

Grace Episcopal Church

Season after



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12th Sunday after Pentecost

Reverend Grant Barber

Bob Lambe, Music Director

Marge Cull, Voice of the people

Jim Hale & Marge Cull, readers

08.28.2022

Prelude English Suite I: Bouree I, Bach

Opening All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine H477

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

Rejoice in the Lord Always

Philippians 4:4

by Evelyn Turner

1 E A B7 E

Re- joice 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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First reading Sirach 10:12-18

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.

For the beginning of pride is sin,
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.

Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities,
and destroys them completely.

The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers,
and enthrones the lowly in their place.

The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations,
and plants the humble in their place.

The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations,
and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.

He removes some of them and destroys them,
and erases the memory of them from the earth.

Pride was not created for human beings,
or violent anger for those born of women.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112

1 Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

Second Reading Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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Luke 14:1, 7-14

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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., Susan H., Barb H., Clarence K., Bill, Pat, Lance and Joanne C

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.*

Confession

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

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Haugen

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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

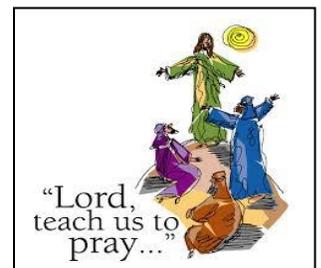
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

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 I the Lord of sea and sky W812

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

Prayer for Rev. Grant

Lord, we give thanks for the tremendous blessing that has come from Grant's time here. We pray that this would be a new beginning, may your hope arise, and your vision be the guide. May a new rhythm emerge, one that forms a beautiful balance between rest and engagement with life.

And now Lord, we ask for your blessing. May there be good health, joy in abundance and peace in heart and mind, from this day forwards and each day that follows.

In Jesus name, **Amen.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn Joyful, joyful, we adore thee H376

Postlude Consort of Trumpets, Purcell

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia! /People: Thanks be to God: Alleluia, alleluia!

Announcements

Everyone stay healthy and hydrated!

With increasing COVID and flu infections, and the hot weather, be careful.

We have much to be thankful for. Let us all praise his name!



God's Work
Our Hands
2023.

When two or three are gathered in my name, I am there. (Matt. 18:19-20)

Prayer Circle prays for Grace Church and its ministries (altar guild, choir, etc...).

We meet on the first Saturday of the month from 9-10 AM. Please join us and pray for Grace Church. The dates we are meeting are:

September 10, 2022;

October 1, 2022; November 5, 2022; December 3, 2022; January 7, 2023;

February 4, 2023; March 4, 2023; April 1, 2023; May 6, 2023; June 3,

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Mickey Fournier



Lobster Luncheon

Was a great success once again!!

Grant's last Sunday will be today. Join us after the Service in celebration of his ministry with us.