

Grace Episcopal Church

Gainesville, Georgia

The mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.
BCP 855



The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 24, 2014

Welcome to Grace Church! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us. If you would like to know more about our parish or the Episcopal Church, we invite you to fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate or call the church office. Our liturgy can be found in *The Book of Common Prayer*, the black book in the pew rack; hymns and service music are from *The Hymnal 1982*, the red book in the pew rack.

Please join us in prayerful meditation before the service. We ask that you turn off all cell phones, pagers, and other electronic devices as we center ourselves for our common prayer.

The Rev. Stuart Higginbotham, *Rector*

The Rev. Michael McCann, *Priest Associate*

Dr. David Burton-Brown, *Director of Music/Organist*

Holy Eucharist Rite I 8:15AM

Prelude	Symphony Number Two, opus 13 i. Praeludium Circulare	Charles-Marie Widor
Collect for Purity		BCP 323
The Gloria		BCP 324
The Collect of the Day		
Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.		
The Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6		Leaflet, page 3
*The Gradual: Psalm 138		Leaflet, page 3
The New Testament Lesson: Romans 12: 1-8		Leaflet, page 4
† The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:13-20		Leaflet, page 4
The Homily: The Rev. Michael McCann		
† The Nicene Creed		BCP 326
The Prayers of the People Form III		BCP 387
The Confession of Sin and Absolution		BCP 360
The Peace		
*The Welcome		
*The Offertory		
The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I		BCP 333
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 336
Postcommunion Prayer		BCP 339
† Blessing and Dismissal		
Postlude	Agincourt Hymn	John Dunstable

For times of prayer, feel free to either stand or kneel as you are able.

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Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:45AM

Prelude

Symphony Number Two, opus 13
i. Praeludium Circulare

Charles-Marie Widor

Hymnal 410

Lauda anima

The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Gloria: S277

David Hurd

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.

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 Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Gradual: Psalm 138

Setting by Edward C. Bairstow
Sung by Parish Choir to Anglican Chant

- 1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness.
- 3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.
- 4 When I called, you answered me, *
you increased my strength within me.
- 5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.
- 6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.
- 7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.
- 8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe, *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.
- 9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

The New Testament Lesson: Romans 12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

At the Sequence: Hymnal 334

Alles ist an Gottes Segen

† The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 16:13-20

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Homily: The Rev. Michael McCann

† The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP 387

The Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

***The Welcome**

***The Offertory:** O Go Your Way into His Gates George Frideric Handel
(from *Utrecht Jubilate*)
Parish Choir

O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving,
and into His courts with praise;
be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His name.

Presentation Hymnal 380

Old 100th

Verse 1: *Choir and congregation*

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise!
Let the Redeemer's Name be sung through every land, by every tongue!

Verse 2: *Choir*

Eternal are thy mercies, Lord, and truth eternal is thy word:
thy praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

Verse 3: *Choir and congregation*

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 Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Sanctus: S124

David Hurd

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

The Prayer of Consecration

BCP 362

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Fraction Anthem: S154

David Hurd

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All baptized persons are invited to receive Holy Communion. To receive, please proceed up the center aisle and fill around the altar from the back to the front. If you do not wish to receive the consecrated bread and wine, simply cross your arms over your chest. We will offer a blessing for you as we share in Holy Communion. You may stand or kneel. Please return to your seat by the side aisles.

***Communion Music**

Anthem

God is our hope and strength
Parish Choir

J. S. Bach

God is our hope and strength, all heav'n and earth adore him!
Renew eternal praise, and prostrate fall before him!
For all things are of him, and in all things is he,
the works that aye have been, and ever more shall be.
Honour and thanks to God, who wrought this world's creation.
To taste of heav'nly joy, in death and tribulation.
Him praise we while we live, and on his will attend,
until we there arrive, where song shall have no end.

Hymnal 580 *sung by all*

Holy Manna

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

† **The Blessing**

At the Procession: Hymnal 518

Westminster Abbey

The Dismissal

Postlude

Agincourt Hymn

John Dunstable

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The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Jack W. Money
by Ruth Money

Sermon Meditation

Father Michael offers this poem by Emily Dickinson and invites you to reflect on it.

I'm Nobody! Who are you?
Are you – Nobody – too?
Then there's a pair of us!
Don't tell! they'd banish us – you know!

How dreary – to be – Somebody!
How public – like a Frog –
To tell your name – the livelong June –
To an admiring Bog!

