

Grace Episcopal Church

Grace is a Christ-centered Community devoted to Servant Ministry and Spiritual Growth.



Morning Prayer

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2026

9:30 AM



GRACE
EPISCOPAL CHURCH + SHEFFIELD, ALABAMA

Welcome to Grace

Grace is a Christ-centered Community devoted to Servant Ministry and Spiritual Growth. We come from different backgrounds, live in different parts of the Shoals, and have different opinions about a lot of things. We hold in common our love for Jesus, our commitment to care for one another and our neighbors, and our desire to learn about God and grow more deeply in faith. Whether you worship here every Sunday or if this is the first time you have walked through our red doors, thank you for being here today. Your presence blesses us.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 518 Christ is made the sure foundation

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone
Chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone

All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high
In exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today
With thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy servants as they pray
And thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always

Here vouch safe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain
What they gain from thee, forever with the blessed to retain
And here after in thy glory evermore with thee to reign

Opening Sentences

BCP 78

The Officiant says

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Confession of Sin

BCP 79

The Officiant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

Officiant and People together, all kneeling

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.

The Officiant stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

Invitatory and Psalter

BCP 80

All stand.

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People *And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

In unison.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us down down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Psalm 13 *Usquequo, Domine?*

1 How long, O Lord?
will you forget me for ever? *
how long will you hide your face from me?
2 How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,
and grief in my heart, day after day? *
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
3 Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; *
give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
4 Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," *
and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.
5 But I put my trust in your mercy; *
my heart is joyful because of your saving help.
6 I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; *
I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

Reader and People together

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the
beginning is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

The First Lesson

Genesis 22:1-14

God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 679

Surely it is God who saves me

Surely is is God who saves me; trusting him I shall not fear
For the Lord defends and shields me and his saving help is near
So rejoice as you draw water from salvation's living spring
In the day of your deliverance thank the Lord, his mercies sing

Make his deeds known to the peoples; tell out his exalted Name
Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his might proclaim
Zion, lift your voice in singing; for with you has come to dwell
In your very midst, the great and Holy One of Israel

The Second Lesson

Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 438

Tell out, my soul

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice
Tender to me the promise of his word
In God my Savior shall my heart rejoice

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done
His mercy sure, from age to age the same
His holy Name the Lord, the Mighty One

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might
Powers and dominions lay their glory by
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children for evermore

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 10:40-42

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Danielle Thompson

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead,

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The people kneel or sit

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant 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.

The Officiant prays the Versicle (V); the People offer the Response (R).

V. Show us your mercy O Lord;

R. And grant us your salvation

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. Let your people sing with joy.

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. Your saving health among all nations.

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Officiant offers the following Collects.

The Collect of the Day

Proper 8

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

For a New Week

This is another week, O Lord. We know not what it will bring forth, but make us ready, Lord, for whatever it may be. If we are to stand up, help us to stand bravely. If we are to sit still, help us to sit quietly. If we are to lie low, help us to do it patiently. And if we are to do nothing, let us do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and give us the Spirit of Jesus. *Amen.*

(BCP 461, adapted)

For the Presence of Christ

Come, Lord Jesus, and dwell in our hearts in the fullness of your strength; be our wisdom and guide us in right pathways; conform our lives and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*
(Adapted from the Act of Spiritual Communion, found in St. Augustine's Prayer Book)

A Prayer for Mission

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us your Spirit of love, that, in companionship with one another, your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Office Hymn 665 All my hope on God is founded

All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew
Me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true
God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own

Mortal pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray our trust
Though with care and toil we build them, tower and temple fall to dust
But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower

God's great goodness e'er endureth, deep his wisdom passing thought
Splendor, light, and life attend him, beauty springeth out of nought
Evermore from his store newborn worlds rise and adore

Daily doth the almighty Giver bounteous gifts on us bestow
His desire our soul delighteth, pleasure leads us where we go
Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his command

Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done
High above all praises praising for the gift of Christ, his son
Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall

The People offer additional prayers, followed by these intercessions for our parish family:

We pray for God's Church throughout the world, for its unity and mission, and for all clergy and people. We pray especially for the Church in Alabama; for Sean, our presiding Bishop; Richard, our Bishop; Danielle, our Priest; Josh, our Deacon; and for our congregation, Grace Episcopal Church.

