

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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8:00 A.M.

Rite I: beginning on page 323 (red book)

Prelude

Opening Hymn *Jesus our mighty lord* 478 (blue book)

Opening Acclamation 355 (red book)

Hymn of Praise 421 (blue book)

Collect of the Day

I reading Genesis 50:15-21

Psalm 103:8-13

II reading Romans 14:1-12

Gradual Hymn *Beneath the cross* 498 (blue book)

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

Homily The Rev. Catherine Carpenter

Nicene Creed 358 (red book)

Prayers of the People 388 (red book)

Confession 360 (red book)

The Peace

Presentation of alms *Laudate Dominum* WLP 829

The Great Thanksgiving 361 (red book)

Sanctus *Holy, holy, holy, Lord* S 125 (front blue book)

Fraction Anthem *Christ our passover* S 164 (front blue book)

All baptized persons regardless of denomination, including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you would like to receive communion but cannot approach the altar rail, please notify an usher and it will be brought to you. Gluten-free wafers are available, simply tell the celebrant "gluten-free".

Communion Music

When Eucharistic Visitors are to visit those unable to be present, they are sent at this time.

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People: We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

Post Communion Prayer	365 (red book)
Blessing	
Closing Hymn <i>I know not</i>	647 (blue book)
Dismissal	366 (red book)
Postlude	

THE COLLECT

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

GENESIS 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

GRACE'S MISSION STATEMENT

*To be a visible sign of Christ's love, seeking
and serving Christ in all persons.*

PSALM 103:8-13

10:30 A.M. service: All sing the Psalm: One measure of music is sung for each verse, changing pitch on the underlined syllable.



- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

ROMANS 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrel-
ing over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat on-
ly vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those
who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has wel-
comed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is
before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for
the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days
to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who ob-
serve the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in
honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain,
abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we
live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live
or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived
again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you
despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment
seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

MATTHEW 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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WELCOME TO GRACE

We welcome all newcomers and visitors and we ask that you complete a card from pews or welcome table or sign our newcomer book (located in the front of the building). After the service please join us in the Welcome Area for coffee and hospitality. We are glad that you are here with us today.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES for the hearing impaired are available from the ushers.