

# Grace Episcopal Church

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

*The Second Sunday after Pentecost*

*June 7, 2026 9:30 AM*

*Holy Eucharist*



## *NAMETAG SUNDAY*

### **Interpreting This Week's Prayer**

**Collect of the Day:** *O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

Dear God: Everything that is good in this world – and beyond this world – comes from you. Breathe into me right thoughts and let them fill my imagination. Then, strengthen me for and lead me into right service and action. In Jesus' Name I offer this prayer, Amen.



**GRACE**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH + SHEFFIELD, ALABAMA

## **Prelude**

**Processional Hymn 686**    Come, thou fount of every blessing

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

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

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

*The Celebrant and People say*

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.

### **Song of Praise S 280**

*Gloria in excelsis*

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.

## Collect of the Day

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### The First Lesson

### Genesis 12:1-9

*We are in Bronze Age territory here. Abram is a descendant of Shem, one of Noah's three sons. He is from a Sumerian city called Ur, which is in modern-day Iraq. We have no idea what his relationship to God was before God called him (below) to migrate across the entire Fertile Crescent, following the death of his father and clan leader, Terah. Although Abram would become "Abraham," the father of three major world religions, at the time of his call there was no such thing as Judaism, let alone Christianity or Islam.*

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

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

**Psalm 33:1-12     *Exultate, justi***

*Like last week's psalm (Psalm 8), these verses highlight God's identity as the Creator and the one who sustains life. Verse 12 points us back toward the first reading, where God "chooses" Abram and promises him a "nation" – a term which, in Abram's time, referred to an extended family or tribe.*

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; \*  
    it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the Lord with the harp; \*  
    play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
- 3 Sing for him a new song; \*  
    sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is right, \*  
    and all his works are sure.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; \*  
    the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, \*  
    by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin \*  
    and stores up the depths of the sea.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord; \*  
    let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; \*  
    he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; \*  
    he thwarts the designs of the peoples.
- 11 But the Lord's will stands fast for ever, \*  
    and the designs of his heart from age to age.
- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! \*  
    happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

## The Second Lesson

## Romans 4:13-25

*Romans was written by Paul, over twenty years after Jesus' Resurrection. One of the letter's major topics—and one of Paul's greatest hits—is how Gentiles (non-Jewish people) are able to share in God's blessings even when they are not linked by blood or marriage to Judaism's ancestor, or "father," Abraham. Paul points out that Abraham's relationship with God was built on faith, not on genetics. He applies that logic to our situation, as Gentiles, in the final sentences of the passage below.*

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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

## Gospel Hymn

Seek ye first

*Please sing vs 1 & 2 before the Gospel.*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God  
And His righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you  
Allelu, Alleluia  
*Refrain: Alleluia, alleluia*  
*Alleluia, allelu, alleluia*

Ask and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and it shall be opened unto you  
Allelu, Alleluia  
*Refrain*

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

*People Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

### Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

*Notice the range of people in this short reading: tax collectors and sinners; Pharisees; a synagogue leader; an ailing woman; and a sick little girl. What effect does encountering Jesus have on each of these very different individuals?*

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

### Gospel Hymn

Seek ye first

***Please sing vs 3 after the Gospel.***

We shall not live by bread alone  
But by ev'ry word  
That proceeds from the mouth of God  
Allelu, alleluia  
*Refrain*

**The Nicene Creed**

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.*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world. We pray for Donald, our president; Kay, our governor; and for the mayors, city councils, and county commissions of the Shoals;

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Glenda, our Bishop; Richard, our Bishop-Elect; Danielle, our Priest; Josh, our Deacon; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

We pray for those on our intercessory prayer list, saying together

*Elijah, Reagan, Penney, The Booth Family, Suzy, Bennie, Robin, Wayne, Ron, Tommy B, LaVera, Peter, Doug, Mark, Courtney, Bruce, Frances, Etelka, Jerry, June, David, Betty, Dan, Ro, Heather, Gail, Deborah, Jessica, & Regina.*

We pray for all whose work puts them in harm's way and for those on active duty in the military, saying together

*Taylor, Johnathan, Ben, Conner, John Gage, Nathan, Henry, Jacob, Kadin, Dustin, Rebekah, Bryan, & William.*

Hear us, Lord;

*For your mercy is great.*

We pray for those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries:  
Amy & Eddie Daniel, Luci Vacik, Chad Gamble, Darren Richardson, & Kevin  
Thompson

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

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

*Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

### **Concluding Collect**

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully  
accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **Confession of Sins**

*The Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept*

*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.

