

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Ministry Sunday, September 13, 2020
10:30 a.m.

Grace Episcopal Church
Silver Spring, MD 20910

HANDBELL PRELUDE • *Amazing Grace*

CLERGY WELCOME

OPENING HYMN • HYMNAL 390 *Sung by all.*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY *Said by all.*

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.

GLORIA • HYMNAL S.280 *Sung by all.*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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.**

THE FIRST READING • EXODUS 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

- 1 Hallelujah!
When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

THE SECOND READING • ROMANS 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only 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 welcomed 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 observe 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.

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

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy
 2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - ya
 * 3 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,
 4 Just as I am: thou wilt re - ceive; wilt wel - come,
 5 Just as I am, thy love un - known has bro - ken

1 blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
 2 con - flict, man - ya doubt; fight - ings and fears with -
 3 heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in
 4 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve, be - cause thy prom - ise
 5 ev - ery bar - rier down; now to be thine, yea,

1 come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 2 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 3 thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 4 I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
 5 thine a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL • MATTHEW 18:21-35

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE REV. AMANDA AKES-CARDWELL

THE NICENE CREED *Said by all, standing.*

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 *Standing or kneeling, as you prefer.*

Intercessor: Our God wraps us round in love and embraces us with mercy. There is nothing we need hide. Let us bring our needs and the needs of the whole human family to God's loving care, saying: "Lord, hear our prayer."

Intercessor: That the leaders of the church will be, like Moses, one with their people and outspoken on their behalf, we pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: That the church will spend itself in search of the lost of this world, the homeless, the addicted, the uneducated, the ill, the rejected, and that we will welcome them to our household, we pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: That all who are far from home will live in safety, we pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: For all who are alienated from us and who stay away from this table, that they may return home, and that we may be watching to greet them, we pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: For the sick the aged, the lonely, especially Judy & family; Megan and Scott & family; Ruth & family; Belva; Denise; Louise & Michael; Wayne & family; Kennita; Deborah; Steve; Geoff & family; Don; Roderick; Jim & family; Mary; Maria; Laurie; Mary; the McFarlane family; Elfrida; Anne; Dave; Marti; Traci; Geri; Fay; Clyde; Helen; and Elizabeth, and any who cannot be with us today, that they may know our kindness and God's mercy, we pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: That peace and forgiveness will mark our lives together as families, we pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We give you thanks for the many diverse people who comprise this congregation, this community, and this country; all of whom offer us a glimpse of your kingdom. And yet, we so often fail to recognize you in those who look, think, love, or express themselves differently than we do. That you would break down the walls that divide us and disperse our suspicions, judgment, and hatred of one another, we pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We pray for the special needs and concerns of this community. We pray for the Faridullah family, and all of our refugee ministry volunteers helping the Faridullahs adjust to life in the United States. We pray for the men and women serving in the armed forces, that they and their families may be sustained by grace. We pray for our Vestry, staff, lay leaders, and Day School faculty and staff, that God may guide them in their work and ministry.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Let us pray together for our Rector Search Committee, saying together:
People: O God, who has guided and sustained this parish in the past, we thank you for being our companion on our search for a new rector. Give us patience when the journey seems long and courage when the way seems uncertain. Bless the Search Committee and the Vestry. Give to them and to the candidates they consider wisdom and discernment. And give us your grace, that we may be a community of love to support each other in this search. Amen.

Intercessor: And now, let us offer to God the names of those for whom we pray, either silently or aloud.

THE CONCLUDING COLLECT

Celebrant: God of promises, you have brought us a long way and have kept us safe in our journey to you. Hear us now, and answer our prayers with delight. Teach us to run to you for all we need. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION

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

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.
People: Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also with you.

ANTHEM DURING THE PEACE • *Day by Day*, Mark Schweizer

O Holy Jesus, merciful Redeemer,
Friend and brother, gentle, loving Savior
May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
Follow you more nearly, day by day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY

If you are new to Grace and would like more information about our community, please click on the "Welcome Visitor" button.

If you would like to pay your pledge or make a gift to support the ongoing ministry of Grace Church, please click on the "Donate" button.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM • *Beati quorum via*, Charles Villiers Stanford

*Beati quorum via integra est,
qui ambulant in lege Domini.*

*Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the Law of the LORD.*

[Psalm 119:1]

THE HYMN AT THE PRESENTATION *Sung by all.*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise God all creatures here below,
praise God above ye heavn'ly hosts;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant continues:

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS • LEVAS 255 *Sung by all.*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel, as they prefer, and the Celebrant continues:

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All: Dying, you destroyed our death.
 Rising, you restored our life.
 Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Celebrant continues:

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All: Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
All: 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.
Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE FRACTION ANTHEM • LEVAS 269 *Sung by all.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

THE HYMN DURING COMMUNION • LEVAS 151 *Refrain sung by all.*

One Bread, One Body

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of vocal and piano accompaniment. Each system includes a vocal line and a piano accompaniment with treble and bass staves. The lyrics are: "One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all, one cup of bless-ing which we bless. And we, though". The score features various musical notations including rests, notes, and accidentals. There are repeat signs (double bar lines with dots) at the beginning of the first and second systems. The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines in both hands.

man - y, through-out the earth, We are one

Last time ⊕

bod - y in this one Lord.

Last time ⊕

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *Said by all, standing or kneeling as you prefer.*

Celebrant:

Let us pray.

