

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Brandon N. Beachamp, Organist & Choirmaster

The Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost November 13, 2022 - Order of Service 11:00am

VOLUNTARY Variation on “Slane” (*Dedicated to Robert Barrows*) Warren Swenson (b.1937)

HYMN IN PROCESSION 682

Munich

(All Stand)

1 O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2 The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,
3 O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of old;

we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip - ture's page,
It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,
O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt. Music: *Munich*, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1807-1847).

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

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* (Continues)

**HYMN
OF
PRAISE
S-202**

Willan

(Sung by all)

1. Glo - ry be to God on high, and on earth peace,
good will towards men. 2. We praise thee, we bless thee,
we wor - ship thee, we glo - ri - fy thee, we give
thanks to thee for thy great glo - ry, 3. O Lord God, heaven - ly
King, God the Fa - ther Al - might - y.
4. O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus Christ;
5. O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, that
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
on us. 6. Thou that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
world, re - ceive our prayer. 7. Thou that sit - test at the
right hand of God the Fa - ther, have mer - cy up - on us.
8. For thou on - ly art ho - ly; thou on - ly art the Lord; 9. thou
on - ly, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost, art most
high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
A - - - - - men.

Celebrant: May God be with you. *People: And also with you.* Celebrant: Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST READING

Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church *People: Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 98 *(Sung by the Choir)*

chant: J. Barnby

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| 1 Sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things. | 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song. |
| 2 With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory. | 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the King, the LORD. |
| 3 The LORD has made known his victory; his right-
eousness has he openly shown in the sight of the
nations. | 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it,
the lands and those who dwell therein. |
| 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the
house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have
seen the victory of our God. | 9 Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the
LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth. |
| 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing. | 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity. |

THE SECOND READING

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. *People: Thanks be to God.*

GRADUAL HYMN 454

Lowry

(Standing)

Unison or harmony

1 Je - sus came, a - dored by an - gels, came with peace from
2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy, when our hearts are
3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, bring - ing news of
4 Je - sus comes on clouds tri - um - phant, when the heavens shall

realms on high; Je - sus came for our re - demp - tion,
bowed with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer
sins for - given; Je - sus comes in sounds of glad - ness,
pass a - way; Je - sus comes a - gain in glo - ry;

low - ly came on earth to die: Al - le - lu - ia,
to our ear - nest heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia,
lead - ing souls re - deemed to heaven; Al - le - lu - ia,
let us then our hom - age pay: Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
al - le - lu - ia! comes to save us from de - spair.
al - le - lu - ia! now the gate of death is riven.
al - le - lu - ia! till the dawn of end - less day.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People: *Glory to you, O Christ.*

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

SERMON *The Reverend Judy Ferguson* *(Please be seated)*

NICENE CREED *(After the sermon. All stand.)*

All: 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 *(People respond as indicated after each petition.)*

Subdeacon: Holy God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church. Living God, enliven the Church for its mission.

People: That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Subdeacon: Breathe fresh life into your people.

People: Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

Subdeacon: We pray for the world, and for all places where there is conflict, violence, and strife. Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

People: That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Subdeacon: Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

People: Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

Subdeacon: We pray for the community: For our leaders and institutions and for our neighbors who live and work throughout Rockland County and beyond. God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others.

People: That all may act with integrity and courage.

Subdeacon: Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

People: May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Subdeacon: We pray for those in need: Remembering especially _____ and those we name, either silently or aloud _____. God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

People: May they know the power of your healing love.

Subdeacon: We remember those who have died and those who mourn: including _____, those who have lost their lives in the service of their country, and especially Douglas Leigh Holt, Jr., Anna & John H. Fruauf, William & Elizabeth Matthews, John W. Perry, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Harry Scott, E. Michael Growney, Margaret C. Harvie, and J. Beverly Harvie, Sr., in whose memory the flowers are lovingly offered this morning, and those we now name, either silently or aloud. We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

People: Father, into your hands we commend them.

Subdeacon: Give comfort to those who mourn.

People: Bring them peace in their time of loss.

Subdeacon: We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

People: *May their example inspire and encourage us.*

Subdeacon: We pray for ourselves and for our ministries: For our church school teachers, choir and lay ministers, commission and vestry members, and for all members of our parish family. Lord, you have called us to serve you.

