



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST**

10:30AM | SUNG MASS

WELCOME TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

We're so glad you've joined us in the worship of God here at Grace Church!

GRACE CHURCH is an Episcopal Church, and serves as the local presence of the worldwide Anglican Communion here in Ponca City and Kay County. We worship according to a *liturgy*, which means that our services consist of rituals, actions, and written prayers that are structured by the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). You can find the BCP along with the Hymnal in the pew rack in front of you. This bulletin will provide you with the basic outline of our service, with the various page numbers you'll need to follow along.

We celebrate the Holy Eucharist each and every Sunday; and in our tradition, all Christians who have been baptized in the Name of the Trinity are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. If you'd like to receive Communion, the ushers will direct you to the front step where you simply extend your hands -- with right palm over left -- and the priest will give you Communion.

If you have not been baptized or would prefer not to receive Communion, you are also welcome to come forward and receive a blessing instead. Just come to the front step as directed with your arms crossed over your chest to indicate that you desire a blessing from the priest.

We're delighted to have you and may God bless you now and always!

OTHER INFO

GUESTS – If you're new here at our parish, welcome! We'd love to get to know you better, so feel free to come and talk to one of the clergy in the back of the nave (worship space) after the service. Again, we're so happy to have you with us this morning!

RESTROOMS are located in the foyer near the Parish Hall, out the door at the front of the nave; and in the Education Building, which is down the hall from the back of the nave.

FOR PARENTS – Babies and toddlers are totally welcome to join their parents for the entirety of the service – we love to hear them and all their sounds! If desired, we also provide childcare during the service in the church nursery. Simply proceed through the doors in the back to the Education Building, where you'll find the nursery to the left at the end of the hall.

NURSING MOTHERS – The Parish Library is open for those who want a private space for nursing. Like the nursery, it also can be found down the hall in the Education Building.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

*During the Prelude, please be mindful of those preparing for worship.
When the tower bell is rung to begin the mass, please stand.*

PRELUDE

Prelude in G Minor

J. S. Bach

INTROIT

Dum clamárem

Psalm 55

When I called upon the Lord, he regarded my petition; yea, from the battle that was against me: and he hath brought them down, even he that is of old, and endureth forever: O cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall nourish thee. Hear my prayer, O Lord and hide not thyself from my petition; take heed unto to me, and hear me.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

PROCESSION WITH HYMN

Bourbon

Hymnal 675

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 323

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 323

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

BCP 324

KYRIE

Hymnal S 91

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Please be seated for the Lessons.

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 50:4-9

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him that is weary. Morning by morning he wakens, he wakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I turned not backward. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I hid not my face from shame and spitting. For the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been confounded; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord God helps me; who will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

Congregation Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

BCP 759

Psalm 116:1-8

THE SECOND LESSON

James 2:1-5, 8-10, 14-18

My brethren, show no partiality as you hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. For if a man with gold rings and in fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, and you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "Have a seat here, please," while you say to the poor man, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become

those who love him? If you really fulfill the royal law, according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well. But if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it. What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

But some one will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.

Reader The Word of the Lord

Congregation Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

Choir

Custodi me

Psalm 17:8, 1

Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of an eye: hide me under the shadow of thy wings.
Let my sentence come forth from thy presence: and let thine eyes look upon the
thing that is equal.

ALLELUIA

Choir

Te decet hymnus

Psalm 65

Alleluia. Alleluia. Thou, O God, art praised in Syon: and unto thee shall the vow
be performed in Jerusalem. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-38

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Congregation Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus went on with his disciples, to the villages of Caesare'a Philippi; and on the way he

asked his disciples, “Who do men say that I am?” And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Eli’jah; and others one of the prophets.” And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” And he charged them to tell no one about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter, and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of men.”

And he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
Congregation Praise be to thee, O Christ.

THE SERMON	Fr. Caleb Roberts
THE NICENE CREED	BCP 326
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE	BCP 328
CONFESSION OF SIN	BCP 330
ABSOLUTION	BCP 332
COMFORTABLE WORDS	BCP 332

THE PEACE

BCP 332

The congregation greets one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At this point in the service, some may choose to pick up their children from the Nursery and bring them back into the nave for Communion.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

All baptized Christians, regardless of age, are welcome to receive Communion.

To receive Communion:

- Come up by row, as directed by the ushers.
- When you get to the altar rail, place your right palm over your left and extend your hands to receive the bread from the priest. A chalice bearer will then guide the chalice to you so you can drink the wine.
- Return to your seat along the side aisles.
- If you need to have Communion brought to you in your pew, please let an usher know.

