

Grace Episcopal Church Virtual & In Person Worship

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Skip Almon, Officiant
Bob Lambe, Organist
Kay Standifer, Cantor
Lyle Perni & Bob Chappuis, Readers
07.18.21

Officiant's microphone open, all others muted.

Opening

Officiant:

Blessed be the one, holy and living God

People: Glory to God forever and ever

Collect for Purity (together)

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!





Glory to God

spoken in unison

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen

The Collect

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.



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First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people All: Thanks be to God



Psalm 23

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; * you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, * and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.



The Epistle Ephesians 2:11-32

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision" —a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands— remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens 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 by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People: Thanks be to God

Gospel 6:30-34, 53-56

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark *People: Glory to you, Lord Christ*

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves 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 deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

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When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of the Lord *People: Praise to you Lord Christ*

Homily Skip Almon



The Nicene Creed

Leader's microphone open, all others muted

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 - Reader

Please enter prayers and petitions into the chat if attending virtually.

Leader: We give you thanks for the Risen Christ who lives in the Church throughout the world. Bless it Lord God, sustain it, and lead it into new life.

Leader: We give you thanks God of creation for the world around us, with the coming of spring, the use of our intellect and skill to enhance the well-being of all people, for those who grow our food, those who work while we sleep, the leaders and people of our towns, states, countries. We give thanks for the whole created order raised anew with the Risen Jesus.

Leader: We pray for all those longing for the assurance that new life comes from our past and present struggles. We pray now especially for those in any need, and especially those on our prayer list:

Dot B., Marilyn W., Kyle M., Jennifer M., Claire M., Muriel C., Daniel, Marjorie S., JoAnn B., Vi G., Loren C., Richard T., Pat N., Rebecca T., Stephanie T., David T., George M., Diane M., John V., Norm L., Janet D., Beth W., Ron, Nancy M., Carole H.P., Nick, Wendell P., Curtiss C., & Grant.

Prayers of the People continued

Leader: We pray for those serving in the military, especially: Baron S., Zachary S., Christopher, Monique & Joey

Leader: We give thanks for those whom we have loved but see no longer. They stand before you and pray for us, as we now pray for them to grow closer and closer into your love and light.

Leader allows a moment of quiet for all to name out loud or in the hearts those who have died, especially Michael Rainone.

Leader: Are there other intercessions or thanksgivings others wish to name?

All are invited to speak out loud or enter in the chat and offer further prayer needs.

Leader or other person reads petitions entered into Zoom Chat

Celebrant: asks if there are any birthdays or anniversaries to be celebrated in the coming week, then prays for those named; if none come forward with birthdays or anniversaries, the Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

You may also add your prayers in the chat box, including birthday or anniversary remembrances.



Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

Officiant and People together

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.

Officiant: 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 Lord's Prayer

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

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.

"Lord, teach us to pray..."

Amen



Dismissal



Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia!



Rick Mabie and the Boy Scouts.....helping us once again



- Donations or Gift Cards for Rick Mabie......
- Once again, Rick Mabie has come through for us and this time, with the Boy Scouts! The front steps and walk way are looking beautiful thanks to both Rick and the scouts. We would like to give Rick an impact drill.
- If you are interested in donating, contact Maureen Merigold 508-369-2464

Lobster luncheon is confirmed for July 30th

DATE: Friday, July 30th. Each luncheon includes chips and dessert.

Orders by: Monday July 26.

Choices: Lobster \$15 and Chicken salad \$13.

Order Contact: C. Joan Tinkham-508-695-9346 or cjtinkham1@gmail.com

Pick-up between Friday, July 30th between11:30 and 1.

Prayers for Grant

Please add Grant to your prayer list for comfort and healing. If you would like to send cards, his address is: 318 Franklin St.
Whitman, MA 02382

