



# Grace Episcopal Church

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II - 10:00 a.m.

**PRELUDE**

*Praise to the Living God (trad. Hebrew melody) - arr. by D. Lowe*

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN #377 vv. 1-2, 5**

*(Masks must be worn while singing this hymn)*

*All people that on earth do dwell*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

- The Word of the Lord    **All: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 24** (*Responsively, by whole verse*)

<sup>1</sup> The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,  
the world and all who dwell therein.

<sup>2</sup> **For it is he who founded it upon the seas  
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**

<sup>3</sup> "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? "  
and who can stand in his holy place?"

<sup>4</sup> **"Those who have clean hands and a pure  
heart, who have not pledged themselves to  
falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.**

<sup>5</sup> They shall receive a blessing from the LORD and  
a just reward from the God of their salvation."

<sup>6</sup> **Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in.

<sup>8</sup> **"Who is this King of glory?"  
"The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle."**

<sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates;  
lift them high, O everlasting doors;  
and the King of glory shall come in.

<sup>10</sup> **"Who is he, this King of glory?"  
"The LORD of hosts,  
he is the King of glory."**

## THE EPISTLE

*Ephesians 1:3-14*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

- The Word of the Lord    **All: Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN #686    *(Masks must be worn)*

*Come, thou fount of every blessing*

## THE GOSPEL

*Mark 6:14-29*

*Celebrant*    The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People*        **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

- The Gospel of the Lord    **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## THE SERMON

The Reverend Thomas B. Carter

*A period of silence may be kept.*

## 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 AND CONFESSION OF SIN

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.*

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 *Michael* our Presiding Bishop, *Samuel and Anne* our Bishops; *Tom* our Priest today; and all bishops and other ministers;

*For all who serve God in his Church.*

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:

**Mark** Adkins, **Chris** Alexander, **Cora** Alexander, **Amanda** Amon, **Ella** Asebes, **Scott** Biesecker, **Alice** Brandon & family, **Baylee** Brown, **Gayle** Burke, **Andrea** Cain, **Stella** Cappel, **Russell** Cinque, **Lynne** Cleckley, **Becky** Clodfelter, **Richard** Cooper, **Morgan** Curia, **Barbara** Dixon, **Johanna** Dresser, **Suzanne** Eller, **Anita** Ewbank, **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 & Henry** Surratt, **Robin** Tilley, **Jackie** Touchton, **Toni** Underwood, **Kathy** Watson, **Frances** Welch, **Courtney** Weller, **Susan** Whetmore, **Flynn** Williams, **Mary** Williams, and **Charlotte** Young.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *Silence*

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.*

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.  
*Silence*

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;**  
**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,**  
**things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit**  
**that we may live and serve you in newness of life,**  
**to the honor and glory of your Name;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The celebrant may add a concluding collect.*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY SENTENCE

### OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

*Amazing Grace* - arr. by D. Lowe

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Eucharistic Prayer A*)

*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. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down [on this day] from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

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

*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...*

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People* **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*The celebrant continues...*

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.*

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,**

**you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

**DISMISSAL HYMN #436 vv. 1, 3, 5** *(Masks must be worn)*

*Lift up your heads*

### THE DISMISSAL

### POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Voluntary - J. Stanley*

*The flowers at the altar today are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Leslie's mother*

*Shirley Martin*

*by Leslie & Logan Sheets.*

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Thomas Carter

**Lector:** Kathy Young

**Acolyte:** Sidney Briggs

**Audio Visual:** David Jones

*The mission of Grace Episcopal Church is to be a welcoming community of faith  
guided by the life and teachings of Jesus.*

*In light of this mission we strive:*

- *to promote spiritual growth and healing through worship, study, and fellowship.*
- *to sustain a mutually supportive community*
- *to invite and include all who would seek and serve God with us.*
- *to serve those beyond our parish.*
- *to advocate social, environmental, and economic justice.*



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