During the Offertory, members of the parish are invited to make a financial offering to support the life and work of the church. Instructions for Online Giving and Text-to-Give can be found on page 13 of the bulletin.

If you're visiting, please know that you are our guest and your presence is a gift in itself.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Christ Be With Me

Choir

K. Lee Scott

OFFERTORY BLESSING

Celebrant

All things come of thee, O Lord.

Congregation

And of thine own have we given thee.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP 333

SURSUM CORDA

Hymnal S 112

The Celebrant continues with the Proper Preface appointed for the day.

SANCTUS	Hymnal S 114
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER I	BCP 334
THE LORD'S PRAYER	BCP 336
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD	BCP 337
AGNUS DEI	Hymnal S 158
THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS	BCP 337
INVITATION & MINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT	
<i>Celebrant</i> Behold the Lamb of God; behold him that taketh away the sins of the world.	
COMMUNION HYMN	
<i>Sumner</i>	Hymnal 654
THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION	BCP 339
CLOSING HYMN	
<i>Aurelia</i>	Hymnal 525
THE DISMISSAL	BCP 339
POSTLUDE	
<i>Prelude in C</i>	J. S. Bach

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

THE DAILY OFFICE & WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday, September 13

Fr. Caleb Out of Office

No Daily Office

Tuesday, September 14

Holy Cross Day

8:30am: Morning Prayer

5:00pm: Evening Prayer

Wednesday, September 15

The Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am: Morning Prayer

No Low Mass

5:00pm: Evening Prayer

Thursday, September 16

The Feast of St. Ninian

8:30am: Morning Prayer

4:00pm: Confessions

5:00pm: Evening Prayer

PRAYERS & INTERCESSIONS

This week, we pray specifically for the following in our parish:

*Those celebrating
birthdays this
week*

Dwayne Hines

Katie Hines

Riley Wells

Kathy Carpenter

*Those celebrating
anniversaries this
week*

Those who are ill

Brad Burris

Glenn Cassity

Kim Taber

*The departed
and their
bereaved*

Grace Church maintains both the public prayer list above and a confidential prayer list, shared only with the clergy and the parish administrator. To add someone to either prayer list, please get their permission first and then contact the Parish Office (admin@gracechurchponcacity.org). We will need at least their first name as well as your name and contact information. Individuals remain on the prayer lists for two weeks, unless otherwise extended at request.

PASTORAL CARE

Fr. Caleb is always available to provide pastoral care to those who need it, whatever the situation. If something comes up with you or a loved one, please don't hesitate to contact him directly either by his cell phone – 405.921.8142 – or by email – frcaleb@gracechurchponcacity.org – and he will get back in contact with you.

You can also contact the Parish Office at admin@gracechurchponcacity.org.

Fr. Caleb is also available to hear confessions each Thursday from 4:00-4:45pm in the Columbarium Chapel or by appointment -- you can text or email him directly to schedule your confession, if you prefer.

Finally, note that Fr. Caleb does not answer phone calls on his day off on Fridays or the weekend, so please text or leave a voicemail and he will either respond the following week or, in the case of a pastoral emergency, as soon as possible.

ONLINE GIVING & TEXT-TO-GIVE

- To give online, go to gracechurchponcacity.org, click “Give,” and fill out the form, as directed on the page.
- To give via text message, just text FULLOFGRACE to 73256, followed by the amount of your gift.
- You may also place cash or check (payable to Grace Episcopal Church) in the offering plate.

Thank you for your support of the life and mission of our parish!

ALTAR FLOWERS

This week, the altar flowers are given to the glory of God by:

- Marsha and Jerry Orr, in thanksgiving for the birthday of their grandson, Jackson Lee Orr.
- Pat and Ira Howard, in loving memory of Geradine and Lloyd Howard.

SANCTUARY LAMP CANDLE

The sanctuary lamp candle burns as a sign that the Blessed Sacrament resides in the ambry near the altar.

This week, it is given to the glory of God by:

- Raymond Ham, in loving memory of his wife, Sonya Ham.

COFFEE HOUR HOST SCHEDULE

The Coffee Hour reception in the Parish Hall each week is generously hosted by volunteers. If you've signed up to host a Sunday, thank you so much!

See the list below to confirm your week or to note which weeks are still without hosts.

- September 12: Sharla Lambring & Marsha Moore
- September 19: No Coffee Hour / Mass on the Grass
- September 26: Bishop Poulson Visitation / Reception
- October 3: Marcia Davis
- October 10: Available for Host
- October 17: Available for Host
- October 24: Ira & Pat Howard
- October 31: Available for Host



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