those entrusted with military and political authority, that they may resist escalation and seek every path that protects life. **Strengthen** diplomats, **peacemakers**, scientists, advocates, and all who labor faithfully for nuclear disarmament and the peaceful resolution of conflict. **Shape us**, your church, **into builders of true peace** whose lives bear witness to the hope of your coming kingdom, where swords are beaten into plowshares and nations learn war no more. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Prince of Peace, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
