



# CHRIST AND GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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*Our mission: Offering Hope, Healing and Hospitality*

*It is our custom to observe a prayerful silence before the service begins.*

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## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST October 1, 2017

*We welcome families with children. If anytime during the service your child needs a place for active play, a small unstaffed nursery room, restrooms, and respite area, with a speaker to hear the service, are located downstairs under the front entrance to the church. A Sunday school for children ages 2-10 meets downstairs during the 10:30 service. Children will return to church at the offering.*

**8:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION RITE II – without music**

**10:30 AM HOLY COMMUNION RITE II – Music Exploration Series:  
African-American Music**

*Music today can be found in the Renew! Hymnal, The Hymnal 1982, and Insert.*

### The Word of God

**Prelude:** Improvisation on *Swing low, sweet chariot*

**Hymn 648** *Go down Moses*

Afro-American spiritual

**Opening Acclamation** *standing*

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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.**

8:00 a.m. only

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Hymn** (see insert) *Jesus, Jesus*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### The Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7**

*sitting*      *See scripture insert*

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16**

**Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-13**

*Reader*    The Word of the Lord.

*People*    **Thanks be to God.**

**Renew Hymn 276** *Soon, very soon*

Andrae Crouch

**Gospel:**      *standing*

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*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People*    **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

**Matthew 21:23-32**

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*    **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**      *following, a moment of silence is observed*

Bill Queen

**The Nicene Creed**      *standing*

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**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.**

**Prayers of the People Form III**      *standing or kneeling*

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Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**That we all may be one.**

In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we remember: Nancy Furr, Andy, Missy, Elizabeth, Russell, & Samuel Gates and Jeff, Lisa, Stephen & Faith Geisz. Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

We remember those who desire healing in body or spirit: our church members Horace Higgins, Aaron Ifekwunigwe, Chris Milton, Barbara Ragsdale, Ellsworth Spain, Daphne Spurlock and Elaine Yeatts, as well as our relatives and friends Keesha Bethell, Denny Brown, Kenneth Crowder, Donna Hayward, Selena McColley, Butch Ozmar, Mark Richards, Dee Short, David Terry, and Renee Williamson. Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest;

**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ada Crass Pollard by Judge and Mrs. Oliver Pollard, Jr. We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. I invite you to offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud. (*pause*)

Let us pray together our prayer for Christ & Grace's Rector Search;

**Dear Lord, Surround us with your abundant love. Unite us as a parish during our journey together and encourage every voice to be heard at this time of transition. Grant us patience and wisdom to discern your will for our church. Strengthen our hearts and minds in our search for our new rector. All this we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. (*pause*) *kneeling* (p. 360)

**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.**

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** *standing*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

**Greeting and Announcements** *seated*

**Offertory Sentence**

## **The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Anthem:** *Were you there when they crucified my Lord*

arr. Evans

**At The Presentation** Doxology (Renew Hymn 82) *standing*

Owens

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, you heavenly host, praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

*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 him thanks and praise.**

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; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

**Hymn S-125** *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

Proulx

**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.**

*standing or kneeling*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, (p. 364)  
**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**

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All baptized persons regardless of denomination are welcome to come forward and receive the Holy Bread and Wine. A larger chalice for drinking or a small chalice for intincting (dipping) are available at the altar rail. If you wish to intinct, please hold your wafer up so chalice bearers can see it. If you would like Communion brought to you in the pew, please tell an usher.*

**Communion Hymns:** *The congregation is invited to sing.*

**Hymn** (see insert) *Steal away*

**Hymn** (see insert) *I've got peace*

**Kneeling Hymn 325** *Let us break*

Afro-American spiritual

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** *standing or kneeling*

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Let us pray.

