

WELCOME TO GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MORNING PRAYER
JUNE 7, 2026

ENTRANCE HYMN #11 *Awake, my soul*

The Officiant begins the service with one or more of these sentences of Scripture, or with the Confession, or with the versicle "Lord, open our lips."

Grace to you and peace from God and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

CONFESSION OF SIN

The Officiant says to the people

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Officiant and people together, all kneeling

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 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 Officiant alone stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

All stand

Officiant Lord, open our lips. *People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant and People

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. *Amen.*

Except in Lent, add Alleluia.

Then follows one of the Invitatory Psalms, Venite or Jubilate.

One of the following Antiphons may be sung or said with the Invitatory Psalm

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us worship the Lord.

VENITE *Psalm 95:17*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; *
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before the Lord with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to God with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great ruler above all gods;
holding the caverns of the earth, *
along with the heights of the hills.
The sea belongs to our God, *
whose hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For the Lord is our God,
and we are the Lord's people and the sheep of God's hand. *
Oh, that today you would listen to the Lord!

PSALMS APPOINTED

At the end of the Psalms is sung or said

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm 24 *Domini est terra*

1 The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For it is God who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? *
and who can stand in the holy place?"

4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.

5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

6 Such is the generation of those who seek the LORD, *

of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the God of glory shall come in.

8 “Who is this God of glory?” *
“The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.”

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the God of Glory shall come in.

10 “Who is this God of glory?” *
“The LORD of hosts is the God of glory.”

Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*

1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God’s name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

6 God makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; *
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"

10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned for evermore.

11 The LORD shall give strength to Israel; *
the LORD shall give God's people the blessing of peace.

THE LESSONS

Ecclesiastes 6:1-12

Reader: A Reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

There is an evil that I have seen under the sun, and it lies heavy upon humankind: those to whom God gives wealth, possessions, and honor, so that they lack nothing of all that they desire, yet God does not enable them to enjoy these things, but a stranger enjoys them. This is vanity; it is a grievous ill. A man may father a hundred children and live many years, but however many are the days of his years, if he does not enjoy life's good things or has no burial, I say that a stillborn child is better off than he. For it comes in vanity and goes in darkness, and in darkness its name is covered; moreover, it has not seen the sun or known anything, yet it finds rest rather than he. Even though he should live a thousand years twice over yet enjoy no good—do not all go to one place?

All human toil is for the mouth, yet the appetite is not satisfied. For what advantage have the wise over fools? And what do the poor have who know how to conduct themselves before the living? Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of desire; this also is vanity and a chasing after wind.

Whatever has come to be has already been named, and it is known what humans are and that they are not able to dispute with those who are stronger. The more words, the more vanity, so how is one the better? For who knows what is good for mortals while they live the few days of their vain life, which they pass like a shadow? For who can tell them what will be after them under the sun?

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Answer Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept after each Reading. One of the following Canticles is sung or said after each Reading.

Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus Luke 1:68-79*

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, *
you have come to your people and set them free.
You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, *
born of the house of your servant David.
Through your holy prophets you promised of old
to save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us,
To show mercy to our ancestors, *
and to remember your holy covenant.
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship you without fear, *
holy and righteous before you,
all the days of our life.
And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,
To give God's people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Acts 10:9-23

Reader: A Reading from the book of Acts.

About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while it was being prepared he fell into a trance. He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. Then he heard a voice saying, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But Peter said, "By no means, Lord, for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean." The voice said to him again, a second time, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven.

Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon's house and were standing by the gate. They called out to ask whether Simon, who was called Peter, was staying there. While Peter was

still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, “Look, three men are searching for you. Now get up, go down, and go with them without hesitation, for I have sent them.” So Peter went down to the men and said, “I am the one you are looking for; what is the reason for your coming?” They answered, “Cornelius, a centurion, a righteous and God-fearing man who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish people, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say.” So Peter invited them in and gave them lodging.

The next day he got up and went with them, and some of the brothers and sisters from Joppa accompanied him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Answer Thanks be to God.

