



Grace Episcopal Church Galena, Illinois

Pentecost 20

October 18, 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*
- * Steve Coates, *Lector*
- * Elizabeth Ludescher, *Intervenor*

- * Nancy Cook, *Erben Organist*
- * Charlotte Stryker, *Vestry Coordinator*
- * Debbie Kallback, *Altar Guild*
- * Amy Hardwicke, *Greeter*

We gather to worship

PRELUDE

Voluntary in G Minor

Samuel Long

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, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 **Exodus 33:12-23**

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the LORD continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 99 *(alternately by verse as directed by the lector)*

Dominus regnavit

The LORD is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

**The LORD is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.**

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.

**"O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."**

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

**Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.**

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

**O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

THE EPISTLE

Lector: A Reading from **1 Thessalonians**

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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: Holy God, lover of justice, you have promised that your presence will go with us to guide and protect your people: Show us your glory, that we may know you and find favor in your sight, as we pray: Proclaim the greatness of our God, for our God is the Holy One.

Intercessor: Holy God, you have chosen your Church for your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ: Grant that we may be true to you, not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit, with full conviction.

Proclaim the greatness of our God,

People: for our God is the Holy One.

Lector: Transcendent God, you urge this nation and all in authority into your ways of peace and equality: Save our leaders from showing partiality and grant them vision and courage to give only that which is appropriate to the claims of politics and state, and to give to God the things that are God's. Proclaim the greatness of our God,

People: for our God is the Holy One.

- Intercessor: Immanent God, your presence is everywhere and your glory touches all the earth: Show your gracious goodness to people throughout the world, so that all may know you and find favor in your sight. Proclaim the greatness of our God,
People: for our God is the Holy One.
- Lector: Loving and gracious God, your presence inspires us and our neighbors in this community to continue to work in faith, to labor in love, and to be steadfast in hope. Let our welcome go forth in grace and peace. Proclaim the greatness of our God,
People: for our God is the Holy One.
- Intercessor: Merciful God, your grace and peace fill our community and connect us with ties of loving regard. Hear our prayers for those whom we remember in intercession, especially for _____, and all those on our Prayer List. Let our welcome go forth in grace and peace. Proclaim the greatness of our God,
People: for our God is the Holy One.
- Lector: Accept our grateful thanksgiving for the goodness of life, especially for Alex (Meade) and Max (Vollkommer) serving in the military; the birthdays of *Krista (Ginger) and Pete (Stryker); and the anniversary of *Tony & *Linda (Packard); 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? ____.
- Receive into the full vision of your goodness and glory those who have died, especially those whose anniversaries of death we observe this week: Laura (Eversoll), Katherine (Kittoe), Anita (Trevvarthen), Alice (Barthell), William (Stephenson), Richard (Clayton), Marvin (Schultz), Rhetta (Button), Ralph (Bostwick) and Robert (Klaus). Others? ____.
- People: for our God is the Holy One.**
- Deacon: Living and true God, your strong arm is extended to bring justice and truth to the whole world: Guide the powerful into your ways and keep us ever faithful to your will, that everyone in heaven and earth may work to bring about your intention of reconciliation and peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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

Tom Van Gelder

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 684 *O For a Closer Walk With God* *W. Conper/Caithness*

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

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame,
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

Where is the blessedness I knew when first I saw the Lord?
Where is the soul-refreshing view of Jesus and his word?

Return, O holy Dove, return, sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known, what e'er that idol be,
Help me to tear it from thy throne, and worship only thee.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the lamb.

One of the saddest lives ever lived was that of the author of this hymn text, William Conper. Early in life, Conper developed a chronic melancholia and despondency which plagued him till death. Though Conper wrote much fine devotional material, he was continually troubled by the lack of assurance of his own salvation. Today, however, his hymns are often referred to as "part of the prized treasures of the Christian Church."

He has been described as one of the most popular poets of his generation in England, and his hymns are among the finest in the English language. Conper wrote during times of health, although much of his life was spent in mental and physical anguish and illness.

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

Meditation

A. Giamanco

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

Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell

***The flowers today are given by Diann & Robert Marsh,
celebrating their 67th wedding anniversary.***

SCRIPTURE READINGS

for Sunday, October 25, 2020

Pentecost 21

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

Psalms 90:1-6, 13-17

Matthew 22:34-46

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), *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), Mina, 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 birthdays of *Krista (Ginger) and Pete (Stryker); the anniversary of *Tony & *Linda (Packard); 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 and the anniversary of the deaths of:

Laura (Eversoll), Katherine (Kittoe), Anita (Trevarthen), Alice (Barthell), William (Stephenson), Richard (Clayton), Marvin (Schultz), Rhett (Button), Ralph (Bostwick) and Robert (Klaus).

ANNOUNCEMENTS for October 18, 2020

Zoom Poetry Meeting

A Zoom Poetry meeting from Grace Church is meeting 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 Morning Prayer is this Wednesday, October 21st, at 7:30am in the church and online.

Wednesday Morning Study Group is Wednesday, October 21st, at 10:30am online.

Meditative Prayer meets Friday, October 23rd, 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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DISMANTLING THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY, REDISCOVERING OUR NEIGHBORS

*A series of conversations offered by Steve Barg, Director of the Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation,
concludes on Saturday, October 24, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., sponsored by
the Christian Formation Ministry.*

The limited in-person gathering of 15 persons is full, but **there are plenty of slots available on Zoom.**

Advance registration is required so that you may receive the link to the Zoom sessions:

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

For further information contact Larry Poston, (815) 777-0220, or lsposton@jcwifi.com.



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The Very Rev. Gloria G. Hopewell, D. Min., Rector
The Rev. Linda Packard, Priest Associate
The Rev. Diane Luther, Deacon
Nancy Kenney, Parish Administrator

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Give to God the things that are God's

BY THE RT. REV. DIANE M. JARDINE BRUCE



Once again in today's gospel the Pharisees are trying to trip up Jesus. If Jesus supports the paying of the tax, his Jewish siblings who are rebelling against the Roman occupation will shun him. If Jesus says it's unlawful to pay the tax, he'll be in trouble with the Roman authorities. What does Jesus do? He asks them to look at the coin. It is a Roman coin. Pay the tax – meaning give the Emperor back his own coin! Then Jesus adds that wonderful line — *give to God the things that are God's*.

What exactly IS God's? Well, we are! Our Christian faith in God points us always to live a life of gratitude and generosity. God showed us how we are to live and how to *give to God the things that are God's*: God gave us God's son, God's first fruit, and we are asked to do the same, remembering that everything we have, everything we do, everything we are is a gift from God — and it is a gift that is meant to be shared. When we share from our first fruits, as God shared God's first fruit with us, we are modeling the same generosity God has shown us.

Remember, we have two sets of three legged-stools in our Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement: scripture, reason and tradition, and time, talent and treasure. The first shapes our faith; the second is how we use the gifts we have been given to live out our faith.

The Rt. Rev. Diane M. Jardine Bruce is the Bishop Suffragan in the Diocese of Los Angeles. Her ministry focuses heavily on stewardship, financial sustainability and New Community development.

