



Grace Episcopal Church Galena, Illinois

Pentecost 21

October 25, 2020

Welcome to Grace Church!

It is, as always, a pleasure and privilege to worship together today. Please know that your presence is valued whether this is your first time at Grace or whether you are a regular, whether we are together in person or online on Zoom.

We have chosen to keep our online and in-person congregations together. For those at home on Zoom, links to the bulletin may be found in Friday's e-Blast, the Zoom invitation, and on our website. Printed copies will be available for the in-person congregation. If you are worshipping in the church and wish to use a bulletin on your electronic device, you must download it **before** coming into the church. Please be aware that we are recording this service for later upload to Facebook, YouTube and our website. It is possible that you will be shown briefly in the recording.

Please remember:

Masks must be worn throughout your time at Grace for the protection of those near you.

Hand sanitizer is available at each of the entrances.

Sit only in the seats marked by bulletins and leave plenty of space between worshipers/families.

Please put your smartphone or other device in airplane mode so that our internet capacity is reserved for our online streaming.

At the time of Communion, the Vestry Coordinator will guide your approach to the chancel steps in the center aisle maintaining distance between communicants.

Reservations are required in advance and you will be checked in by the greeter and admitted through the Parish House entrance. If you did not reserve a seat, please check with the Vestry Coordinator to see if an open seat is available.

Baskets are available at the exits for your pledges/contributions.

Should you become ill after attending worship, please notify the church so that others present may be contacted.

At the end of the service, please depart from the church and maintain the six-foot distancing.

Conversations should take place outside.

As life continues to change, let us rejoice in God who continues to be revealed to us and give thanks for our ability to share in worship in hope for the time when all of us can be together again.

***As we prepare ourselves for worship, please sit or kneel in quietness
as the prelude is offered.***

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

- * Members and Guests, *Celebrants*
- * Rev. Dr. Gloria Hopewell, *Presider*
- * Rev. Diane Luther, *Deacon*
- * Richard Luther, *Lector*
- * Debbie Kallback, *Intervessor*

- * Robin French, *Music Director*
- * Tony Packard, *Vestry Coordinator*
- * Charlotte Stryker, *Altar Guild*
- * Maren Coates, *Greeter*

We gather to worship

PRELUDE

Jesus Loves Me

Bradbury/Labenske

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.

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.

People: ***Amen.***

Please be seated for the readings.

THE LESSON

Lector: A reading from **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.

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 90:1-6, 13-17 *(alternately by verse as directed by the lector)*

Domine, refugium

Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.**

You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.**

You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

**In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.

**Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.**

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

**Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.**

May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.

THE EPISTLE

Lector: A Reading from **1 Thessalonians**

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.

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.

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.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

We affirm our faith

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.

We offer prayers

Deacon: Confident in the gracious and ever-widening mercy of God, let us pray for the world, the body of Christ, and all who yearn for wholeness of life, saying, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Liberate us from our bondage to sin, God of freedom, that your church would continually be reshaped and reformed by the fire of the Holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Lector: Show your righteousness, God of justice, that all who are oppressed and marginalized, forgotten, and cast aside would be given voice by elected leaders and compassionate citizens. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Make wars to cease in all the world, God of peace, that all strife, violence, and bloodshed give way to reconciliation, compassion, and new life. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Lector: Take us by our hand, God of companionship, when we are paralyzed by our fears and unable to step out in boldness. Give us courage to walk confidently with you. Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Intercessor: Give your stillness, God of calm, to all who are facing illness, surgery, or any uncertainty of health especially for David (J.), Vincent (Bucci), Ruth (Beegle), Tom (V.) and Kathie (O.) and all those on our Prayer List. Others? _____
May they know that their times are in your ever-healing hands. Lord, in your mercy,
People: hear our prayer.

Lector: Write your law of love on our hearts, God of all, and make us mindful of the blessings we have received, especially for Alex (Meade) and Max (Vollkommer) serving in the military; the birthdays of *Jim (Post) and *Brian (Beadle); 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; all who worship in this place and those who have not yet walked through these doors.
Others? ____.

Give us the assurance that those we love who we no longer see have found their eternal home with you, especially Tim (Nichols) and those whose anniversaries of death we observe this week: Jessie (Melvill), Nathan (Short) and Harry (Brown. Others? ____.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Deacon: Listen to us when we call upon you, most merciful God, and grant us grace to entrust our lives and our world to your unfailing love, through Christ our Lord. **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.

We share the ministries of the Church

MOMENT OF MINISTRY

Sue Anderson

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.

NEXT SUNDAY IS ALL SAINTS SUNDAY!

Please send the names of loved ones who have died so that we can remember them. Indicate those whose deaths took place in the past year—after November 1, 2019. Send to gracesec@gracegalena.org

For those worshipping on Zoom—
You may want to have a candle to light and photos of
your departed saints.