People: *Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Celebrant: Those things, good Lord, that your servants have prayed for, give us grace to work for; and in the purpose of your love answer our prayers and fulfil our hopes for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

CONFESSION

Celebrant: With humble hearts let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. ***Silence may be kept.***

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.*

THE PEACE (Standing)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AT THE OFFERING (Sung by the Choir) (Please be seated)

We wait for Thy loving kindness, O God: in the midst of Thy temple. Alleluia.

O God, according to Thy Name, so is Thy praise unto the world's end.

Thy right hand is full of righteousness: Alleluia. O Lord, send us now prosperity. Amen.

Music: William McKie

PRESENTATION HYMN 302

Rendez à Dieu

(Sung by All)

1 Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -
2 Watch o'er thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, save it from e - vil,

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy
guard it still, per - fect it in thy love, u - nite it, cleansed and con -

Son to us im - parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,
formed un - to thy will. As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides,

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God: 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 the faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: 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 God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All:

Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

(The celebrant breaks the consecrated Host. All then sing:)

AGNUS DEI

H. Willan

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the people of God.

THE COMMUNION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All who seek God are welcome to receive communion or a blessing. If you wish a blessing please cross your arms so that your

COMMUNION HYMN 482

Slane

1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,

whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy,
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace,
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm,

be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our lab - ors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,

your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray. *(All kneel)*

All: *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 IN PROCESSION

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Ratisbon

1 Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the on - ly Light,
2 Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pan - ied by thee;
3 Vis - it then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!

Sun of Right-eous - ness, a - rise! Tri-umph o'er the shades of night:
joy-less is the day's re - turn, till thy mer - cy's beams I see,
Fill me, ra - dian - cy di - vine; scat - ter all my un - be - lief;

Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart ap - pear.
till they in - ward light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
more and more thy - self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). Music: *Ratisbon*, melody from *Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn*, 1524; adapt. att. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870); harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870), alt.

DISMISSAL

Subdeacon: Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

VOLUNTARY Variations on "Ratisbon"

Richard Lloyd



THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — November 13, 2022

WELCOME

We hope that you will find in this community of faith a place for spiritual growth and opportunities to give thanks to God for the many gifts bestowed upon you and all God's creatures.

We invite people of all ages to participate fully in worship at Grace Church.

To learn more about us, fill out a newcomer/visitor card, or visit our website: www.gracechurchnyack.org.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Our vestry, lay leaders, and congregation as we journey together on the search process for a new rector; Lainie Murrell, our postulant to the diaconate; Rick & JoAnn Stone, Jean B., Lin, Vicki Hudson, Caroline Tucker, Pastor Tyler, Phyllis & Bob Holgerson, victims of gun violence everywhere. **If there are names you would like to add to the prayer list, please contact the church office: parishoffice@gracechurchnyack.org/845-358-1297**

This morning we welcome back The Rev. Judy Ferguson as guest celebrant.

The Rev. Judy Ferguson recently retired from 26 years of active, full-time ministry. She attended All Angels' Church and St. George's Church while living in New York City. St. George's Church was her sponsoring parish for Holy Orders. Rev. Ferguson went to University of the South, The School of Theology, Sewanee, Tenn. for her seminary training. She was the Curate at the Church of the Virgin Mary, Chappaqua (1 year); Curate/Assistant at St. John's Church, Larchmont (4 years); and Rector at the Church of the Holy Innocents, Highland Falls/St. Mark's Chapel, Fort Montgomery (21 years). Rev. Ferguson continues to serve as the Episcopal Civilian Chaplain to USMA, West Point (21 years), which is the campus/alumni ministry for Holy Innocents'/St. Mark's parish. She retired at the end of July 2022; and is now supplying for parishes in the Hudson Region.

SAVE THE DATE !

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

Parish Advent Celebration

4:00pm Evensong/Advent Lessons & Carols

5-7:00pm Parish Advent Party in Memorial Hall

Festive light fare, fellowship, & holiday family fun

Meet our new rector

Watch for details

We hope you can join us!