We pray for those in authority, especially Donald, our president; Kay, our governor; and for the mayors, city councils, and county commissions of the Shoals.

We pray for those on our intercessory prayer list, saying together *Elijah, Reagan, Penney, The Booth Family, Suzy, Bennie, Robin, Wayne, Tommy B, LaVera, Peter, Doug, Courtney, Bruce, Frances, Betty, Dan, Ro, Heather, Gail, Deborah, Jessica, and George.*

We pray for all whose work puts them in harm's way and for those on active duty in the military, saying together *Joshua, Drake, Carter, Ethan, Jacobi, Kahleel, Henry, Jacob, Kadin, Dustin, Rebekah, Bryan, and William.*

We pray for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries: Parks McKinley, Lindsey Williams, David McKinley, Jan Scofield and Terry Robbins.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

Offertory Hymn 93, All. III

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My comforter, my all in all here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

As the alms are brought forward, the congregations stands to sing

Doxology Hymn 380

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. Amen

Offertory Prayer

We give you thanks, gracious God, for the blessing of this and of all our days. Accept, we pray, the offerings we humbly bring before you now: Accept our worship and praise; our prayers and supplications; our selves, our souls, and bodies. Accept our devotion to you and our service to one another, as well as our desire to help your people, even when we feel powerless and overwhelmed. Accept, we pray, our gifts of time and treasure, as well as our fervent longing to offer these things when we are unable to do so. Above all, accept our lives, freely given to you in gratitude for your infinite love; through him in whom all our offerings are made complete, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

Officiant and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn 697 My God, accept my heart this day (tune of Amazing Grace)

My God, accept my heart this day, and make it always thine
That I from thee no more may stray, no more from thee decline

Before the cross of him who died, behold, I prostrate fall
Let every sin be crucified, and Christ be all in all

Anoint me with thy heavenly grace, and seal me for thine own
That I may see thy glorious face, and worship near thy throne

Let every thought and work and word, to thee be ever given
Then life shall be thy service, Lord, and death the gate of heaven

Postlude

Servants Today - June 28

VOD
Chris Earl

Safety
Troy Youngblood

Greeter
Mary Ann &
Bob Allan

Usher
David Springer

Reader
Doug Wright

Acolytes
Kris Walls
& Jem Davis

Chalice
Patti Thorne
& John Walls

Server
John Walls

Cross
Joshua Davis

Altar Guild

Laurie Gray, Tana Andrews, & Mark Orman

Fellowship

Jerry Shea

**Danielle, our priest, and Josh, our deacon, would love to hear from you!
Please do not hesitate to contact either or both of them!**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

Worship: 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

Connect: Fellowship in the Parish Hall

Keep in touch: Fill out a contact information card or send a text to
Danielle or Deacon Josh

THIS WEEK AT GRACE:

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY – MONDAY AT 8 AM (PARISH HALL)

LEARN TO PLAY BRIDGE – TUESDAY AT 10 AM (PARISH HALL)

GRACE GROUP 1 – WEDNESDAY AT 4 PM (PARISH HOUSE)

GRACE GROUPS 2 & 3 – WEDNESDAY AT 6 PM (PARISH HOUSE)

CHOIR – WEDNESDAY AT 6 PM (NAVE)

GRACE NOTES OPEN JAM SESSION – THURSDAY AT 3:45 PM (PARISH HALL)

CENTERING PRAYER – THURSDAY AT 5:15 PM (PARISH HOUSE)

Email gracesheffieldoffice@gmail.com, call the parish office, or text of our clergy to be put in touch with one of these groups!

*The **nave** is the main worship space in the church
The **parish house** is the building next to the church
The **parish hall** is the main room in the parish house*

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