



# The Shepherd's Voice

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## “The Cup We Drink”

Jesus said, “The cup that I drink you shall drink; and you shall be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized...” Mark 10: 39

Jesus is answering the question of the Sons of Zebedee, James and John, who had the audacity of asking Him, “We want You to do for us whatever we ask of You.” Jesus says, “What do you want Me to do for you?” They want to sit on the right and left side of Him in His glory...taking positions of pre-eminence and roles of power. Jesus then asks them if they can drink the cup He has to drink or to be baptized with His baptism. And they quickly say without much thought, “We are able”. This is when Jesus says to them, “The cup...the baptism...you will have!” I think that question needs to be asked of us as well. Let's get into it.

The ‘cup that He drank’ is a Jewish expression meaning to share in His fate of taking the full wrath of God for the sins and rebellion of humanity. Do we share in the taking of sins for others? As Christians we often have to endure the maladies and bad behavior of others and even to forgive them along the way when they do those sinful acts against us. This is Jesus' teaching. Remember how many times He said to Peter, 70 times 7 times or unlimited number of times to forgive another. The cup. It's full of the pain and anguish that our sin caused the Father in heaven. He gave it to His Son to satisfy completely. He did so wonderfully. The cup. Are we still in the cup? Or are we sharing in the holding of that cup? If we're in the cup, meaning that we are continuing to sin and cause the Son grief for spending His Blood for us once again, ought we not repent and seek the healing benefit of His Blood once and for all? It's our bounden duty to do so as His followers. If we have been healed by the cup, ought we not then hold the cup of His

Blood for another who is still in their sin and can't somehow find their way out? Perhaps we could share what healed us. Maybe we could testify how Jesus' Blood meant new life and regeneration to live His will?! Maybe we could hold the cup and love that other person who has been such a pain to us and know that if he/she would just taste the cup of Jesus' life that they would understand why we became so ardent in our faith and want to please Jesus our Savior every day?! Just maybe we may be the poured out Blood of Jesus then for someone lost in their sins?!

The ‘baptism of Jesus’ really occurred in the river Jordan. When He was the Spirit of God in an audible voice said, “This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!” We need the fullness of His Spirit continuing to help us listen to Him through His Word to us. We need the cleansing of our sins in order to be ready to help serve that cup to another person in desperate need. We need to constantly listen to Jesus. He was also ‘baptized’ by the power of the Cross that Jesus endured. We need to lay down our desires and our worldly lusts on that cross of Jesus. If He endured the cross for our sake, we must put all our sins upon that cross and let Him completely transform us by the power of His death so that we might be empowered by His resurrection to live for Him forever. Yes, Jesus did lay a big requirement on those who ask Him for heavenly positions! But, He also asks us to lay on Him all that we have, all that we want, all that we yearn for in this world, so that we may gain the joys of heaven with Him. We will have a final baptism too, you know. It's the baptism of dying and passing through the portal from this life on earth to that new life we have been promised in heaven. One final baptism we must all go through. If we have laid our lives down in Jesus' death upon the cross, how much more will we be raised with Him who has open the gate of eternal life on our behalf! Therefore, we need to trust in His baptism to have

our baptism to eternal life. The day by day choices to take on His baptism and drink His cup are always confronting us. What will we choose this day?

Lord Jesus, I humbly ask to serve You in this congregation and for Your people who need Your cup of Your Blood day by day to assist them with Your grace to overcome their sinful ways and

engage in the new baptism of Your Spirit for enhanced life in Your Kingdom. Lord Jesus, be glorified in the cup we share for Your will to be done with us as it is in heaven. Thank you Lord.

Love in Christ,  
Fr. Joe

**Sunday Servers this week...**

<b>October 21, 2012</b>		<b>8:00 a.m. Service</b>	<b>10:15 a.m. Service</b>
First Reader	Isaiah 53:4-12	Robbin Gates	Cline Handy
Psalm Reader	Psalm 91	Choir	Chris Kilby
Second Reader	Hebrews 10:35-45	Pam Theobald	Jim Livingston
Intercessor		Rob Ackerman	Fiona Kilby
Lay Euch. Ministers		Joan Jacobs, Doug Hall	Joy Rosendale, Jeanne Shannon
Acolytes		Rob Ackerman	Fiona K (C); Caitlin B (T1); Zachary J (T2)
Welcomers		Myrna Lipnicke, Paula Sholly	Margaret Olson, Jeanne Shannon, Myrna Lipnicke
Ushers		Chris Corey, Jackie Lansing	Dink Nash, Ted Vallas, JR Fox, Jim Livingston
Announcer		Thor Strom	Joy Rosendale
Healing Ministers		Robbin Gates, Rudy Theobald	Chris K, Petey S, Kari C, Trish S
Counters			Cline Handy & Michael Murphy

**It's Kairos Cookie Time!**

On **October 21, 2012** we will collect cookies for this Prison Ministry. The idea of this ministry is "come for the cookies, stay for the message".

