

GRACE CHURCH BROOKLYN HEIGHTS

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Holy Eucharist: Rite II
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
August 3, 2025
10 am

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Welcome to Grace Church! If you are a newcomer or visitor, we want you to know that we are blessed by your presence. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to a member of the clergy. Everything necessary to participate in the service is in this bulletin. Congregational responses are printed in **bold**. Hymn numbers refer to **Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS)**.

PRELUDE

HYMN 184 IN PROCESSION (LEVAS) *Blessed Assurance*

THE WORD OF GOD

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

KYRIE ELEISON Hymn 237 (LEVAS)
Sung by all.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 *Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23*

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 49:1-11

Read responsively.

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples;
 hearken, all you who dwell in the world,
 you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
 and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb
 and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days,
 when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods,
 and boast of their great riches?
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves,
 or deliver to God the price of our life;
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great,
 that we should never have enough to pay it,
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever,
 and never see the grave.
- 9 For we see that the wise die also;
 like the dull and stupid they perish
 and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
 their dwelling places from generation to generation,
 though they call the lands after their own names.

11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever;
they are like the beasts that perish.

THE SECOND LESSON *Colossians 3:1-11*

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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People **Thanks be to God.**

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Sung before and after the Gospel reading.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 12:13-21*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

THE SERMON

The Reverend Erika K. Meyer

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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

Let us offer prayers for God's people in every place, saying: "Hear our prayer."

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Celebrant 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 ABSOLUTION

Celebrant

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AT THE OFFERTORY, A VOLUNTARY

We are grateful for your offering to Grace Church. You can either place it in the offering plate or make your offering electronically. To pledge by text, send a message to 73256 with the message "GraceBrooklyn." Messages and data rates may apply. Message frequency varies. Text HELP to 73256 for help. Text STOP to 73256 to cancel. You may also give online by going to <https://onrealm.org/gracebrooklyn/-/give/now> or scanning here:



THE PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS AND DOXOLOGY

**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*

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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 AND BENEDICTUS Hymn 255 (LEVAS)

Sung by all.

**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 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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

FRACTION ANTHEM Hymn 270 (LEVAS) *Lamb of God*
Sung by all.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

In the Episcopal Church all baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The ushers will guide you and answer any questions. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

COMMUNION HYMN 141 (LEVAS) *Shall We Gather at the River*
Sung seated.

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

People 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.

THE BLESSING

HYMN 188 IN PROCESSION (LEVAS) *When Peace, Like a River*

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

We thank Miriam Daly for leading us in worship this morning.



*Growing in Faith * Creating Inclusive Community*
*Serving with Compassion * Working for Social Justice*

Welcome to Grace Church! If you are new to Grace, we are thrilled that you have joined us, and we would love to get to know you better. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to an usher or a member of the clergy.

Coffee Hour Please join us in outside in the courtyard (or the McKittrick Choir Room in case of inclement weather) following the service, for coffee and light snacks, and fellowship with members of the parish, clergy, and visitors.

Nursery Care During the service, we are pleased to offer **staff-supervised nursery care** in the Colonial Room, across from the kitchen, for those who might need it. However, children are always welcome at worship.

Summer Worship at Grace During the summer, we will be holding one worship service on Sundays at 10 am in the air-conditioned Guild Hall. If you are unable to attend in person, the service is also available via Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7186241850>.

Vivian Harrison Memorial Service and Reception

Please join friends and family on **Saturday, August 9th at 10 am** for a service of thanksgiving for the life of Vivian Harrison. A reception will held in the Guild Hall following the service.

Summer Hymn Sings: Tuesdays in August at Plymouth Church, 7-8:30 pm

This summer, we will be joining forces with Plymouth Church for our Summer Hymn Sings. Join Plymouth Church (75 Hicks St.) for the Hymn Sings on **Tuesdays, August 5, 12, and 19** from 7 to 8:30 pm in the Plymouth Music Room.

Red Hook Farms

Grace returned to the Red Hook Farm Saturday, July 12th, for a hot and sweaty volunteer session. With all of the rain we've had, the veggies have taken off. Sadly, so have the weeds. Organic produce = lots of weeding and that's how we spent our time. We tidied up the beans, collards, squash, tomatillos, and much, much more. We resettled earthworms and chatted with the chickens, while sending wheelbarrows of weeds over to the compost people to add to their piles.

Our next volunteer day is **Saturday, August 9th**. Please plan to join us!

Our relationship with Red Hook Farms aligns perfectly with Grace's Core Values! By contributing our time and talent, we serve with compassion in an underserved community. In addition, by supporting a sustainable urban agricultural enterprise that financially benefits the local community, we are working for social justice to address food insecurity by improving access to healthy and affordable food. Red Hook Farms grew almost 31,000 pounds of food last year. Let's help make this year even better!

The Red Hook Farm Stand is open! Swing by **560 Columbia St** every **Saturday from 10 am-1 pm** to support urban farming in our Brooklyn backyard.

Bible Study Summer Reading We look forward to seeing you in September (date to be announced) when we will discuss our summer reading: Joan Chittister, *Between the Dark and the Daylight*; and Bishop Mariann Budde, *How We Learn to Be Brave*.

