



# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide  
Anglican Communion.

## A LITURGY FOR HOME

*When life's circumstances prevent us from attending Church*

**The First Sunday after Pentecost, June 7, 2020**

*Before the Service — Speak quietly to God  
During the Service — Let God speak to you  
After the Service — Speak to one another*

**Opening Hymn: How Great Thou Art** (Listen to this hymn on our website)

### **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* May God be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **THE LESSONS**

#### ***The First Reading***

#### **Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give

light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”

And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

### *The Response*

#### **Psalm 8**

##### ***Domine, Dominus noster***

- 1 O LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
- 2 Out of the mouths of infants and children \*  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
- 3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
- 5 What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glory and honor;

7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:  
8 All sheep and oxen, \*  
even the wild beasts of the field,  
9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.  
10 O LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

### *The Second Reading*

#### **2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church .  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN: Jesus in the Morning** (Listen to the hymn on our website)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, from Matthew 28:16-20

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you Lord Christ**

**The Homily: The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik** (Listen to this sermon on our website)

*We observe a brief silence for reflection.*

## **The Affirmation of our Faith**

### *At the Early Service: 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.**

*At the Later Service: The Apostles' Creed*

**I give my heart to God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I give my heart to Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried,**

**And descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I give my heart to the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

On this Trinity Sunday, let us lift our petitions to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, saying: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We are the beloved children of God. In faith and love we come to pray for the church and for the world, saying:

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For our country as we struggle with the ugly sin of racism, may justice and peace prevail. For the family of George Floyd and for all the families who have lost a loved who was killed because of racism, fear or hatred.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all who are persecuted, shunned, neglected, or rejected because of their race, class, culture, beliefs, language, or sexual identity, that they may find welcoming love in Christ.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For the poor of the earth, for the victims of warfare and for refugees around the world, that their mourning may be turned into joy.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all people, that we may listen to the prophets that God sends us.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For our Grace faith community during this time of separation due to the pandemic. May God keep us safe and connected and may all the people who come to our building for food be blessed and comforted.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

We pray also for those who suffer most; for the emotionally and physically ill, for people who are grieving and for those who have died.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all your people: that we may be given strength and boldness to speak out against and work to change unjust structures in our communities, nation and the world.

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

For all those who are sick or infirmed especially with COVID-19 and for all those who care for them and for everyone who has asked for our prayers: **Ena, Cynthia, Michelle, Jeff, Samantha, Sirune, Odin, Thor, Genevieve, Rosy, Cindy, Deborah, Jeanne, Michelle, Pam, Liz, Janice, Nina, Charlotte, Suzanne, Pam Z, Sue, Frank, Jean, Terry, Joan, Barbara, Frank, Wendy, Carol, Candy.**

Are there others?

Bless, comfort and protect all those for whom we pray

***Lord, hear our prayer.***

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

God the Father, God the Son and God the Spirit, we thank you and praise you Holy Trinity, one God forever and ever. AMEN.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Friends in Christ, during this time of social distancing, we are not able to celebrate the Eucharist together. Many of us are feeling what St. Thomas Aquinas describes as an “ardent desire to receive Jesus in the most holy sacrament and lovingly embrace him.” We are aware of this absence and our yearning for the real presence of Christ in that same experience we share with followers of Christ throughout the ages. Until we meet again in community we can practice a different Christian tradition in the practice of spiritual communion. We will now pray the prayer for spiritual communion from the Prayer Book for the Armed Services.*

### **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER**

Priest        The Lord be with you.  
People        **And also with you.**

Priest        Let us pray: In union, O God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; We proclaim your resurrection; We await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come.

People        **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray:

**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.**

**Second Service:** Listen to the pre-recorded Lord’s Prayer

**The Blessing**

**People Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: Every Time I Feel the Spirit** (Listen to this song on our website)

**The Dismissal**

Priest        The Peace of the Lord be always with you. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People        **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **The Prayers of this Congregation**

For all refugees, especially those at our southern border; for the farmers across our country who are struggling; for Bonnie Perry, our Bishop, for Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; Wendell N. Gibbs, Jr., our retired bishop; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; Stewart Wood, our retired bishop; and our whole diocesan household, including St. Philip the Apostle in Santo Domingo DR, Trinity Church in Monroe; for Donald, our President, and all members of Congress.

For Ena Pederson, Cynthia Burdie, Michelle, Jeff & Samantha, Sirune, Odin & Thor, Genevieve & Rosy, Cindy, Deborah Pinto, Jeanne Nowak, Michelle Wisneski, Pam Sherry, Liz Morehouse, Janice Kibler, Nina DiGaetano, Charlotte Kalligeros, Suzanne Johnson, Pam Zawierucha, Sue Schlanbusch, Frank & Barbara Davenport, Joan Donald, Jean & Terry Hitchcock, Frank Laura, Wendy, Carol Bales, Candy Dixon.

***Please note: Names will remain on the prayer list for one month.  
In order to add someone or keep someone on the prayer list, please fill out a new prayer card  
(from the back of the pews) and place it in the offering tray.***

***Do you know someone who is ill? Please contact the office and we will add them to the prayer list.***

### **NEW INFORMATION?**

**Have you moved? Gotten rid of your landline? Changed your phone number?  
Please let the office know — 586-465-4573 or [gracemtclemens@yahoo.com](mailto:gracemtclemens@yahoo.com).**

**The MINISTRIES of GRACE CHURCH**  
*Currently*

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

Morning Prayer: On our website each Sunday

**OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

**Community Suppers:**  
Wednesdays at 4:00, take-out meals only

**Food Pantry:**  
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 am -12 noon, curbside pickup  
*Serving from 250 - 350 people every month*

**All outreach ministries welcome volunteers,  
financial donations, or food and clothing donations.**

***Call the office to learn about helping or giving:  
586-465-4573***

**Grace's Income and Expenses**

May total expenses: \$16,137.31

May total income: \$20,305.05

June pledge income: \$698.45

June outreach income: \$0.00

June rental income: \$0.00

**Capital Campaign**

Goal for 2020-22: \$150,000.00

Pledged to date: \$50,250.00

Received to date: \$15,500.00

**Would you be interested in worship or meeting opportunities online or by phone on Zoom?,**

Evening Prayer, Bible Study, Adult Christian Formation, Book Club

Go to our website at [gracechurchmtclemens.org](http://gracechurchmtclemens.org)

or call the office at 586-465-4573 if you would like to

participate in any of these options, or if you have other suggestions.

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