

Grace Episcopal Church

Season after



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13th Weekend after Pentecost

Reverend Kathy McAdams

Bob Lambe, Music Director

Marge Cull, Voice of the people

Virginia Bliss & Paul Deffely, readers

Sunday, September 04, 2022

Prelude *All Shall Be Well, Honore*

Opening Hymn Not here for high and holy things H9

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 Sing O Sing, songbook 88

The Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First reading Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it.

Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book; *
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Second Reading The Letter to Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

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Gradual Hymn Here in Christ we gather H577

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Christ

Sermon The Rev. Kathy McAdams

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 the people of Ukraine and Russia, the people of Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Mississippi, Michigan, California and Kentucky, and all people and animals affected by extreme weather and climate change. For refugees, and communities affected by gun violence. 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 & Joey

For our planet, that we may become better stewards of it. For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

For Lenore's Pantry. For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

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

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Anglican Church of Australia. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Peter's Church, Beverly; St. John's Church, Beverly Farms; All Saints Episcopal Church of the North Shore, Danvers; St. John's Church, Gloucester and the Essex County Community Organization (ECCO). For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Alan and Gayle our Bishops, Kelly our Regional Canon, Kathy our Priest; 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., Milo M., Marjorie S., Betty H., Kay S., Katie P., the White family, Richard M., Susan H., Barb H., Clarence K., Bill, Pat, Joanne C. and Cesar B.

For our partner congregation, St John's, and those who have requested prayers:

Sona, Charlie and Family, Kimberly, John, Bp Bud & Ruth Ann, Michele, Paul, Marjorie, Shamali, Kristy, Peter and Joan, John & Donna, Hart Family, Sarah, Howie, Nathan, Mary, Stella, Alice, Barbara, Colleen, Cory, Mark, Donald, Carol, Norman, Brenda, Glen, Joy and Bill, Caleb, Nick, Liz, Grace, Michael, Cindy and Dave, Jean and Family.

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 Marion Gates, Mitch Palmer, Barbara Tongue and all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Comfort for Bp. Gates and family, the Palmer and Tongue families, and all those who mourn.

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 Absolution

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!

Offertory Anthem - *How Can I Keep From Singing?*

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. 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.

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

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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!

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 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 Where He Leads Me LEVAS 144

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

The Blessing

Closing Hymn Immortal, invisible, God only wise H423

Postlude *Toccata and Fantasia on JCS, Lambe/Webber*

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!



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.

We are meeting this coming Saturday, **September 10, 2022 9 am**. Please join us and pray for Grace Church. We will at the church and virtual.

If you have questions please contact Mickey Fournier at (508-406-1724) or at nallanf@aol.com.

Lay Eucharistic Minister Training TODAY after Worship.

If you help serve Communion, or would like to, especially during live streaming of the service, please stick around for a few minutes after coffee hour to meet with Rev. Kathy. If you would like more in-depth training, the diocese is offering one on Saturday, November 19th from 9:30am-3pm.

Community Event on the Lawn - Sunday, September 18th

Join us after Worship for games, crafts, and refreshments to welcome families to Grace.

Rev Kathy will celebrate Eucharist at Grace on Saturday, Sept 10 at 5pm, at St John's on Sunday, Sept 11th at 10am. The service at St John's will be live streamed at Grace.

Volunteers

We need folks to help with opening and closing the church for Saturdays and Sundays and also, for hospitality. Check with Juliana for specifics. Pray for opening your heart to say yes!

**Calendar for Collaboration between
St John's, Franklin and Grace, North Attleboro**

Holy Eucharist on Saturdays at 5pm / Sundays at 10am

September 2022

Saturday, 9.3 - St John's
[Sunday, 9.4 - Grace](#)
Saturday, 9.10 - [Grace](#)
[Sunday, 9.11](#) - St John's
Saturday, 9.17 - St John's
[Sunday, 9.18](#) - [Grace](#)
Saturday, 9.24 - [Grace](#)
[Sunday, 9.25](#) - St John's

October

Saturday, 10.1 - St John's
[Sunday, 10.2](#) - [Grace](#)
Saturday, 10.8 - [Grace](#)
[Sunday, 10.9](#) - St John's
Saturday, 10.15 - St John's
[Sunday, 10.16](#) - [Grace](#)
Saturday, 10.22 - [Grace](#)
[Sunday, 10.23](#) - St John's
Saturday, 10.29 - St John's
[Sunday, 10.30](#) - [Grace](#)

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