Canticle 11b A Song of Judith *Judith 16:13-16*

I will sing a new song to my God, *
for you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible.
Let the whole creation serve you, *
for you spoke and all things came into being.
You sent your breath and it formed them, *
no one is able to resist your voice.
Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths, *
rocks melt like wax at your presence.
But to those who fear you, *
you continue to show mercy.
No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you, *
but whoever fears the Lord will stand in your sight forever.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Luke 12:32-40

Reader: A Reading from the gospel of Luke.

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

Answer: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 13 A Song of Praise *Benedictus es, Domine Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34*

Glory to you, Lord God our Creator; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Holy Trinity, one God; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: Mark Miller – I Believe (See p.10 of this pdf)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Officiant and People together, all standing

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

The people stand or kneel

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Then follows one of these sets of Suffrages

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. And grant us your salvation.
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. Let your people sing with joy.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in you can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. Your saving health among all nations.
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

The Officiant then says one or more of the following Collects

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Before the close of the Office one or both of the following may be used

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Holy One of Peace, we pray for wisdom for those who have been entrusted with the care of our government, that there may be peace both at home and abroad, obedience to the law, justice toward all people, and loving stewardship of our land. Save us from violence, discord and confusion, from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties and unite us as one people, for we are more the same than we are different. In times of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in times of trouble, help us to hold fast to our faith. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Officiant

Let us bless the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL: *God be with you* (see insert) (See p.11 of this pdf)

*The altar flowers and sanctuary candle are given by Connie Herm, to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wendy Herm.
"What brings you sorrow, once brought you joy."*

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Music Notes

Sunday, June 7, 2026

Offertory Anthem: Mark A. Miller - I Believe (Analise Reed, solo soprano)

Text: Anonymous Jewish poem

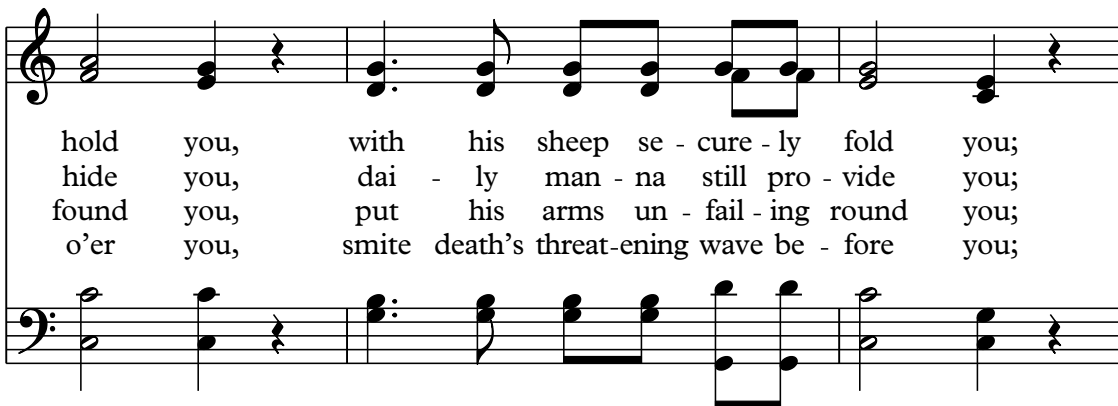
*“I believe in the sun even when it’s not shining.
I believe in love even when I don’t feel it.
I believe in God even when God is silent.”*

(See the reverse for the Recessional Hymn)

