



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
The Third Sunday after Pentecost  
June 13, 2021  
Morning Prayer, Rite 2

Book of Common Prayer

PRELUDE

*Jerusalem, My Happy Home - Land of Rest*

GREETING AND OPENING SENTENCE

There is none like the God of the upright, who rides on the heavens to help you and on the clouds in majesty. The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. ~Deuteronomy 33:26,27 (adapted)

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

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*The Officiant says to the people.*

So now let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

*Silence may be kept.*

*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.**

Almighty God have mercy upon 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 you in eternal life. **Amen.**

INVITATORY AND PSALTER

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*Officiant:* Lord open our lips.

*People:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

GLORIA (All)

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

ANTIPHON

The Lord is good; his mercy everlasting; his faithfulness endures  
from age to age: **Come let us adore Him.**

PSALM 121

*In unison*

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**I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?**

**My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

**He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.**

**Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

**The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,**

**So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

**The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.**

**The Lord shall watch over your going out and**

**your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.**

**ANTIPHON**      The Lord is good; his mercy everlasting; his faithfulness endures  
from age to age: **Come let us adore Him.**

**HYMN**

*Give to Our God Immortal Praise* - J. Hatton

**PSALM 20**      *Responsively by whole verse*

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<sup>1</sup> May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble,  
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

<sup>2</sup> **Send you help from his holy place  
and strengthen you out of Zion;**

<sup>3</sup> Remember all your offerings  
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

<sup>4</sup> **Grant you your heart's desire  
and prosper all your plans.**

<sup>5</sup> We will shout for joy at your victory  
and triumph in the Name of our God;  
may the LORD grant all your requests.

<sup>6</sup> **Now I know that the LORD gives victory  
to his anointed; he will answer him out of  
his holy heaven, with the victorious  
strength of his right hand.**

<sup>7</sup> Some put their trust in chariots and some  
in horses,  
but we will call upon the Name of  
the LORD our God.

<sup>8</sup> **They collapse and fall down,  
but we will arise and stand upright.**

<sup>9</sup> **O LORD, give victory to the king  
and answer us when we call.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

**A READING FROM 2 CORINTHIANS 5:6-10,14-17**

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 16 ~ *Conserve me, Domine***      *In unison*

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**Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord,  
my good above all other." All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

**But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.**

**Their libations of blood I will not offer, nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

**O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot.**

**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

**I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night.  
I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.  
My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope.  
For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit.  
You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

**HYMN**

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* - G. Medlock

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MARK 4:26-34**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**CANTICLE 15 ~ *The Song of Mary***

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**REFLECTION**

**A TIME OF SILENCE** – *A bell will sound three times.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

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**THE LORD'S PRAYER** *traditional*

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**SUFFRAGES "A"**

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**THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY**

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Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**A COLLECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIFE**

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O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

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O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## A PRAYER FOR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD'S CREATION

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Almighty and everlasting God, you made the universe with all its marvelous order, its atoms, worlds, and galaxies, and the infinite complexity of living creatures: Grant that, as we probe the mysteries of your creation, we may come to know you more truly, and more surely fulfill our role in your eternal purpose; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**WE PRAY FOR ALL OF WHO HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE COVID-19 VIRUS -- THOSE WHO ARE SICK, THOSE WHO'VE DIED, AND THOSE WHO MOURN.** *Silence*

**AS WE PRAY FOR THE FOLKS ON OUR PRAYER LIST ...**

for all who are traveling, especially **Josey Parker** and **Cameron Klass** ...

and those with special needs:

**Mary** Williams, **Anita** Ewbank, **Mark** Adkins, **Chris** Alexander, **Cora** Alexander, **Amanda** Amon, **Ella** Asebes, **Alice** Brandon & family, **Baylee** Brown, **Andrea** Cain, **Donna** Campbell, **Stella** Cappel, **Russell** Cinque, **Lynne** Cleckley, **Becky** Clodfelter, **Richard** Cooper, **Morgan** Curia, **Barbara** Dixon, **Johanna** Dresser, **Suzanne** Eller, **Mark** Frye, **Aubrie** Gallen, **Shana** Garland, **Marlon** Gaskins, **Susan** Gibson, **Holly** Gray, **Jan** Greer, **Jane** Grimes, **George** Hanna, **Rob** Hare, **Kristen** Harris, **Elizabeth** Harvey, **Nancy** Hinkle, **Chris and Mike** Hodges, **Jon** Huff, **Nancy** Hutchins, **Lindsay** Layfield, **Cara** Lee, **Lynn** Mack, **Carol** May, **Kate** McKenzie, **Nicholas** Melomo, **Molly** Michael, **Roan** Mitchell, **Dan & Fran** Moore, **O'Lema** Morgan, **Page** Onorato, **Lynn** Parsley, **Gabby** Plott, **Jacklyn** Rojas, **Suzy** Sheets, **Talmadge** Silversides, **Amy** Burkhart Smith, **Dan Griff** Smith, **Martha Ellen** Smith, **Louise** Snyder, **Clarice and Henry** Surratt, **Robin** Tilley, **Jackie** Touchton, **Toni** Underwood, **Kathy** Watson, **Frances** Welch, **Courtney** Weller, **Susan** Whetmore, **Flynn** Williams, and **Charlotte** Young.

✦ *At this time, you may offer your prayers in the comments bar on Facebook so that we may pray with you through the week.*

HYMN

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God* - setting L. A. Koch

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING *In unison*

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DISMISSAL Let us bless the Lord. *Thanks be to God!*

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with all of you. **Amen.**

*~2 Thessalonians 3:16*

POSTLUDE

*Lord, Dismiss, Us with Your Blessing* - Sicilian Mariners

**Service Leader:** Mary Matthews    **Lector:** Barbara Presnell  
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