November 9, 2022

Hello Friends,

I hope you have enjoyed the bursts of summery fall days intersected with the cold! Such a mixed bag... and so like our finances here at Grace. The income side of our budget comes from pledges (74%), rents, investment funds, and careful management make. The last

three years have been difficult, yes, but not impossible because you have stepped up in so many ways. You have continued to feed the hungry, shelter refugees, provide safe space for meetings, while at the same time participating in a joyous liturgy, church school, and life celebrations.

You have stepped up. Our 94 pledgers have promised \$267,270 for the coming year. Thank you! You have been very generous. But we have not quite met our goal. In fact, we are about \$63,000 short. **Please look at the list of pledgers below and make sure your name is there.** If it is, thank you again. If it isn't please consider making a commitment of any amount towards our work with God and each other in the community we call Grace. You will find a pledge card at the entry to the church or online at www.gracechurchnyack.org.

Some folks have asked me how to determine how much they should give. A very difficult question and one I can only answer by explaining proportional giving. Jerry Keucher, long time finance advisor to Episcopal churches, came to Christ Church Warwick where I attended to speak about pledging. Besides assuring us that **the amount is not the important part, the commitment is**, he talked about income, wages, salaries and percentages.

Since I was a new, new teacher, working during 10% inflation and a gas crisis, I listened closely. Christ Church had been getting what was left over after my expenses. Instead, he suggested that we pick a percentage of what we could give, either of total income or take home pay, and make that percentage our pledge amount. For example, my salary was less than \$10,000 – 1% of 10K = \$100 to be given over a term of 12 months... roughly \$8.00 a month. A little more than I had been giving and a stretch. Turned out it worked! As I earned more and my expenses changed – at one point I no longer was paying 50% of my income to shelter – I increased my percentage. Twenty years later when we lost one income and things were tough, we could give the same percentage but it was a smaller dollar amount. Please consider looking at your budget and making a pledge to Grace a regular “expense”. **Any amount is great** – it is the financial expression of *your commitment to Grace Church and our mission*.

Your generosity and willingness to help others constantly overwhelms me. It gives me such joy to be a small part of this community. Thank you. Thank you for pledging, thank you for making us a community, thank you for your support in all its myriad forms.

Kickie Fulmor, Stewardship Chair

<p>PLEDGES FOR 2023 as of 11/8/22 94 pledgers \$267,270 pledged</p>	<p>Daphne Estwick Kevin Faherty Gerald & Marjorie Federico Ruby Frae Jeff & Catherine Friesen Katharine Fulmor & Theresa Bergen James & Peggy Gilbert Michael Growney Ronald Hammond Mary Herje Heidi Hill Elaine Hinsch Robert & Phyllis Holgerson Sondra Holt Karen Hughes & Joy Barrow Patty & Jimmy Hyland Sean & Amanda Hyland Daniel & Myria Jean-Gilles Robert & Samantha Jeffreys Roy & Carol Kepler Maeve Kinkad Christine Klinger Rudolph & Kimberly Knight Alex & Tessa Kratz</p>	<p>Rod & Linda Langdon Adrienne & Joshua Langford Amy Lehman Mia Leo & Dick Kuczkowski John Loftin & Michael Pfenning Molly MacQueen Orville & Sally Mann Valerie Mathews Jeff McDowell Debbie & Bob McGuinness The McNeill Family Sally Ann Mock Margaret & Bryan Murray Lainie & Brian Murrell Emily & Jacob Nevill Mary O'Donoghue James & Cindy O'Gorman Bonnie & Robert Parsekian Beth & Joe Paskowski Martha Patterson Tom & Dalila Perry Karen Phelan Sherrol Pollard Caran Pullen & Holly Bee</p>	<p>Alma Richmond Sandra Rodriguez Roger & Sally Seiler Anna Shalom Robert Sorensen Art & Donna Soyk Paula Spruck The Stinson Family Bebb Wheeler Stone Carol Streichert Sarah Styles Elisabeth Sydor Joan M Szanto Charles & Lori Tauken Claudia Uccellani Jan & Robert Valentine Edward Van Saders & Paul Shusterman Kristen & Mike Velez Nancy & Dietrich Waack Barbara Wanamaker Liz, Greg, & Sam Weber Margaret Winslow & Joe Stennett Thayer & Bruce Woodcock ANONYMOUS 3</p>
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