Lectionary Notes

Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church. Today we reach a watershed moment in Jesus ministry as recounted by Matthew. Jesus asks his disciples who the people and they believe he is. It is Simon Peter who replies, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Peter's leadership of the church is affirmed by Jesus, even though Peter will show a lack of certainty in his confession later.

Just as Simon Peter was called "the Rock" (in Greek, Petros), so in the Hebrew scriptures Abraham and Sarah are the rock from which the people of God are hewn. From them comes a people for whom God provides a joyous salvation.

We continue to read from the Epistle to the Romans in the second lesson which deals with the way God's people are to live in relationship to each other and to the world. Today Paul focuses on the varied ministries of all members of the church, ministries given to us in Baptism.

We are given many and varied ways of ministering, and the Eucharist is a model of our ministries to the world. In the Eucharist, by remembering Christ's dying and rising, we become participants in that redemptive action. Our own lives are filled with its meaning, because we share in Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

The Rite Light: Reflections on the Sunday Readings and Seasons of the Church Year.
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Helpful Guidance

Members: Please wear your name tag on Sundays and greet anyone you do not know. Help make Grace a welcoming church! Name tags are located in the narthex foyer. A form to request a new or replacement name tag can be found on the Information Table.

Receiving Communion: All baptized persons are invited to receive communion, including children. After receiving the wafer, it may be consumed, followed by a sip of wine from the chalice (please assist the chalice bearer in guiding the chalice to your lips). Alternatively, the wafer may be dipped in the chalice and then consumed. If you do not want to receive the wine, then simply cross your arms across your chest after consuming the wafer. If you do not want to receive Communion, but desire a blessing, then simply cross your arms across your chest when you first arrive at the rail. When the person next to you has received Communion or a blessing, please return to your seat by the side aisle.

Child Care: A nursery is provided for children up to Pre-K from 8 AM until 12:15 PM. Children's Chapel is offered for children three years old through the first grade beginning at 10:45 AM. Children participating in chapel are brought into the church during the announcements. See an usher for directions to the Children's Chapel.

Calendar at a Glance

Announcements and upcoming events

Sunday, August 24, 2014

8:15AM – Holy Eucharist I (Nave)

9:30 AM – Christian Education

10:45AM – Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

12N – Chorister meeting (Choir room)

3:30PM – Diocesan Council Delegates meeting (Nave)

Family Promise – August 24 thru August 31

Monday, August 25, 2014

5:30 PM – Centering Prayer

Tuesday, August 26, 2014

9AM – Good News at Noon cooking & serving

Wednesday, August 27, 2014

12:10 PM – Eucharist & Laying on of Hands for Healing (Chapel)

5:15PM – GWAG meal

6:15PM – GWAG program

7PM – Parish Choir Rehearsal

7PM – Women's Bible Study

Sunday, August 31, 2014

8:15AM – Holy Eucharist I (Nave)

10:45AM – Holy Eucharist Rite II (Nave)

No Christian Education classes

Reservation sheet for GWAG, August 27 , 2014, is on the information table. Deadline is 12 noon on Monday, August 25, 2014.

Vestry & Officers

Term ends 2015

Becky Whitmire, *Senior Warden/Planning & Development*
Pete Miller, *Junior Warden/Finance*
Tricia McDuff, *Worship & Music*
Joey West, *Newcomers*
Weymon Forrester, *Treasurer*

Term ends 2016

George Butler, *Building & Grounds*
Julia Greene, *Pastoral Care*
Cheryl Kelley, *Spiritual Growth & Prayer*
Jeff Williams, *Communications/Clerk*

Term ends 2017

Kathie Futrell, *Outreach*
George Henderson, *Stewardship*
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More Information

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our **blog**

www.gracechurchgainesville.org/blog

our **newsletter**

The Evangelist is emailed weekly during the academic year, to subscribe go to www.gracechurchgainesville.org and click on "Join Our Email List"

our **Facebook page**

www.facebook.com/gecgainesville

our **calendar**

a monthly calendar is mailed/emailed with the newsletter, or learn how to subscribe to our online Google calendar at www.gracechurchgainesville.org/happening/calendar.html

our **bulletin boards**

located in the Greeting Area and connector corridor

our **information table**

located in the lower foyer near the nave

our **email list**

sign-up link is located on our website at www.gracechurchgainesville.org