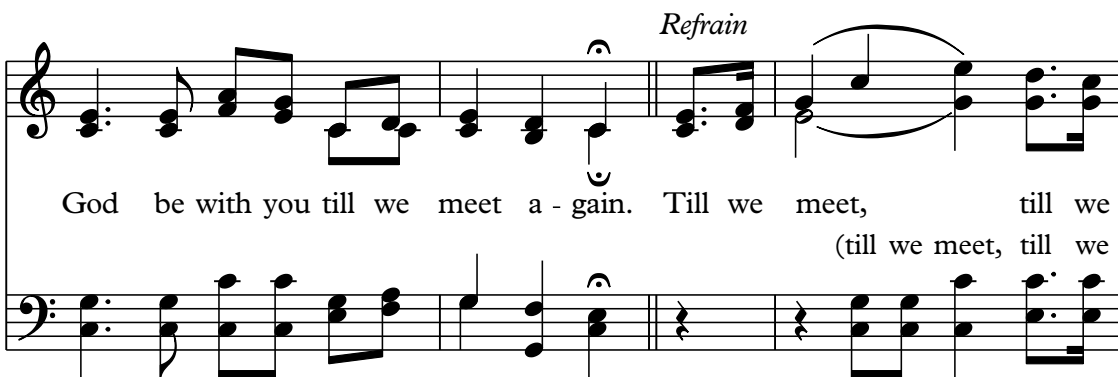
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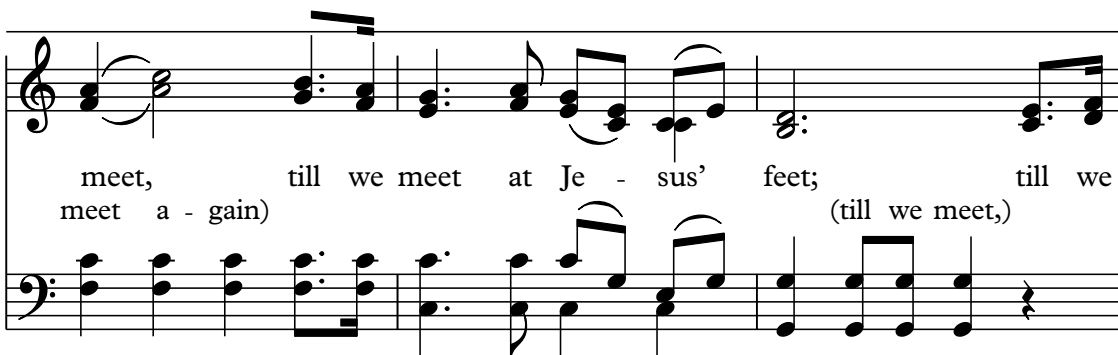
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2. God be with you till we meet a - gain; 'neath his wings se - cure - ly
3. God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-
4. God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner float - ing



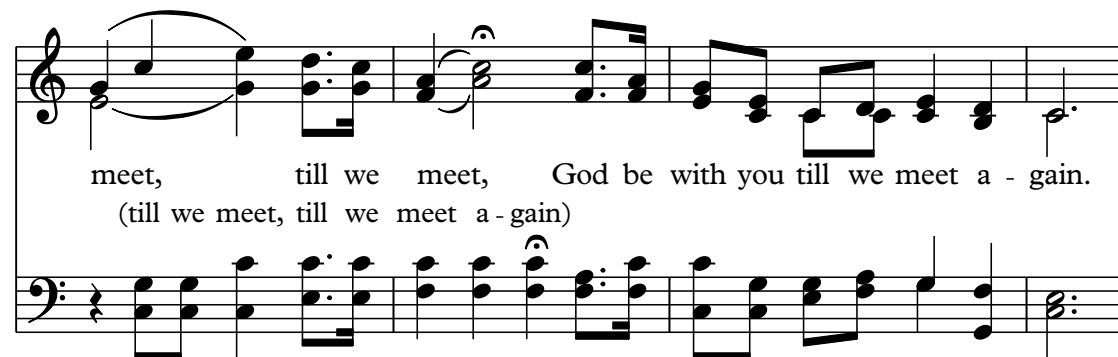
hold you, with his sheep se - cure - ly fold you;
hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you;
found you, put his arms un - fail - ing round you;
o'er you, smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you;



Refrain
God be with you till we meet a - gain. Till we meet, till we
(till we meet, till we



meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet; till we
meet a - gain) (till we meet,)



meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
(till we meet, till we meet a - gain)