

Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church

Sunday, September 28, 2025 - 8:15(No Music) and 10:00a

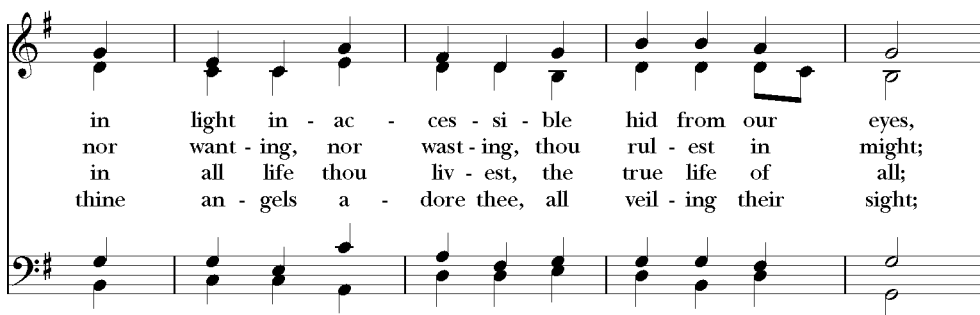
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Please stand for the procession

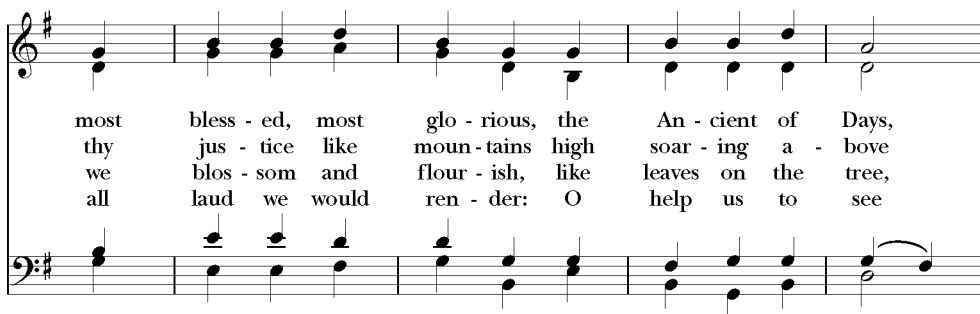
OPENING HYMN 423 IMMORTAL INVISIBLE



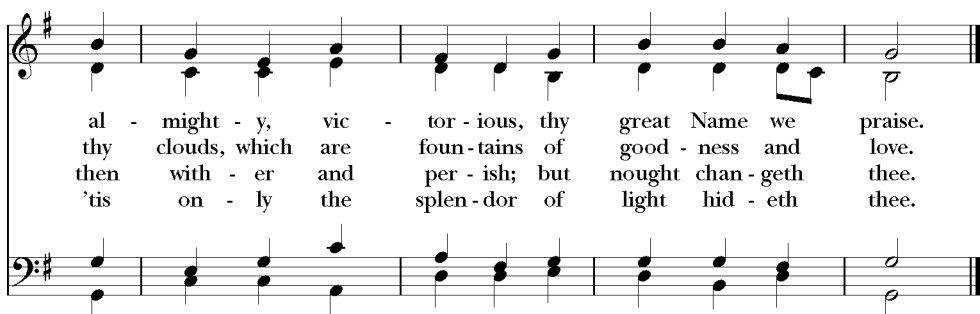
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
thy clouds, which are - foun - tains, of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

OPENING SENTENCES

BCP 355

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Officiant and People Together

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

THE GLORIA HYMNAL S-280

BCP 356

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.

BCP 357

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(You may be seated.)

THE FIRST READING FROM AMOS 6:1A, 4-7

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches, and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall; who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music; who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin

of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 146

1 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE SECOND READING: A READING FROM 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many

senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Officiant: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

HYMN 574 BEFORE THY THRONE

1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science
2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to
3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits



quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the
all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from
to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to
pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us
catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of
God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.
pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.
may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 16:19-31

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but

now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Officiant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Christ

The People are invited to be seated

HOMILY

Fr Gordon De La Vars

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

The People are invited to stand as able

Celebrant and People Together

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The People are invited to stand or kneel as able

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve
you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, especially, Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe and
Bishop Carrie Schofield-Broadbent; We pray for all priests and deacons
of this diocese, especially, John Hayes, Olabanji Onamuti, Richard
Swanson, Giuliano Gargiulio. We pray for all churches of this diocese,
especially, St. Andrew's, Clear Spring; St. Anne's, Smithsburg; St. John's,
Hagerstown
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the
world; We Pray for all who serve this Country, especially those in the
military and first responders, bring them home to us safely.
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; Give us all a
reverence for this earth as your own creation, that we may use its
resources in the service of others and in your glory. We pray for the

health of our world, especially communities with water scarcity and other critical resources.