Holy Cross Retreat: September 23-25

It's hard to believe, but September is just around the corner. Our annual fall retreat at the Episcopal monastery of Holy Cross will be held Tuesday, September 23rd through Thursday, September 25th. Holy Cross is located in West Park, NY, (www.holycrossmonastery.com) a few hours up the Hudson, directly on the river. There is a handicap-accessible elevator at the monastery. This trip provides an opportunity for us to get to know each other better through discussion, relaxation, worship, and adventure. You can attend daily services in the chapel. The theme of our retreat will be "Encounters with the Divine." The cost for 2 nights (private rooms), including all meals will be \$220, plus an \$80 stipend for the retreat leader, Brother David Hoopes (formerly an assistant at Grace). Please contact Robin Ketchum at ketchum.robin@gmail.com by early August to reserve one of the 14 spaces available. Checks for \$300 should be made out to Grace Church, or in 2 installments of \$150. If this is a financial burden, please contact the Rector privately at arobinson@gracebrooklyn.org for financial aid.

Join Grace Church online for **Evening Prayer** every **Tuesday-Friday at 5 pm**. To attend, please use the following Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7186241850>.

The Search Committee for the Ninth Bishop of Long Island warmly invites you to take part in the Diocesan Landscape Survey. This is a vital part of our shared discernment as we seek, with God's help, the person who will serve as our next bishop.

Your voice matters. Each response helps shape a clearer understanding of who we are as a diocese—our hopes, our challenges, our diversity, and our calling. We ask that you complete this survey prayerfully, listening for the guidance of the Holy Spirit as you reflect on your experiences, dreams, and concerns for the Church.

This is more than a questionnaire—it is a tool for holy listening. It will guide the creation of our Diocesan Profile and inform upcoming Listening Sessions. It is one way we can join together in faithful discernment, trusting that the Spirit is at work among us and through us.

The survey is anonymous, confidential, and being collected by an independent third-party to ensure full privacy. **It is available in English, Spanish, and Korean and open from Wednesday, July 16 through Wednesday, August 13.** Please visit the Bishop's Search Committee page on the Diocesan website to find the link to the survey :

<https://www.dioceseli.org/news/july-16th-update-search-committee-ninth-bishop-long-island>



UPCOMING LISTENING SESSIONS

Each session will include opportunities for reflection, time of sharing, and prayer. Members of the Search Committee will be present to listen deeply and respectfully to all who attend.

ZOOM SESSIONS

LAITY

July 29, 2025 | 7:00 - 8:30 PM

August 6, 2025 | 7:00 - 8:30 PM

August 14, 2025 | 7:00 - 8:30 PM

CLERGY

July 31, 2025 | 7:00 - 8:30 PM

August 12, 2025 | 7:00 - 8:30 PM

IN-PERSON SESSIONS

CLERGY & LAY

Sunday August 3, 2025

St. Mark's, Islip

3:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Saturday August 9, 2025

St. Alban the Martyr, St. Albans

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

To register for the Zoom sessions, scan the QR code or visit dioceseli.org/bishopsearch.

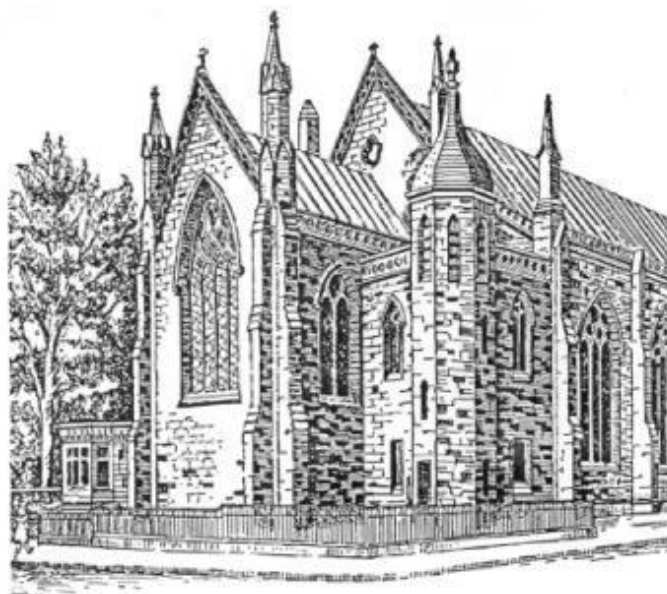


Additional listening sessions will be announced in due course.

The Common Cup Holy Eucharist is offered in both kinds, bread and wine. The wine will be offered from the common cup (drinking directly from the chalice). *Intinction is not permitted.* At Communion time, after receiving the bread, proceed to the eucharistic minister to receive the wine by drinking directly from the chalice. Those not wishing to drink from the chalice may cross their arms and reverence the cup.

Name tags are available in the back of the church. These are a huge help in learning each other's names and in building community. If you don't yet have a name tag, please contact Melissa Kelly, Parish Administrator, parishoffice@gracebrooklyn.org, to order one. Name tags are not only for newcomers; we all wear them, including the kids. *If you have a pacemaker, you should not wear a magnetic tag; we have an alternative adhesive for you.* Questions? Contact our Parish Office at (718) 624-1850 x 10.

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