



# We gather to worship

## PRELUDE

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*Hamburg/J. Carter*

*Please stand as able as the church bells ring.*

## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Blessed be the one holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God forever and ever.**

## THE COLLECT

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: ***Amen.***

*Please be seated for the readings.*

## THE LESSON

Lector: A reading from **Exodus 14:19-31**

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over

the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## THE RESPONSE

PSALM 114 *(alternately by verse as directed by the lector)*

### ***In exitu Israel***

Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

**Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.**

The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.

**The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.**

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?

**You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills like young sheep?**

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

**Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

## THE EPISTLE

Lector: A Reading from **Paul's letter to the Romans**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL:

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to **Matthew.**

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.'

But he refused; then he went **and** threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

## THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Gloria Hopewell

## THE CREED

*(Please stand as able.)*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and 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], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.*

## The Prayers of the People

Deacon: In the knowledge of all God has done for us, let us bring to him our concerns for the church and for the world, saying the Lord is full of compassion, his love lasts forever.

Intercessor: Thank you, God, for the love which forgives again and again, and is prepared to trust us with the care of your people even after we have let you down many times. Teach us to minister to one another's needs with compassion, sensitivity and discipline, so that all are affirmed and encouraged. The Lord is full of compassion,

People: **his love lasts forever.**

Lector: Thank you, God, for the order and variety, simplicity and complexity of this universe. Thank you for all that humankind is able to do; may all these gifts be used wisely and well, for the good of all, including those yet unborn. The Lord is full of compassion,

**People: his love lasts forever.**

Intercessor: Thank you, God, for what we have been forgiven and for the opportunities we have each day to learn the joy of forgiving others. Break through our self-righteousness and keep us learning in humility at your feet. The Lord is full of compassion,

**People: his love lasts forever.**

Lector: We pray for all who are on the receiving end of hate, deceit, suspicion or abuse, and for those who cause others pain and distress of any kind. We pray for your healing and transforming. The Lord is full of compassion,

**People: his love lasts forever.**

Intercessor: We pray for all who are in pain and suffering especially Al (Elsbree), Heather (H.) and all of those on our Prayer List. Others? \_\_\_\_\_. The Lord is full of compassion,

**People: his love lasts forever.**

Lector: Thank you, God, for those whose living has taught us much about love especially Matthew (Morel) and Max (Vollkommer) serving in the military; the birthday of \*Georgia (Hansen); the anniversary of \*Jason & \*Nikki (Frank); and our outreach partners Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk and La Santa Cruz parish in the Diocese of SE Mexico; the United Thank Offering, the Galena ARC, the United Churches Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, Shelter Care Ministries, Dubuque Rescue Mission and all who worship in this place and those who have not yet walked through these doors. Others? \_\_\_\_.

We pray for those who have died. Freed from their pain and restrictions of age or injury, may they enjoy for ever the life of heaven, especially Bill (Grandgeorge); and the anniversary of those whose deaths we remember this week: Charlotte (Gear), Thomas (Trevvarthen), Cora (Ellsworth), Charles (Cook), Irene (Rosenthal), Marie (Myers), Teresa (Holting), Bessie (Moran), Richard (Babcock) and Edward (Reifsteck). Others? \_\_\_\_.

The Lord is full of compassion,

**People: his love lasts forever.**

Deacon: Thank you, God, for disturbing our complacency and challenging us to move forward with you, assured of your company and your love. Merciful God, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

*(Stand or kneel as able)*

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**People: 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.**

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: *Amen.*

*Stand as able.)*

## **We Share the Peace of Christ**

Presider: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY**

### **ANNIVERSARY/BIRTHDAY BLESSING**

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*No offering will be collected and there will be no procession of gifts to the altar.  
Offerings may be placed in baskets near both entrances as you depart.*

# The Holy Communion

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

## PRESENTATION HYMN 435

*At the Name of Jesus*

*As the hymn is played, and the altar is prepared for Communion, you may reflect on these words:*

At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow	Bore it up triumphant, with its human light
Every tongue confess him King of glory now	Through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,	To the throne of God head, to the Father's breast;
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.	Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

Humbled for a season, to receive a Name  
From the lips of sinners, unto whom he came,  
Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious, when from death he passed;

*This hymn was intended for use as a processional hymn for Ascension Day. It is based on Philippians 2:5-11, which was probably an early Christian hymn or poem in celebration of Christ's incarnation, passion, and exaltation. The passage reaches its climax in the words, 'God gave him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow.'*

*Caroline Maria Noel, the daughter of an Anglican clergyman and hymn writer, began to write poetry in her late teens but then abandoned it until she was in her forties. During those years she suffered frequent bouts of illness and eventually became an invalid. To encourage both herself and others who were ill or incapacitated, Noel began to write devotional verse again. Her poems were collected in *The Name of Jesus and Other Verses for the Sick and Lonely* (1861, enlarged in 1870)*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BCP Prayer B\*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

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:

*(Stand or kneel as able.)*

*\*The text of Eucharistic Prayer B is from the expansive text approved by General Conventions Resolution 2018-DO78.*

Presider and **People:** 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.

Presider:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into 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 disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**Presider and People:**

We remember Christ's death, We proclaim Christ's resurrection,  
We await Christ's coming in glory;

Presider: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**People:** **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on Earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. *Amen.***

## FRACTION

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**People:** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

*All are welcome at the communion table to receive a blessing or the wafer. Please approach the steps to the chancel by the center aisle, as guided by the Vestry Coordinator. Hold your hands crossed, palms up, to receive the wafer.*

*And, if you do not wish to receive the wafer, but desire a blessing, simply approach the priest with your arms crossed across your chest. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please tell the priest. Please return to your seat by the side aisles and wait until you are seated before removing your mask to consume the wafer.*

*For those at home:*

### **PRAYER FOR WHEN WE ARE UNABLE TO SHARE COMMUNION**

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

-- The Prayer Book for the Armed Services

## COMMUNION MUSIC

*A Quiet Faith*

*Ben Logan*

Presider: Let us pray.

