

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide Anglican Communion.

## The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 2021

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

#### TO JOIN THIS SERVICE LIVE VIA ZOOM

To join either service online, visit our website at gracechurchmtclemens.org and follow the link.

To join this service by phone, call 312-626-6799

8:30 am Service: Meeting ID: 881 8016 9300 Password: 246040

10:30 am Service: Follow the link on our website to watch the livestream on our Facebook page.

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#### **Opening Hymn: Holy Manna**



**OPENING ACCLAMATION:** from *Feasting on the Word* 

Celebrant: Praise the Lord, for God is great indeed! Let us sing praises for God's glorious works.

People: We give glory, honor and thanksgiving to the Lord, who makes and sustains all things.

#### **GLORIA**

At the early service:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's 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.

At the later service:



#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: May God be with you. **People: And also with you.** 

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

#### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

#### 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD, and the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."

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

#### THE RESPONSE

## Psalm 51:1-13 Miserere mei, Deus

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \* in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*

and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, \*

and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned \* and done what is evil in your sight.

5 And so you are justified when you speak \* and upright in your judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \* a sinner from my mother's womb.

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \* and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \* wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \* that the body you have broken may rejoice.

- 10 Hide your face from my sins \* and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \* and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence \* and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \* and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

#### THE SECOND READING

#### Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

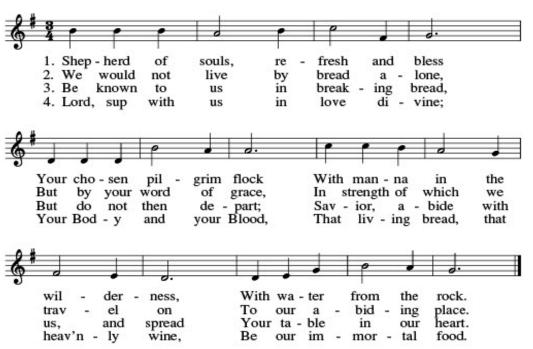
"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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#### Thanks be to God.

## The Gospel Hymn: Shepherd of Souls



The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, from John 6:24-35

## Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat." Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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

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

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 state, country and world during this changing time of the pandemic, may we continue to work for the safety of all people as we revise and end social regulations. We pray to you, O God.

For the spirit of peace in the world that all regional and national violence may end so 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: may our political, business and religious institutions work to provide all people with the food, shelter and hope that they need. **We pray to you, O God.** 

For the spirit of unity, forgiveness and reconciliation in our country, that our diversity may make us strong and our pluralism make us rich. 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. **We pray to you, O God.** 

For all those who are sick or infirmed and for those suffering because of COVID – 19, And for all who have asked for our prayers: Ena, Cindy, Michelle, Jeff, Samantha, Thor, Rosy, Liz, Janice, Carol, Candy, Jennifer, Nina, Frank, Barbara, Donna, Helen, Matthew, Jennie, Katherine, Reggie, Pam S, Roy, Karen, Martha, Ollie, Janet, Jasmine, Allen, Donna, Tom, Jessica, Darrell, Marcie, Mark, Annette, Michelle, Frankie, Margaret, Norm, Brenda, Jeff, Lindsey, Mary.

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, 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 the world. Tear down the walls that divide us, and make us one through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.** 

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

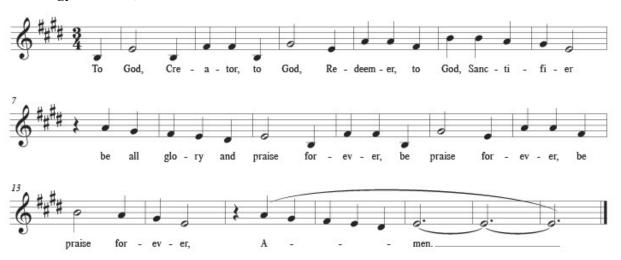
#### THE MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

## The Offering Song: At the Table of Jesus



us dwell in love as our God And with heav - en's hosts we'll come face face.

## Doxology: To God, Creator



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

## Season After Pentecost

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

Everyone And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

Everyone We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Everyone It is right to give our thanks and praise.

