



# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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PONCA CITY, OKLAHOMA

JULY 18, 2021

**THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

10:30AM | SUNG MASS

## WELCOME TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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*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!

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## OTHER INFO

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**GUESTS** – If you're new here at our parish, please come to talk to one of the clergy in the back of the nave (worship space) after the service. We'd love to meet you!

**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

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

PROCESSION WITH HYMN

*Du Lebensbrot, Herr Jesu Christ*

Hymnal 375

OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 323

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 323

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

BCP 324

KYRIE

Hymnal S 91

GLORIA

Hymnal S 202

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion, we beseech thee, upon our infirmities, and those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, mercifully give us for the worthiness of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

*Please be seated for the Lessons.*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 57:14-21

And it shall be said, “Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people’s way.” For thus says the high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite. For I will not contend for ever, nor will I always be angry; for from me proceeds the spirit, and I have made the breath of life. Because of the iniquity of his covetousness I was angry, I smote him, I hid my face and was angry; but he went on backsliding in the way of his own heart. I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will lead him and requite him with comfort, creating for his mourners the fruit of the lips. Peace, peace, to the far and to the near, says the Lord; and I will heal him. But the wicked are like the tossing sea; for it cannot rest, and its waters toss up mire and dirt. There is no peace, says my God, for the wicked.”

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*Congregation*    Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 22:22-30

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THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 2:11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called the uncircumcision by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built into it for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*Congregation*    Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

*Sicilian Mariners*

Hymn 708

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

*Congregation*    Glory be to thee, O Lord.

The apostles returned to Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a lonely place by themselves. Now many saw them going, and knew them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns, and got there ahead of them. As he went ashore he saw a great throng, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. And when it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is a lonely place, and the hour is now late; send them away, to go into the country and villages round about and buy themselves something to eat." But he answered them, "You give them something to eat." And they said to him, "Shall we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread, and give it to them to eat?" And he said to them, "How many loaves have you? Go and see." And when they had found out, they said, "Five, and two fish." Then he commanded them all to sit down by companies upon the green grass. So they sat down in groups, by hundreds and by fifties. And taking the five loaves and the two fish he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples to set before the people; and he divided the two fish among them all. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. And those who ate the loaves were five thousand men.

*Deacon*            The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*            Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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| 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

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*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

*St. Agnes*

Hymnal 343

## 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.*

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| 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>Resignation</i>  | Hymnal 664   |
| THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION  | BCP 339      |
| CLOSING HYMN  |              |
| <i>Ellers</i>   | Hymnal 345   |
| THE DISMISSAL   | BCP 339      |

## THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

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### THE DAILY OFFICE & WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday, July 19

The Feast of St. Macrina

8:30am: Morning Prayer

5:00pm: Evening Prayer

Tuesday, July 20

8:30am: Morning Prayer

5:00pm: Evening Prayer

Wednesday, July 21

Fr. Caleb Out of Office

No Daily Office

No Low Mass

Thursday, July 22

The Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene

8:30am: Morning Prayer

10:00am: Low Mass

4:00pm: Confessions

5:00pm: Evening Prayer

## PRAYERS & INTERCESSIONS

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

*Those celebrating  
birthdays this  
week*

Judy Branch  
Darelyn Harris  
Sawyer Bartley

*Those celebrating  
anniversaries this  
week*

Doyle and Jane  
Worstell

*Those who are ill*  
Donna Norville

*The departed  
and their  
bereaved*

Dr. Paul Davis

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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](mailto: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

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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](mailto:frcaleb@gracechurchponcacity.org) – and he will get back in contact with you.

You can also contact the Parish Office at [admin@gracechurchponcacity.org](mailto: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

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- To give online, go to [gracechurchponcacity.org](http://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

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

- Emmi Lockard, in memory of loved ones;
- Marsha and Jerry Orr, in thanksgiving for the birthday of their grandson, Sawyer Blake Bartley.

## SANCTUARY LAMP CANDLE

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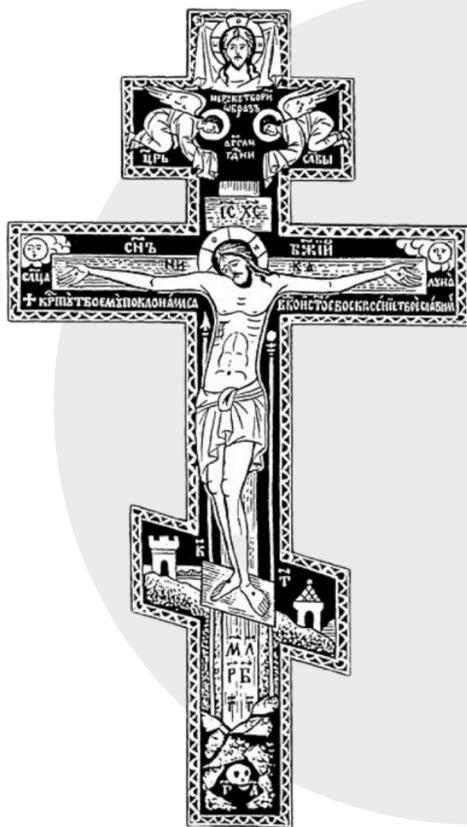
The sanctuary lamp candle burns as a sign that the Blessed Sacrament resides in the ambry near the altar.

This week, the sanctuary lamp candle is are given to the glory of God by:

- Ann Armstrong, in loving memory of her parents, Joyce and Edgar Johnson.

# PRAXIS

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An  
Introduction  
to the  
Christian  
Faith & Life

Grace Episcopal Church

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Summer 2021



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## CLERGY

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The Rev. Steve Mallory,  
Deacon

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Chad Keilman, Choirmaster

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