**People:** Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

Presider: Life is short and we have never too much time for gladdening the hearts of those who are travelling the dark journey with us. Oh be swift to love, make haste to be kind, in the name of God, our Creator, Christ our Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, our Sustainer of Life.

**People:** **Amen.**

Deacon: Go forth to love and serve the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Lift High the Cross*

*Nicholson/C. Berry*

*The flowers today are given by Amy Hardwicke.*

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Prayers are Requested: *Please include the following concerns during worship today and throughout the week:***

### **Cycle of Prayer:**

The Most Rev. Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury and for our companion Parishes: Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk and La Santa Cruz parish in the Diocese of SE Mexico.

### **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Jeffrey, our Bishop and all members of Grace Church.

### **We pray for those who are sick or in need:**

Havyk (Beauchamp), Barb (Bolsen), \*Bob (Burton), \*Bill (Calvert), Phil (Castrovinci), \*Kathy (Doig), Matthew (Dowe), \*Renee (Dowe), \*Al (Elsbree), Mary (English), Keith (Ferguson), Daney (Fitzpatrick), \*Jennie (Fjelde), Martha (Furst), Marilyn (Garcia), Bev (Getz), \*Barb (Hooper), Howell Family, Ginger (Komiskey), Alden (Kuntz), Verity (Liljedahl), Dave (Luther), \*Diann & \*Robert (Marsh), \*Mary (Nelson), Sarah (Newton), \*Bill (Norton), Maureen (O'Dea), Laurie (Parnau), Lisa (Prindle), Bob & Lois (Rafter), Steve (Raiman), David (Schaller), Jason (Schaller), \*Karen (Serwich), Melody (Serwich), \*Pat (Terry), \*Tom (V.), Mina, Megan, Stanley, Tim, Don and Heather (H.).

### **We give thanks for the many blessings we have received:**

Max (Vollkommer) and Matthew (Morel) serving in the military: the Birthday of \*Georgia (Hansen); the Anniversary of \*Jason and \*Nikki (Frank); our Outreach partners: the United Thank Offering, the Galena ARC, the United Churches Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, Shelter Care Ministries, Dubuque Rescue Mission and all who worship in this place and those who have not yet walked through these doors.

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS for September 13, 2020**

Vestry Meeting is this Tuesday, September 15th, at 9:00am online.

Mid-Week Morning Prayer is this Wednesday, September 16th, at 7:30am in the church and online.

Wednesday Morning Study Group is Wednesday, September 16th, at 10:30am online.

Meditative Prayer meets Friday, September 18th, at 9:00am online. You are welcome to join, and gentle guidance will be provided for those unfamiliar with this practice.

### **Diocesan Convention—Seeking Delegates!**

This year three members of Grace will be able to represent Grace as delegates without leaving the comforts of home. The 83rd Diocesan Convention will be held virtually on **Saturday, November 21st**. Please contact Gloria Hopewell, Greg Serwich or Lynn Giles soon for more information, if interested. The delegates will be approved by the Vestry at their September meeting. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. —Lynn Giles

## DISMANTLING THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY, REDISCOVERING OUR NEIGHBORS

*A series of conversations offered by Steve Barg, Director of the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation,  
beginning Saturday, October 3, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., sponsored by the Christian Formation Ministry.  
(RSVP no later than Friday, September 18)*

Last week's E-Blast, in introducing this program, offered a preliminary explanation of the "Doctrine of Discovery" as it has affected both Native Americans (and indeed, indigenous people around the globe) and the predominantly white, European settlers who first came into direct contact with them. We alluded briefly to the fact that inasmuch as the doctrine is rooted in ideas of Christian (and by implication racial) superiority, various denominations have been complicit in missionary work which, though not necessarily intended to be repressive, was often deaf to the Native American cultures it was attempting to supplant.

The Episcopal Church was among those groups involved in mission schools in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries which focused on mainstreaming Native Americans to function in a majority white culture. In more recent years, however, the Church has re-visioned its relationship with tribal communities through resolutions at General Convention and the 2012 pastoral letter of the former Presiding Bishop Katherine Jefferts Schori on the Doctrine of Discovery. More recently Pope Francis, in his pastoral encyclical *Laudato Si?* (2015) has acknowledged the contributions of indigenous spirituality to our understanding what "care for our common home" really entails.

A goal of our coming together on this set of issues is to see whether and how we at Grace Church can be part of this endeavor in Joe Daviess County, with its rich history of Native American presence.

To register, for either the in-person or Zoom option, for the upcoming October 3 session, go to:

<https://reopen.church/r/T5dy083Z>

Registration for the initial in-person parish hall session is limited to fifteen persons including speaker and moderator, with priority going to Grace parishioners. ***After Friday, September 18, any remaining places at the in-person session will be made available to interested persons in the larger Galena church community.*** Because of the technical problems in showing a film simultaneously on site and by Zoom, those persons electing to attend by Zoom will be given a direct link to the film, which they can watch at home at a time of their choosing.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

*for Sunday, September 20, 2020  
Pentecost 16*

Exodus 16:2-15                      Philippians 1:21-30  
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45              Matthew 20:1-16

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