All:

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

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun
Of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears has been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past,
Till now we stand at last.
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand.
True to our God,
True to our native land.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord..
People: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE • *Trumpet Tune*, Johann Caspar Ferdinand Fischer



GRACE CHURCH PRAYER LIST

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ministry Sunday *Today, Sunday, September 13*

"See, I am doing a new thing," God tells the prophet Isaiah in Isa. 43:19. As we begin a new program year this Ministry Sunday, God's words echo in our ears. This year, Ministry Sunday will feel very different than previous years, so too will the 2020-2021 program year. It will be a new thing. We hope you will join us for a very special livestreamed worship service at 10:30am, featuring virtual appearances from parishioners serving once again as lectors, singers, etc. Additionally, our worship shifts from Morning Prayer to Holy Eucharist (see the announcement below to learn how you can share in communion on future Sundays). Following worship, at 12pm we will host our annual Ministry Fair via Zoom. The day concludes with our in-person outdoor Evening Prayer service at 5:30pm. God is doing a new thing, don't miss it!

Online Ministry Fair *Today, Sunday, September 13, 12-1pm*

Join us on Zoom from 12-1pm to hear from various ministry leaders about their plans for the 2020-2021 program year. The fair begins with a welcome from clergy, followed by the opportunity to enter breakout rooms with ministry leaders of your choice to learn about how their ministry is engaged in God's mission during this unprecedented time and how you can get involved. Connect online by logging into your Zoom account and entering the following **Meeting ID: 899 4913 8182** and **Passcode: Grace**.

Welcome our NEW Seminarian *Today, Sunday, September 13, 5:30 PM*

Beginning Sunday September 13 at our 5:30 p.m. service, Eliza Davies, a second-year student at Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS), will join Grace Church for her field education training. Eliza, already an ordained Deacon in the church (since May 2008), is in the ordination process to become a priest. She comes to us from

the Diocese of New York. Like us, Eliza is experiencing a 'new normal' including innovative ways to worship and study. She looks forward to navigating this new way of being/doing church with us at Grace. Eliza will be with us through the Spring of 2022. Please extend to her a warm Grace Church welcome!

In Person Outdoor Worship Services *Sundays at 5:30 PM*

Outdoor in-person worship continues this Sunday at 5:30pm with Evening Prayer on the Parish Hall playground. Because of social distancing requirements, space is very limited so you **MUST** register in advance to attend the service (RSVP below) of your choice. Your safety is our number one priority. Our Regathering Task Force has been hard at work to prepare for in-person worship and our outdoor plan has been approved by the appropriate authorities. We look forward to seeing you in person. Ensure your spot at the service by clicking on the corresponding Sunday below (you must RSVP for each service separately).

[Sunday, September 13, 5:30 PM](#)

[Sunday, September 20, 5:30 PM](#)

Adult Forum: Rector Search Committee Update *September 20, 9:30-10:15 AM*

Adult Forum returns for the first time this fall via Zoom with an update from the Rector Search Committee. Join us from 9:30-10:15 AM to learn about the work of this committee and where our parish stands in the search process. Logon to your Zoom account and enter the following **Meeting ID: 895 2186 1911** and **Password: Forum** to join the discussion. For more information, contact Rev. Amanda.

Rev. K.A.'s Ordination to the Priesthood *September 22, 7:00 PM*

On Tuesday, September 22, at 7:00 pm, Kevin Antonio will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests at Grace Episcopal Church. Antonio's ordination will be a celebratory occasion that brings him closer to God's call on his life, but it also means that he fully steps into his ministry here at Grace with us. We are thrilled to share in this occasion, and although the service will not be open to the public, we will be online for the service! Be sure to check out our Grace Facebook page for access to the Live video on the date of the ordination.

In-Person Outdoor Movie Night: Black Panther *Saturday, September 26, 8-10:15 PM*

Join us for our first in-person outdoor movie night on the Grace Church playground. Our feature presentation is Black Panther. Households arrive and sit together. You can park your car in parking lot, then walk to the Welcome Table at the playground. You will receive a space assignment where your household will sit - on lawn chairs, picnic blanket, or whatever you bring. Please always practice social distancing (6 feet of separation). Plan to bring and wear your mask. You may bring snacks and beverages, but please share with only your family unit. A bathroom will be available if needed. For more information email Mark Stodter.

Celebratory Reception in Honor of Rev. Kevin Antonio *Sunday, September 27, 12:00-2:00 PM*

On Sunday, September 27, there will be a special reception in honor and celebration of Kevin Antonio's Ordination to the Priesthood in the Episcopal Church. The actual ordination service will take place earlier in the week, but due to the COVID restrictions, only close friends and family will be able to attend. However, the parish family of Grace Church will be welcome to share their good wishes with Kevin Antonio on the afternoon of September 27 from Noon to 2:00. The reception will take place outdoors on the playground. All are welcome to attend this very special opportunity to share their good wishes with Kevin Antonio.

Grace Church In-Person Outdoor Service!

What should I do if I want to attend?

RSVP using the electronic form the church will send out with the weekly Thursday email blast. Please be aware that because of social distancing requirements, space is very limited so you MUST register in advance.

What should I bring?

Bring your own chairs or blanket, a mask, and a phone or tablet to access the service bulletin. A limited supply of one-use paper bulletins and paper masks will also be available.

What about my offering?

We encourage you to pay your pledge or gift online. There will also be a secure box at the entrance for cash or checks, but an offering plate will not be circulated.

How will I know where to sit?

A team of ushers will be there to direct you.

What about accessibility for wheelchairs and walkers?

The playground area is not paved and can be tricky to navigate, but the ushers, will do their best to assist you.

Will there be singing?

The service will have accompaniment from one musician but no congregational singing.

What if I need to use a restroom?

We recommend going before you leave home, but a restroom will be available in Grace House, near the Pennyworth Shop, with disinfecting supplies.

Will you require everyone to wear a mask?

Yes. We will follow all guidelines from the CDC, diocesan authorities, and local health departments.

Will I be safe?

No one can guarantee safety at this time. We will observe all precautions recommended by health experts, but only you can decide if you are comfortable with attending.