



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide
Anglican Communion.

The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

October 25, 2020

10:30 am

All are welcome to this service of communion;

All are wanted at the table of the lord.

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

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Opening Hymn: Down to the River to Pray

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant: Blessed be the Holy and Undivided Trinity.

People: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Compassionate God: Remove from us all hardness of heart that we may accept all people as your precious children, remembering that when we reject them, we reject you. Amen

The Song of Praise: Hallelujah

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: May God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

The Response

Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17

Domine, refugium

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 13 Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.
- 14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
- 15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.
- 16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.
- 17 May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Hymn: The Way You Love Me

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, from Matthew 22:34-46

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"'?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you Lord Christ

The Homily: The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik

We observe a brief silence for reflection.

The Affirmation of our Faith

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

In peace we pray to you, O God.

We pray today for all people who struggle for survival: may you bless, comfort and strengthen them. **We pray to you, O God.**

For our faith community at Grace during this time of separation due to the pandemic and for all those who come to our building to be nourished by the food we provide. **We pray to you, O God.**

For the spirit of peace in our world: that all people, groups and nations in conflict may live in harmony. **We pray to you, O God.**

For the world's poor, destitute and homeless: Let not the needy be forgotten, or the hope of the poor be taken away. **We pray to you, O God.**

For the spirit of unity, forgiveness and reconciliation in our country: guide our elected officials to put aside political rivalry and work for the good of all our citizens. **We pray to you, O God.**

For all people of minority cultures and ethnic groups in the United States who continue to be trivialized and endangered by the pervasiveness of racism: may this national sin be acknowledged and cleansed from our hearts, institutions and nation. **We pray to you, O God.**

For all those who are sick or infirmed or who have asked for our prayers: **Ena, Cynthia, Michelle, Jeff, Samantha, Odin, Thor, Rosy, Cindy, Deborah, Jeanne, Michelle,, Pam, Liz, Janice, PamZ, Sue, Frank, Carol, Candy, Mark, Jennifer, Sherie, Nina, Susan, Ellen, Barbara, Dan, Donna, Herman, David, Keta, Brianna, Helen, Anita, Craig, Shirley, Matthew, Mike, Jennie, John, Cassidy, Adlee, Bella.**

Are there others?

That they may receive your healing touch. **We pray to you, O God.**

For those whose lives are approaching death, and for those who have died, especially from COVID-19 that they and their loved ones may receive the comfort of your loving embrace. **We pray to you, O God.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Good and gracious God, send forth your Holy Spirit upon your people throughout our country and the world. Tear down the walls that divide us, and make us one through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

The Offering Song: Where Charity and Love Prevail

Doxology: To God, Creator

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Season After Pentecost

Celebrant: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to God.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind. Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; and so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

The Sanctus: Holy Holy

Celebrant continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ by saying:

People: Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Celebrant continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

For it is through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

People: Blessed are you now and for ever. Amen.

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

**Our Father
Which 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 debts
As we forgive our debtors**

**And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil**

**For thine is the kingdom,
And the power
And the glory
Forever
Amen**

The Breaking of Bread

The Fractio: Alleluia, Christ Our Passover

Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for all of us, the holy people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving

Music for Communion: I Am Satisfied

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER: said by all, standing or kneeling

Eternal Light, shine in our hearts. Eternal Power, be our strength. Eternal Wisdom, guide us as we serve you. Eternal Goodness, you have drawn us to your heart and united us in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now grant that with all our heart, mind, and strength, we may evermore seek your face. And finally, by your infinite love keep us in your holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

BLESSING

May the blessing of the one, true and Holy God, who made us for love, who saved us by love and who still loves us; be upon us and around us, filling us with love, peace and joy, this day and forever more. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Send Us

The Dismissal

Priest Our worship has ended, let our service begin. Go in peace to love and serve our God! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

ALTAR GUILD

Ann Farrell, Ann Strevel

LECTOR

Gay Gillespie

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. John the Evangelist in Peidra Blanca DR, Church of the Redeemer in Barahone DR, Church of the Messiah in Detroit, St. Luke’s in Ferndale; for Donald, our President, and all members of Congress.

For Ena Pederson, Cynthis Burdie, Michelle, Jeff, Samantha, Odin, Thor, Rosy, Cindy, Deborah Pinto, Jeanne Nowak, Michelle Wisneski, Pam Sherry, Liz Moorehouse, Janice Kibler, Pam Zawierucha, Sue Schlanbusch, Carol Bales, Candy Dixon, Mark, , Jennifer Holland, Sherie Borsa, Nina DiGaetano, Susan Fox, Ellen Laudicina, Frank & Barbara Davenport, Dan Davenport, Donna Hanes, Herman Houser, David Sonntag, Keta, Brianna, Helen Stein, Anita Ketterer, Craig Anderson, Shirley Rumpel, Matthew, Mike Oakley, Jennie Berube, John & Cassidy Gillum and Adlee & Bella.

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.

JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 7 pm on Zoom (*Meeting info will remain as follows each week*)
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89732417015?pwd=Z0NkeFQ4L2FFSExYelB3WXoyUmFvZz09>
Meeting ID: 897 3241 7015 Password: 683930 Or call: 312-626-6799

BOOK CLUB — DATE CHANGE

We will meet at the Grace on **Monday, November 16 at 6:30**, with a maximum of 10 in person. .

We will discuss The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell by Robert Dugoni. If you wish to join us, please call to reserve your seat.

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FORWARD MOVEMENT DAY BY DAY

We still have several of these daily devotionals for Aug-Oct in both regular and large print.

Please call the office to have one mailed to you. While supplies last!

Grace’s Income and Expenses

Capital Campaign

Sept. total expenses: \$20,695.19

Oct. pledge income: \$13,293.09

Goal for 2020-22: \$150,000.00

Sept. total income: \$16,812.75

Oct. outreach income: \$1,347.00

Pledged to date: \$84,350.00

Oct. rental income: \$1,550.00

Received to date: \$29,775.00