**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.**

### **Blessing**

**Hymn** (see insert) *There's a sweet sweet Spirit*

Akers

### **Dismissal**

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** Improvisation on "*Lift every voice and sing*"

Lay Readers: 8:00 Bee Betts, Claire Brill

10:30 Jonathan Shockley, Andy Gates, Nancy Rawlings, Claire Brill

Acolytes: Paige Whitley, Meade Hall, Ray Ellis

Ushers: Marwee Walsh, Kathy Talmage Audio: Kemper Brinkley

Greeters: Everyone

**WELCOME VISITORS.** We extend a warm welcome to our visitors today. If you would like to know more about our church, kindly fill out one of the cards in the pew racks and place it in the collection plate. Join us in Lackey Hall after both services for refreshments and conversation. Exit the church through the door beside the baptism font – Lackey Hall is at the far end of the hallway.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AT 9:30 AM TODAY** Music Exploration topic: African-American music. Next Sunday is Celtic Music, Taize & Native American Chant.

**THE SACRAMENT OF HEALING PRAYER** with the laying on of hands and anointing with oil will be offered at the altar rail after each service today.

**POTLUCK SUPPER THIS WEDNESDAY 6:00 PM.** Join us and bring your favorite dish. Following at 7:00 p.m. will be an Evening Prayer Service.

**THE 10 O’CLOCK CIRCLE MEETING** will be held this Monday, October 2, at Beth Pollard’s, 1587 Westover Avenue, Petersburg.

**ARE YOU ONE OF THE MISSING?** Check out our pictorial family tree in Lackey Hall. Some of you are missing. Please send us your digital family photo or see Claire for a snapshot after church.

**COME JOIN OUR BIBLE STUDY!** The Tuesday group meets at 5:30 p.m. led by Bill Queen, and the Thursday group meets at 7:30 a.m. led by Claire Brill. We welcome you to attend one or both at any time!

**THE ANNUAL DOWNTOWN CHURCHES UNITED P. T. TAYLOR WALK AGAINST HUNGER** is scheduled for Saturday, October 7. POPLAR LAWN PARK will be the beginning and ending site. The walk begins at 10:00 a.m. The goal for this fundraiser is \$30,000 as the main fundraiser for DCU with our church goal of \$1,000. Please join **Bill Queen** in walking or invite your co-workers and friends to form a team to walk to help D.C.U. raise needed funds for its programs to keep the less fortunate fed, clothed, sheltered and healthy. Sign up on the bulletin board in Lackey Hall to **WALK OR HELP MAN THE WATER STATION OR TO SPONSOR OUR TEAM WITH A DONATION.** Checks should be made payable to **DCU Hope Center** with note on Memo: WAH.

**EVERY MEMBER CANVASS CAMPAIGN.** Your pledge cards should arrive in the mail by the first week in October. If not, please contact the church office at your earliest convenience. The EMC Committee is asking for your help in *Growing Our Family* and returning your pledge cards to Christ & Grace by November 1<sup>st</sup> in order to complete the 2018 church budget. Remember these words from the book of Galatians 6:9-10, New Revised Standard Version. "Let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith." God's Peace be with you.

**ECW CHRISTMAS WREATH SALE BEGINS.** Prices are: Small- \$13, Medium - \$23, Large - \$30, and Decorated Mail Order - \$40. Please fill out an order form located in Lackey Hall. Make checks payable to "ECW". For questions, please contact Kitty Gwaltney at 733-6938 or [kgwaltney@comcast.net](mailto:kgwaltney@comcast.net).

**JOIN US FOR THE WALNUT HILL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS** on Saturday, October 14 from 10 – 11 a.m. at the Pavilion. There will also be a Trick Team presentation, paw print painting, refreshments and the Animal Shelter will be accepting donations. A list of items is in the October newsletter.

**PECAN FUNDRAISER** begins Sunday, October 8. Our Youth are expanding this sale by sharing it with our ECW this year. Cost is \$10.00 per 1 lb. bag. Orders will be back in time for Thanksgiving and gift giving. Our youth will be present to take your orders after services each Sunday, contact an ECW member or call the church at 733-7202.

**Calendar for the Week**

Mon.	10:00 a.m.	10 O'clock Circle Meeting - Pollards
Tues.	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study – Lackey Hall
Wed.	12:30 p.m.	Convocation 6 Meeting – Lackey Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Potluck
	7:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer
Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Lackey Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 p.m.	AA Meeting
Sat.	10:00 a.m.	DCU Walk Against Hunger