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble to include people of Ukraine and all in areas at war. Have compassion on those that have lost their jobs and displaced populations as they seek places of safety to live.

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially those on the Grace Prayer List and all those struggling with mental health, addiction and maintaining sobriety especially in Frederick County.

That they may be healed in Body, Mind and Soul.

Are there others?

Silence

THE COLLECT FOR CLOSE OF PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSIOIN OF SIN

BCP 360

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People Together

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.**

BCP 360

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

BCP 360

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you

People: And also with you.

The People are invited to greet each other in peace

BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

OFFERTORY

BCP 376

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. -*Ephesians 5:2*

OFFERTORY HYMN

CHOR ANTHEM

DOXOLOGY HYMN #380, V. 3

**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. Amen.**

Celebrant: All things come from thee O Lord

People: From thy own have we given thee.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

BCP 367

The people remain standing as able

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

OF GOD THE FATHER

BCP 377

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

BCP 367

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:

THE SANCTUS HYMN S-130

BCP 367

**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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER & THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD BCP 364

Celebrant and People

**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.**

A period of silence is kept.

FRACTION HYMN HYMNAL S-154

BCP 364

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

Celebrant says 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

BCP 365

All are welcome to come to the altar and hold out their hands for communion or cross arms over their chest to receive God's Blessing

People are invited to stand or kneel if able

COMMUNION HYMN

SOLO

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

BCP 366

Celebrant and People together

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING OF GOD

People are invited to stand if able and bow their heads

CLOSING HYMN 594 GOD OF GRACE

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Celebrant: Alleluia, Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Prayer List

We pray for those in need of healing, especially:

Jason Beatty
Corrine
Kristen Cowher
George Delaplaine
Greykill Dutton
Brian Fuller
Anne Henry
Jeanie
Valinda Justice
Deb Kendrick
Marie Kuehne
Janet McNerney
Shirley Makin
Charles Morris
Joe Motherway
Betty Nipper

Bonny Nipper
Silas Nipper
Amanda Noonan
Neil Ofthsun
Judy Parlongo
Vince Parlongo
Julie Patton
Rhonda Redmond
Max Rodriguez
Tim Shipley
Nancy Smith
Randy Smith
Joan Sykes
Holly Van Court
Chuck Woodcock

Those serving in the Military and First Responders:

Roanan Furlong
Jackie Druktenis
Erin Holahan

Nicole Prorock
NMVFC #15

For repose of the soul of:

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Coffee and Fellowship will follow the 10am service

October 2nd - Monthly Planning Meeting 6pm at Morgans

October 4th – Yard Sale

October 5th - Bishop's Visit and Potluck

There will be one service at 10am. We will have a potluck during Coffee and Fellowship following the service.

****Bishop Carrie takes photographs before, during, and after worship services to share on her social media platforms. She invites you to post photos, reflections, or a favorite moment from today's service on social media. It's a way of spreading the Good News that God is at work in and through our worshipping communities.**

October 26th - Trunk or Treat 11:30

November 6th - Planning Meeting For the Bazaar. Place & Time TBD

November 15th - Christmas Bazaar - If you have any donations for the silent auction, please bring them to the parish house and place upstairs in the bazaar room. Please leave a note with estimated cost and label them.

December 6th - New Market Christmas Parade - More details to follow

December 18th - Holiday Pot Luck Planning meeting

December DTBD - Gingerbread Houses

Volunteer Ministry Opportunities

Choir - Rehearsals is at 9:20 a.m. each Sunday.

In the first words of our theme song: "In our music God is glorified."
Please consider joining us!!

Coffee and Fellowship—Please sign up for a Sunday Coffee and Fellowship in the Kitchen. It can be as easy or elaborate as you choose.

Free Little Library Reminder

Please feel free to take, leave and/or return books at the bookshelf in the entry way of the church.