*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*

Celebrant    The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People        *And also with you.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **The Offertory**

#### **Offertory Anthem**

*Sinners and Saints*

Are you faint and feeble, are you weary child  
Jesus will surely give you rest  
Is your burden heavy from the weight of sin  
Jesus forgives when you confess

*O come all sinners, come all saints  
To Christ our Savior, who rules and reigns  
Bring your gladness, bring your pain  
His arms are open today*

Do you fear you've wandered further than His grace  
Jesus is reaching out His hand  
Are you mourning loss, and are you hurting deep  
Jesus says death is not the end

Jesus, Jesus how I trust Him  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er  
Jesus, Jesus precious Jesus  
O for grace to trust Him more

#### **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

*Instructions for receiving Communion are found at the end of this prayer.*

**The Great Thanksgiving     *Eucharistic Prayer A***

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.*

*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.

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.

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:

**Sanctus S-129**

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

*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.

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 has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

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

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

*Facing the People, the Celebrant says the following Invitation:*  
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

## The Communion

*Please come to the altar rail to receive Communion. You may kneel or stand. Receive a wafer from the Priest by holding out your hands. To receive the wine, please dip the wafer in the chalice or drink from the chalice. If you do not wish to receive Communion, cross your arms over your chest and the Priest will offer you a Blessing.*

## Communion Hymn 693

Just as I am

Just as I am, without one plea  
But that thy blood was shed for me  
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many'a conflict, many'a doubt  
Fightings and fears within, without  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind  
Yea, all I need, in thee to find  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am thou wilt receive  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve  
Because thy promise I believe  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down  
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

Just as I am, of thy great love  
The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove  
Here for a season, then above  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

*The Celebrant and People continue*

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.

## **Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn 493**    O for a thousand tongues to sing

## **Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

## Servants Today - June 7

**VOD**  
Chris Earl

**Safety**  
Graham Fox

**Greeter**  
Janet Kias

**Usher**  
Amy Daniel

**Reader**  
Troy Youngblood

**Acolytes**  
Kris Walls  
& Jem Davis

**Chalice**  
Patti Thorne  
& Kris Walls

**Server**  
John Walls

**Cross**  
Joshua Davis

### Altar Guild

Laurie Gray & Tana Andrews

### Fellowship

Ninon & Richard Parker

**Rev. Danielle would love to hear from you!  
Please do not hesitate to contact her!**

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## Grace Church Vestry 2028

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**Parish Administrator:** Lane Hardison Ennis



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SUNDAY, JUNE 1**

**Nametag Sunday**

**Discretionary Fund Offering (see announcements below)**

**Worship:** 9:30 AM Holy Eucharist

**Connect:** Fellowship and Last Chance Yard Sale in the Parish Hall

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

### **ONGOING & UPCOMING**

**Today: Discretionary Fund Offering.** All loose cash and coins in the offering plates will be divided between our clergy's discretionary funds. These funds are used for benevolence purposes only, both within the parish and in the community at large.

**Tonight: Grace Night.** All-parish potluck on Sunday, June 7, at 5:30 PM. Bring a side, main, or dessert – whatever you prefer! The church will provide bread and drinks. Questions or want to help set up/take down? Contact Linda Joly or Laurie Gray!

**This Week: Centering Prayer!** A traditional form of Christian contemplative prayer. Come to Grace for an information session on Weds, June 10, at 5 PM. Details in the narthex.

### **GRACE GROUPS!**

Grace Groups is a ten-week small group series that we are doing this summer. It's an opportunity for people in our growing church to get to know one another better, to reflect on Scripture in a meaningful and easy way, and to serve both inside and outside of the parish.

Grace Groups start the week of June 14! You may choose to meet on either Tuesdays at 4 PM or Wednesdays at 6 PM. Thank you to Rev. Josh Vacik, Chris Earl, Kris Walls, Troy Youngblood, Dennis Cole, Jen Awwad, Dan Bolte, and Mark Adkins for helping to facilitate Grace Groups this summer.

Sign up by form in the Church or Parish Hall.

Or, sign up online: [forms.gle/rsnU6PAi8cEEmbGM6](https://forms.gle/rsnU6PAi8cEEmbGM6)

