

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Galveston, Texas

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost: July 7th, 2024

Prelude

Aaron Hervey, Organist

The Word of God (B.C.P., PG. 355)

Processional Hymn

Hymn # 719

The people standing as able, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And Blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant continues

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Gloria in excelsis

Hymn # S 280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collect.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

The people sit. One or two lessons, as appointed, are read.

Ezekiel 2:1-5

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord God.” Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks Be to God.

Psalm 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks Be to God.

Gradual Hymn- (standing)

Hymn # 529

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory be to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 6:1-13

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.

” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Robert DeWolfe

The Nicene Creed (standing)

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.

The Prayers of the People (adapted from Form 6, in our Book of Common Prayer.) (standing as able)

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *(Silence)*

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

People For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our incoming presiding Bishop, Andy, Kai, Jeff and Hector our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

People For all who serve God in the Church.

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this Congregation. Cathy & George, Esperanza, Oscar, Jannene, Art, Emily, Helen, Donald, Elizabeth, Kathleen, Vickie, Terence, Karen, Kelly, Kristina, Charlotte & George, Ally, Pastor Edry & Jesula, Luke, Adam, Chris, Irene, Brian, Betty & Steve, Jeff, Nancy, Kirk and his family, Walter, The Rush family, Sylvia, Janet and Jared & Baby Harrison, Kendall & the Jones Family, Barbara, and Kenny.

Silence. (people may add their own petitions)

Hear us Lord:

People For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We will exalt you, O God our King:
People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Lord let your loving-kindness be upon them; Silence (People may add their own petitions)
People Who put their trust in you.

A PRAYER FOR OUR RECTOR SEARCH

O God, who has blessed and sustained us through the years; we ask that you continue to lead us, stretch us, and direct us, in our search for a new rector. Raise for us, we pray, a priest and pastor who will boldly proclaim your Gospel, faithfully administer your sacraments, and serve your people with love and compassion, that we may continue to grow in the likeness of Christ and be a beacon of love and hope to our community and the world. To the glory of your Holy Name. Amen.

The Confession & Absolution (Kneeling, as able)

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and 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.**

The Priest, stands and says

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. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

The Holy Communion

THE OFFERTORY—

The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

THE DOXOLOGY Hymn # 380 vs 3

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP 361)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise

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:

Celebrant and People:

The Sanctus

Hymnal # S 125

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

The people remain standing or kneel as able

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord 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 he 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Celebrant and People

Christ has died,

Christ is risen, Christ will come again

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ.

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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. **And may add.** Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion in the Episcopal Church.
If, instead, you would like to receive a blessing, then please cross your arms over your chest.*

Communion Hymn

Hymn # 717

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People (standing or kneeling as able)

Almighty and ever living 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 your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

**The Blessing
Processional Hymn**

Hymn # 718

The Dismissal

Priest: *Go in peace to love & serve the Lord*

People: *Thanks be to God*

Postlude—

Aaron Hervey, Organist

Acolytes and Servers for Sunday July 7th, 2024

10:30 AM

Acolyte: Jim Thompson

Lectors: Neil Golemo

Ushers: Monica Golemo , Hattie Golemo

The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given to the Glory of God by Roy DeGesero in celebration of my wife's birthday & Our anniversary 53 years and by Val & Carol Ramirez in celebration of 51st Wedding Anniversary.

We ask God's healing grace for:

Nancy Mafrige, Shirley Bridges, Ted Hanley, Maddie Bivens, Arianna, Morgan, Leda Lee, Albert Niccolai, John Gorman, Edith, Grant, Marti, Wendy Allen, Janet Neumann, Jo-Anne DeWolfe, Chad & Patty, John Colelli, Cathy & George Gould, Esperanza, Oscar, Jannene, Art Fernandez, Emily, Helen Tschanz, Donald Smith, Elizabeth Bridges, Kathleen Lucas, Vickie Robertson, Terence Robertson, Karen Russell, Kelly Bailey, Kristina, Charlotte "CJ" & George Osman, Ally Ayers, Pastor Edry & Jesula Alida from Haiti, Luke Packenham, Adam Kilgore, Chris Kilgore, Irene Gillies, Brian Peper, Betty & Steve Curley, Jeff Pitsenbarger, Nancy Conley, Kirk Jackson and his family, Walter, The Rush family in their grief over their Mother, and Sylvia Horne, Janet and Jared Barnes & Baby Harrison, Kendall Jones and the Jones family, Barbara Frink, and Kenny Wegner.

Episcopal Night at the Astros

Jul 31, 2024 7:10 PM CDT

Join us for Episcopal Night at MMP
Traditional pregame party at The Bishop's Courtyard of Christ Church Cathedral
1117 Texas Ave., Houston
Time: 5:00pm-6:30pm
(with the goal of having folks moved over to the stadium right around 6:15)

Food/Beverage: baseball classics" - hotdogs, beer, soft drinks, and chips.
(Complimentary parking at Christ Church Cathedral)
Portion of Proceeds Benefit: Episcopal Relief and Development

Pirates vs. Astros

Jul 31, 2024 7:10 PM CDT

Minute Maid Park
501 Crawford St, Houston, TX 77002, US

Interested in getting a group together from Grace?
Let Bill Watson know or email info@gracechurchgalveston
or sign-up in the back of church

Bring your children and grandchildren for Summer Fun!

God and Nature

Dates: 7/7-8/11

Ages 4-12

Learn how to see God's deliberate plan in everything including nature.

- 7/7/2024— What does water teach us about God.
- 7/14/2024- Seeds are God's gift to Nature.
- 7/21/2024 What can a rock tell us about God's hand in Nature.
- 7/28/2024 Is a storm the hand of God?
- 8/4/2024 Flowers, God's gift to man.
- 8/11/2024 What can Spices tell us about God?

The Silk purse is in the need of donations of gently used clothes
The Silk Purse is open Tuesdays and Saturdays, 10Am-1:30PM
You may contact Peggy Baldwin at 409-750-2175 if you have any questions.-

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This week at Grace

Tuesday and Thursday

8:30am Morning Prayer

Tuesday

5:30pm Meditation

Brotherhood of St. Andrew—Saturday, July 13th

Finance Committee—Sunday, July 14th 11:45AM

Vestry Meeting Tuesday, July 16th at 6:00 PM

Fr. Bob is in the office Wednesday and Thursday—9am to 4pm

4th of July Celebration

Hot Dogs—Ice Cream—Cake

Join us in Jinkins Hall following this service for fellowship and some hot dogs, sides, ice cream and cake

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