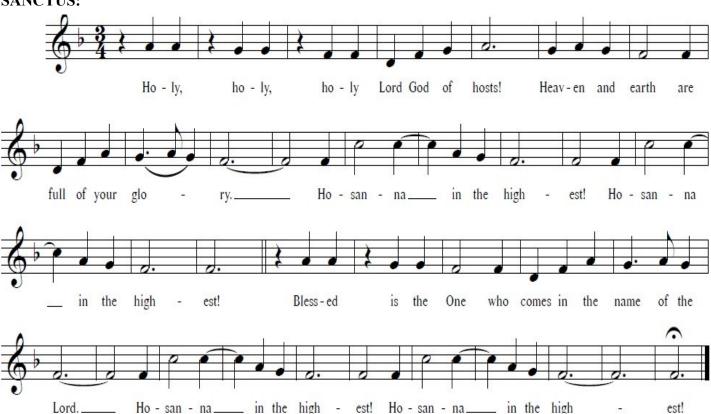
<u>Celebrant</u> It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say/sing:

#### Everyone at the Early Service

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

#### At the Later Service

#### **SANCTUS:**



#### The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.

You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,

and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

## Everyone: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

#### The Celebrant continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. *AMEN*.

And now as our Savior Jesus 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, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. AMEN.

#### **BREAKING OF BREAD**

## At the Early Service

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. *Everyone*: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

## At the Later Service



#### Music for Communion: Eat This Bread



## **POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

#### **Everyone**

Gracious God, we thank you for nourishing us with the food of our savior. Now send us out in the power of your Spirit to be beacons of hope and love in your world. For it is through Christ and with all your saints that we offer ourselves and our lives to your service O God. We humbly pray in the name of Jesus your Christ, AMEN.

#### **BLESSING**

## Celebrant

May Christ who is human and divine, who is of heaven and earth, give you strength, courage and boldness to do God's will in this world; and may the blessing of God, our Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier be with you this day and forever. AMEN.

## Closing Hymn: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah



#### DISMISSAL

Priest Our worship has ended, let our service begin, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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. Peter's in Hillsdale, St. Stephen's in San Pedro DR, St. Philip the Apostle in Santo Domingo DR; for Gretchen, our Governor; Joseph, our President; Kamala, our Vice President; and all members of Congress.

For Ena Pederson, Cindy, Michelle, Jeff, Samantha, Thor, Rosy, Liz Moorehouse, Janice Kibler, Carol Bales, Candy Dixon, Jennifer Holland, Nina DiGaetano, Frank & Barbara Davenport, Donna Hanes, Helen Stein, Matthew Bishop, Jennie Berube, Katherine Domienik, Reggie Chrzanowski, Pam Sherry, Roy Lawrence, Karen Blackburn, Ollie Denham, Janet Seewald, Jasmine Gardner, Allen David Clay, Donna Chapman, Tom Krell, Jessica Wilhite, Martha Houser, Darrell Banks, Marcie Griffin, Mark Hall, Annette Leone, Michelle Grabowski, Frankie Dion, Margaret Marchionda, Norm & Brenda Zawierucha, Jeff Lepkowski, Lyndsey O'Malley, Mary Duda.

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

#### SUMMER READING GROUP

Join Pastor Steve in reading the book FIVE DAYS by Wes Moore. This is the story of the aftermath of the death of Freddie Gray while in the hands of the Baltimore Police Department. We realize this is a difficult topic but our bishop has asked all our members to educate ourselves on the issue of racial disparity and justice and to look for ways to be a part of the solution.

We will meet on the following Wednesdays from 6:00 -7:00 pm:
June 23, July 14 and August 11. You may join us in person at Grace or on Zoom.
Books will be available after both services today and next week so you do not have to buy one. You may also call Pastor Steve to arrange a book pickup.

#### SINGLE 10:30 SERVICE ON UPCOMING SUNDAY

On August 22, there will be a single service at 10:30 am.

## 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

# The MINISTRIES of GRACE CHURCH Currently

## **WORSHIP SERVICES**

Sundays, online 8:30 & 10:30 am. Visit our website for more information. Bible Study: Thursdays at 10 am.

#### **OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

#### **Community Suppers:**

Wednesdays at 4:30, 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		Capital Campaign
June total expenses: \$20,338.12	July offering income: \$17,029.73	Goal for 2020-22: \$150,000.00
June total income: \$19,840.13	July outreach income: \$908.00	Pledged to date: \$98,850.00
	July rental income: \$1,690.00	Received to date: \$40,895.00