



(Masks must be worn during this service)

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH
The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 22, 2021
Morning Prayer, Rite 2

No gathering can be completely safe. Unvaccinated people remain susceptible to contracting COVID-19. Singing can increase transmission from infected individuals.

Book of Common Prayer

PRELUDE

Trio - J. Rheinberger

GREETING AND OPENING SENTENCE

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. ~*Psalm 19:14*

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

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: **Come let us adore him.**

VENITE

In unison

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HYMN #524 (vv. 1-2, 4-5)

I love the kingdom, Lord

(Masks must be worn while singing this hymn)

¹ How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

² **The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

³ Happy are they who dwell in your house! they will always be praising you.

⁴ **Happy are the people whose strength is in you! whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

⁵ Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

⁶ **They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

⁷ LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob.

⁸ **Behold our defender, O God; and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

⁹ For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

¹⁰ **For the LORD God is both sun and shield; he will give grace and glory;**

¹¹ No good thing will the LORD withhold from those who walk with integrity.

¹² **O LORD of hosts, happy are they who put their trust in you!**

**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 EPHESIANS 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF JOHN 6:56-69

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

CANTICLE 21~ *You are God* *In unison* Pg. 95-96

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE APOSTLE'S CREED *In unison* Pg. 96

THE LORD'S PRAYER *traditional* *In unison* Pg. 97

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THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY *In unison*

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A COLLECT FOR SUNDAYS *In unison* Pg. 98

A COLLECT FOR THE SICK *In unison* Pg. 208

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through 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:

Mark Adkins, **Chris** Alexander, **Cora** Alexander, **Amanda** Amon, **Ella** Asebes, **Scott** Biesecker, **Alice** Brandon & family, **Baylee** Brown, **Gayle** Burke, **Will** Burke, **Andrea** Cain, **Stella** Cappel, **Russell** Cinque, **Lynne** Cleckley, **Morgan** Curia, **Jackie** Davis, **Barbara** Dixon, **Johanna** Dresser, **Anita** Ewbank, **Mark** Frye, **Aubrie** Gallen, **Shana** Garland, **Marlon** Gaskins, **Susan** Gibson, **Holly** Gray, **Jane** Grimes, **George** Hanna, **Rob** Hare, **Kristen** Harris, **Elizabeth** Harvey, **Nancy** Hinkle, **Chris and Mike** Hodges, **Jon** Huff, **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, **Robin** Sink, **Amy** Burkhardt 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.

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

ORGAN MEDITATION

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts - H. Baker

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

In unison

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

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.. **Amen.**

~Romans 15:13

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso - G. F. Handel

Service Leader: Neca Johnson **Lector:** Robin Sink **Audio Visual:** David Jones