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Grace Episcopal Church Virtual & In Person Worship

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Reverend Grant Barber

Bob Lambe, Organist

Deborah Whelan, Cantor

Mel White & Joan Tinkham, Readers

10.03.21



Opening

Officiant's microphone open, all others muted.

Presider: Blessed be God: Creator, Word, and Spirit,

People: Who brings all things into being and calls them good.

Presider: Bless your Creator, all animals of the land, birds of the air, all creatures of the sea.

People: Let us praise and exalt our Creator together.

Presider: Bless your Creator, all children of God.

People: Let us praise and exalt our Creator together.



The Collect

Collect for Creation

Lord God, your eternal power is seen in the whole web of life Your voice is heard in the beauty of creation. Rooted in your love may we worship you with all your creatures Through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



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First Reading: Revelation 5: 11-14

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" ¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People: Thanks be to God



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Psalm 148

- ¹ Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!
- ² Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his host!
- ³ Praise him, sun and moon;
praise him, all you shining stars!
- ⁴ Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!
- ⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for he commanded and they were created.
- ⁶ He established them for ever and ever;
he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

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Psalm continued

- ⁷ Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
⁸ fire and hail, snow and frost,
stormy wind fulfilling his command!
- ⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
- ¹⁰ Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!
- ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
- ¹² Young men and women alike,
old and young together!
- ¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴ He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.



Praise the LORD!

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Gospel Matthew 6:25-33

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

25 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink,²⁵ or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?²⁸ And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin,²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God³³ and his³³ righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you Lord Christ



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Prayers of the People - Reader

Leader: Let us pray

People: O God of justice and plenty, whose generous earth was created in beauty, for the nourishment of its people, and to sing of your glory: We confess that through our sinfulness we have harvested injustice and pollution, and not your abundance; the land has become strange to us. We turn to you, O God. We renounce evil. We seek your forgiveness. We choose to be made whole.

Leader: For our brothers and sisters of the earth: animals, birds, fish, plants and insects, may their humility and simplicity inspire us to live according to you will.

People: Lord, have mercy

Leader: For the animals who give us faithful companionship, joy when we are happy and comfort when we are sad.

People: Lord, have mercy

Leader: God creator of the universe, of the earth and sea, of the earth's fruits and flowers, of all humans, habitats and creatures, help us to value and care for your world in all its beauty and fragility.

People: Lord, have mercy



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Prayers of the People *continued*

Leader: For the teeming life of the seas, and the flight of the birds. For forests and streams and the creatures who live in them. For all places that produce food and those who work the land. Help us to protect the environment so that all life may flourish.

People: Lord, have mercy

The Blessing of the Animals

Presider: It is the priestly work of all God's people to give thanks for God's blessings, to ask for and lend assistance to all in need, and to stretch our hands to heal and cherish the creatures of God; this is our work of blessing. Recognizing God's love for these creatures, I invite you to bring forward the animals entrusted to your care, one by one, and to join me in the laying on of hands in prayer.

The animals are blessed individually by name by the Presider,

Presider: Fellow creature, friend and companion: May God your creator and preserver bless, defend, heal, and keep you, this day and always. Amen.

The Peace



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Eucharistic Prayer C

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.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

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Eucharistic Prayer continued

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed

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Eucharistic Prayer continued

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Eucharistic Prayer C continued

or lay a hand upon it, and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

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The Celebrant continues

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.*

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*



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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



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Upcoming events

- Vestry, Sunday, Oct. 17th
- Pantry Sunday, Oct. 17th
- Please bring in your donations. Thanks to Cyndee and Jane for bringing the food to Lenore's Pantry.

- Confirmation Sat. 10/23 in Framingham.
- Celebration after confirmation 10/24 - commitment Sunday.
- Halloween in park, 10/24, sponsored by DANA and supported by our Youth Group



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Post Communion Prayer

All: Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Men: Where there is hatred, let us sow love;
Women: where there is injury, pardon;
All 65 & older: where there is discord, union;
All under 65 where there is doubt, faith;
All: where there is despair, hope;
All: where there is darkness, light;
All: where there is sadness, joy.

All: Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Blessing



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Dismissal



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

*People: Thanks be to God.
Alleluia, alleluia!*



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