Please bake some cookies. Put one to two dozen cookies per clear ziplock bag. No paper plates inside and no raisins. The cookies will be refused if either of these are present.

Call Randy Stewart for more information.

**Scentsy Party at Grace -Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>**

Join Alicia Wherry to see all the Scentsy products. Alicia is donating all of her profit from the sales to the Children's Ministries.

**November 12, 2012**

**OSL Healing Conference**

at Grace with Mike Endicott

See flyers for more information and to register.

**Angel Tree Sunday**

**November 4<sup>th</sup>**

Be sure to pick up a name of a child to buy gifts for Christmas. These are children with at least one parent who is incarcerated. Your gift may be the only present they receive at Christmas.

**Tuesday Evenings at Grace**

**It's the place to be!**

**For 7 weeks beginning on October 23<sup>rd</sup> there will be a teaching series entitled**

**"Christianity Explored"**

**This is for everyone interested in deepening their understanding of the Christian Faith.**

**Come at 6:30 with a dish to share for the potluck fellowship dinner and stay for the class. You will be blessed!**

**Shoebox Ministry**

**Operation Christmas Child**

The shoeboxes will be out on Sunday with a list of possible items to fill the boxes. Please pick up one or two of these boxes and help make Christmas special for a boy or girl who may not receive anything for Christmas without your help.

## Sunday at Grace

8:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist with Choir  
9:30 a.m. – Fellowship &  
Adult Forum  
10:00 a.m. Nursery opens  
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist with  
Worship Music

Mike Endicott  
Healing Conference  
November 12<sup>th</sup>  
(See flyers in Narthex)  
Sponsored by Order of St. Luke

## Readings for Sunday

Isaiah 53:4-12  
Psalm 91  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 10:17-31

We are using the English Standard  
Version of the Bible and the Lectionary  
from the Book of Common Prayer (Year B)

### This Week at Grace –Oct. 16-Oct. 23

#### Tues. October 16

11:30 a.m. Rector's Bible Study – Isaiah  
4:30 p.m. Healing Eucharist at the Oasis  
6:30 p.m. Mike Endicott Conf.  
Prayer Ministry Training  
6:30 p.m. "Scentsy" Party

#### Wed October 17

6:10 a.m. Brother Benno's Team  
8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer  
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting  
6:30 p.m. Youth Group

#### Thurs. October 18

7:00 a.m. – Bible Study  
8:00 a.m. No Clergy Meeting  
10-Noon Play Group  
11:30 a.m. Healing Eucharist – Oasis  
3:30 p.m. Alpha Club  
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

#### Fri. October 19

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer and Healing at Grace

#### Sat. October 20

8:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship  
9:00 a.m. Cursillo Secretariat meets at Grace  
Noon -4 Cursillo Weekend Reunion and  
Grand Ultraya at Grace

#### Sun. October 21

9:00 a.m. One Service  
9:00 a.m. Family Worship Service  
& Children's Church

#### Mon. October 22

6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer

#### Tues. October 23

11:30 a.m. Rector's Bible Study at Grace  
4:30 p.m. Healing Eucharist at the Oasis  
6:30 p.m. Potluck Fellowship Dinner  
7:15 p.m. "Christianity Explored" – new series.

### Rector's Bible Study Tuesdays 11:30 a.m.

Fr. Joe is leading the group through a study of  
the Book of Isaiah. Everyone is welcome.  
B.Y.O.L. (Bring your own lunch)

### Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer At Grace Anglican All are welcome to attend.

**Weekly** – There are over 25 small groups meeting  
during the week. Check our newsletter for a list of  
all the groups or you can find the list on our website:  
[www.graceanglicanchurch.com](http://www.graceanglicanchurch.com).

## Save the date!

Oct. 16 Scentsy Party  
Oct. 17 Vestry meeting  
Oct. 23 New Tuesday night teaching –  
Christianity Explored  
Oct. 27 Women's Autumn Country Tea  
Oct. 28 Saints & Angels party at Grace  
Oct. 28 Turn Shoe boxes in today.  
Nov. 4 Angel Tree Sunday  
Nov. 4 Small Group Leaders Meeting  
Nov. 10 Prayers & Squares  
Nov. 10 2:00 p.m. – Helen Fritz Memorial Service  
Nov. 12 Mike Endicott – OSL Healing Conference  
at Grace Anglican Church  
Nov. 17 Military Outreach – Childcare for shoppers.  
Nov. 25 Shakey's Pizza Fund Raiser Event.

## Did you know?

There's a service of Evening Prayer and Healing on  
Friday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Stop by on your way  
home from work and decompress for the weekend.