

# Grace Episcopal Church



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## 6th Sunday after Pentecost

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Dr. Bob Lambe, Musical Director

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**Prelude** Allegretto, Martini

**Opening** Immortal, invisible, God **H423**

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

*People: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever.*

### The 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.

**Song of Praise** Rejoice in the Lord

**49**

## Rejoice in the Lord Always

Philippians 4:4 by Evelyn Turner

1 E A B7 E  
Re- joyce in the Lord — al- ways, and a- gain I say, "Re- joice!"

2 E A B7 E  
Re- joice! Re- joice! And a- gain I say, "Re- joice!"

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## 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.*

## First reading Amos 8:1-12

This is what the Lord GOD showed me-- a basket of summer fruit. He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the LORD said to me,

"The end has come upon my people Israel;  
I will never again pass them by.

The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,"  
says the Lord GOD;

"the dead bodies shall be many,  
cast out in every place. Be silent!"

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,

buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Shall not the land tremble on this account,  
and everyone mourn who lives in it,  
and all of it rise like the Nile,  
and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

On that day, says the Lord GOD,  
I will make the sun go down at noon,  
and darken the earth in broad daylight.  
I will turn your feasts into mourning,  
and all your songs into lamentation;  
I will bring sackcloth on all loins,  
and baldness on every head;  
I will make it like the mourning for an only son,  
and the end of it like a bitter day.  
The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD,  
when I will send a famine on the land;  
not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water,  
but of hearing the words of the LORD.  
They shall wander from sea to sea,  
and from north to east;  
they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD,  
but they shall not find it.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*Thanks be to God.*

## **Psalm 52**

- 1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness \*  
against the godly all day long?
- 2 You plot ruin;  
your tongue is like a sharpened razor, \*  
O worker of deception.
- 3 You love evil more than good \*  
and lying more than speaking the truth.
- 4 You love all words that hurt, \*  
O you deceitful tongue.
- 5 Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, \*  
topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling,  
and root you out of the land of the living!

6 The righteous shall see and tremble, \*  
and they shall laugh at him, saying,

7 "This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, \*  
but trusted in great wealth  
and relied upon wickedness."

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; \*  
I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

9 I will give you thanks for what you have done \*  
and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

## **Second Reading Colossians 1:15-28**

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers-- all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him-- provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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## **Gospel Luke 10:38-42**

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The Gospel of the Lord

*People: Praise to you Lord Christ*

## **Sermon Rev. Grant Barber**

### **The Nicene Creed**

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 VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

*For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

For this community, the nation, and the world;

*For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

We pray for those serving in the military, especially:

*Baron S., Zachary S., Christopher, Monique & Joey*

For the just and proper use of your creation;

*For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

*For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

*For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.*

For Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Alan and Gayle our Bishops; and all bishops and other ministers;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray now for those in any need, and especially those on our prayer list:

*Muriel C., Richard T., David T. Sunrise T., Carole HP., Laura K., Natalie W., Lawrence H., Milo M., Marjorie S., Betty H., Kay S., Katie P., the White family, Richard M. and Susan H.*

We hear and join our own presence to those who have virtually requested prayers.

*(appointed person reads any prayers in the Zoom chat box)*

Hear us, Lord;  
*For your mercy is great.*

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.  
*Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;  
*And praise your Name for ever and ever.*

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
*Who put their trust in you.*

The Celebrant invites all celebrating birthdays or anniversaries to come forward for a blessing which ends the prayers of the people.

If there are none, the Celebrant adds a concluding prayer.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

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 Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

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 of the Lord be with you always!

## **Eucharistic Prayer B**

**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 God 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.

*To be used on Sundays as appointed, but not on the succeeding weekdays*

### *1. Of God the Father*

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*or*

## 2. Of God the Son

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.

or

## 3. Of God the Holy Spirit

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Creation Mass - Sanctus**

Haugen

1

4

10 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord; God of

16 pow - er, God of might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your

22 glo - ry: Ho - san - na in the high - est!

28 Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord; Ho -

34 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the

high est!

*Celebrant and People,*

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,

*Celebrant and People*

*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 [\_\_\_\_\_ and] 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 forever.

*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. *Amen*



## The Fraction Anthem

*Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.*

*People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

**Communion Hymn      Seek ye first the kingdom of God      H711**

## Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray. *Celebrant and People*

Almighty and ever-loving God, we know we are the body of Christ in this world and commissioned to do your work.

With your guidance, help us to grow Grace Church in ways we cannot now imagine.

In your compassion, Lord, help us to be open to all possibilities,

In your love, Lord, help us to accept those things that we need to change, and not limit ourselves in moving forward.

In your wisdom, Lord, please show us the way to go as we become your hands, your heart, and your voice in the world.

This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen

## Blessing

Closing Hymn The God of Abraham praise H401

Postlude Allegro, Hesse

## Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God: Alleluia, alleluia!

## Announcements



Hospitality for the coffee hour will be **every week** with a donation basket in place. Pantry Sunday July 17<sup>th</sup>. No Vestry Meeting this month.

**We have much to be thankful for.**

Take a look at the hallway as it gets a facelift.

A group will be working on the Rector's office and the library.

## Collaboration Update

Thanks to all for your feedback and participation as we work with Rev. Kathy and St. John's.

A new option has been recommended by the two Vestries:

Weeks 1 and 3 - at Grace on Saturday 5pm

Weeks 2 and 4 - at Grace on Sunday 10 am.

This will give each church Kathy's presence one day on each weekend. We would be able to zoom their services on the alternate weeks if we choose (and have Eucharist if we have the LEMs). Please let us know if you are interested in becoming a LEM.

Please let us know your thoughts, concerns and/ or questions. It will help shape our agreement and Kathy's ministry with Grace.

## Save the Date



Next Lobster Luncheon is:

Friday, July 22, 2022, pickup from 11:30 to 12:30

Price: \$18 for Lobster, \$13 for Chicken Salad

With the rising cost of Lobster, we need 100 orders to make a profit.

<https://www.gracechurchna.org/lobster-luncheon>

Please help us get orders. Thank you! ❤️