The Holy Communion

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

PRESENTATION HYMN 707

Take My Life

Havergal/Dykes

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

Take my Life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King;
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be every, only, all for thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879) wrote this hymn after an unusually vivid prayer experience. She said that “during the night, these little couplets formed themselves, one after another, until they finished with ‘ever, only, all for thee.’” This hymn of whole-hearted consecration in successive stanzas dedicates the believer’s hands, voice, money, will, and love to God’s praise and service. The author commented upon the personal meaning of a stanza (not included in our hymnal) in this fashion: “‘Take my silver and my gold’ now means shipping off all my ornaments to the Church Missionary Society, where they will be accepted and disposed of for me....” Apparently there is a sense in which one can cast aside those things which deter us from following the gospel message. There is freedom and joy in giving one’s possessions and one’s very life to God. “Ever, only, all for thee” points us in a clear direction.

The text’s author, reared in a Church of England manse, was highly cultured, excelling in linguistics and music. She identified herself with the evangelical movement within her church and wrote more than fifty hymns, published in at least 1,094 hymnals, and set to many tunes.

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.**

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

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.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.)

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

In Remembrance of Him

Paul Taylor

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

Joy in My Soul

Mark Hayes

The flowers today are given by Bob Burton.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

for Sunday, November 1, 2020

Pentecost 22 - All Saints Day

Revelation 7:9-17

1 John 3:1-3

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Matthew 5:1-12

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), *Ruth (Beegle), Barb (Bolsen), Vincent (Bucci), *Bob (Burton), *Bill (Calvert), *Kathy (Doig), Matthew (Dowe), *Renee (Dowe), *Al (Elsbree), Mary (English), Keith (Ferguson), Daney (Fitzpatrick), *Jennie (Fjelde), Martha (Furst), 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), Steve (Raiman), David (Schaller), Jason (Schaller), Melody (Serwich), *Pat (Terry), *Tom (V.), Mina, Stanley, Don, Heather (H.), David (J.) and Kathie (O.).

We give thanks for the many blessings we have received:

Max (Vollkommer) and Matthew (Morel) serving in the military: the birthdays of *Jim (Post) and *Brian (Beadle); 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.

We pray for those who have died, especially Tim (Nichols), and the anniversary of the deaths of: Jessie (Melvill), Dr. Nathan (Short) and Harry (Brown).

ANNOUNCEMENTS for October 25, 2020

Zoom Poetry Meeting

A Zoom Poetry group is meeting at Grace Church on Mondays at 2:00pm. If you are interested, write Carol Poston at poston@sxu.edu or call her at 815-777-0220 to receive the link to the meeting.

Mid-Week Eucharist is this Wednesday, October 28th, at 7:30am in the church and online.

Wednesday Morning Study Group is Wednesday, October 28th, at 10:30am online.

Meditative Prayer meets Friday, October 30th, at 9:00am online. You are welcome to join, and gentle guidance will be provided for those unfamiliar with this practice.

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Freely giving our all to God

*“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind’....
And ... ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” – MATTHEW 22:36-39*



BY ROB TOWNES

There’s a saying that the chicken who lays an egg makes a contribution, but the chicken who makes a sandwich offers a sacrifice. One could say that Jesus was alluding to the latter when he responded to the question as to which was the greatest commandment, *“You shall love the Lord your God with all of who you are.”* He was asking for more than a contribution; he was asking for the sacrifice of our all.

As the Latin root of the word suggests, a sacrifice — a *sacrum facere* — makes one holy. Giving generously of that of which you are a steward — your heart, soul, mind and all your possessions — is life giving. And it is countercultural. As the bumper sticker declares, “S/He who dies with the most toys wins.” That’s a powerfully seductive statement. Only with God’s help can we avoid being allured into thinking that it is in acquiring possessions that our life gains meaning. May we grow in the wisdom that a rich life results in trusting that it is in God we live and move and have our being.

This reflection is written while visiting Green Bough House of Prayer in Scott, Georgia. Here the three residents, with the company of 77 associates, have dedicated their lives, their all, to God and have taken on a Rule of Life to embrace silence, prayer, simplicity and living in the present moment, and accept all as coming from God. Do all for God. Offer all to God. This to me is a beautiful example of Faith-Filled Generosity. Very few members of the Church dedicate themselves to full-time contemplative living, but all of us are invited to learn to live Jesus’ greatest commandment, trusting that in so doing, Faith-Filled Generosity will flourish in our lives.

As we move back into our church buildings, remembering only too well the COVID-19-caused absence of normalcy, may we re-enter with a renewed commitment to freely giving our all to God and faithfully loving our neighbors as ourselves.

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