

The Liturgy of the Word
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 2020
Grace Episcopal Church

Opening

Officiant Christ has no body on earth now but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours; yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on the world; yours are the feet with which he walks to do good; yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world. *Theresa of Avila*

Prelude

Jesu, du bist allzu schöne

Georg Böhm

Opening Acclamation and Collect For Purity

Celebrant Blessed be the one, Holy and Living God.

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

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

Song of Praise

A Song of Hosea

Come, let us return to our God, *
who has torn us and will heal us.
God has struck us and will bind up our wounds, *
after two days revive us,
On the third day restore us, *
that in God's presence we may live.
Let us humble ourselves, let us strive to know the Lord, *
whose justice dawns like morning light,
its dawning as sure as the sunrise.
God's justice will come to us like a shower, *
like spring rains that water the earth.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

The First Lesson

Isaiah 55:1-5

Reader A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: "Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-22

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone
and his compassion is over all his works.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall;
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

16 The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

17 You open wide your hand
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

18 The Lord is righteous in all his ways
and loving in all his works.

19 The Lord is near to those who call upon him,
to all who call upon him faithfully.

20 He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;
he hears their cry and helps them.

21 The Lord preserves all those who love him,
but he destroys all the wicked.

22 My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

The Second Lesson

Romans 9:1-5

Reader A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

I am speaking the truth in Christ -- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit -- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

God of grace and God of glory

Hymnal 594

The Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

Reader A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Rev. David Burman

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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

Intercessor Let us offer our prayers for the church and the world, saying,
Living God, pour your Spirit upon us.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our Bishop; April and David, our priests, Keith, our seminarian; and for all who confess your name throughout the world. Inspire our witness to your Holy Gospel, that we may make your love known. Living God,

People Pour your Spirit upon us.

Intercessor We pray for this fragile earth, our island home. Open our eyes to the wonders of your creation and help us to care for the world you have entrusted to us. Living God,

People Pour your Spirit upon us.

Intercessor We pray for this community: For our local leaders; for our schools and marketplaces; for our neighborhoods and workplaces, for protesters and for police. Help us to honor your image in one another. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home. Living God,

People Pour your Spirit upon us.

Intercessor We pray for courage, strength, and grace in our daily lives. May the work of our hands, the words of our mouths, and the prayers of our hearts bring glory to you and hope to your people. Living God,

People Pour your Spirit upon us.

Intercessor We pray for peace among the peoples of the earth. Guide the leaders of the nations, and bring those divided by prejudice and hatred to the peace that the world does not yet know. Living God

People Pour your Spirit upon us.

Intercessor We pray for those who suffer, for those who are sick, lonely or imprisoned. Surround them with your healing presence, and help us to minister to them with wisdom and compassion. We pray especially for:

Emily, Ted, Deb, Michael, Andy, Chuck and Jason and their children, Tom, Jeanette, Jane, Kathleen and Caroline, Bo and Mary Minor, Helen, Nancy, David, Charlotte, Tyler, Jeff, Rebecca, J.R., Marcia, Major, Peggy, Jean, William, Timothy, Donald, Robert, Cooper, Sally, Charles, Jonathan, Steven, John, Libby, Elaine, Jean, Barbara, Elizabeth, John, Joyce, Jim, Mary Ruth, and Ann;

We pray for Wil, Jake, Kevin, Tripp, Mike, Alexander, Russel, Logan, Jim, Sean, Evan, and all of our Armed Forces, here and abroad;

We pray for Bren who is deployed as a nurse in the pandemic.

We pray for Kerry and Janine, who are with child.

We pray for the people of St. Thomas Church, Knoxville, as they discern next steps after the closure of the church this fall.

We pray for all who are treating the sick, staffing health care facilities, stocking shelves, transporting supplies, providing transit, suffering from illness, grieving those who have died, and adjusting to new ways of living in the midst of the current pandemic. Living God,

People **Pour your Spirit upon us.**

Intercessor We commend to your mercy those who are dying and those who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in the full revelation of your eternal glory. Living God,

People **Pour your Spirit upon us.**

Officiant Glorious God, your generosity floods the world with goodness and you shower creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for food to satisfy both body and heart, that in the miracle of being fed we may be empowered to feed the hungry in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

BCP 360

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.

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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 Blessing

Postlude

Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend

Georg Böhm

Worship Leaders

Officiants The Rev. David Burman, Keith Davis
Preacher The Rev. David Burman
Lectors Justin Bolinger, Terry Burnett
Organist Patrick Rice
Singers Janelle Wagoner, Trevor Wagoner
Video Richard Lanham, Janelle Wagoner

Announcements

Join Us for Online Worship at 9am & 10:45am Sundays

During this time of Social Distancing, we will continue to stream videos for Morning Prayer worship on our [Facebook](#) page and [website](#) at 9am and again at 10:45am. Bulletins for each week's service will be sent along with the Grace Notes weekend issue, and will be posted on the website alongside the video for the service. If you miss the 9am or 10:45am video streams, you can always go back and watch later.

Morning Prayer and Compline

All are invited to escape from the madness and rest your mind and soul via Morning Prayer on weekdays and Saturday at 9:00 a.m., and services of Compline at 8:00 p.m. each evening. We all need reminders of essential realities that transcend the medical and political context in which we find ourselves.

Here are the links for Daily Morning Prayer and Compline:

[Weekday Morning Prayer](#)

[Weekday Compline](#)

Antiracism Resources

You'll find a growing list of anti-racism resources at bit.ly//ANTIRACISMRESOURCES.

Christian Formation Opportunities

Study on Antiracism continues, Sundays at 10am

This morning we continue a community-wide conversation on antiracism. The primary text for this discussion group is *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown. Brown's memoir of growing up Black, Christian and female in majority-White schools and churches describes her experience of finding her way amidst the racial divide in this country. Brown offers insightful and personal analysis of White Christianity and the church's attempts at seeking racial justice. This week, we'll be covering chapters four and five. Here's the Zoom link for the Sunday class at 10am: [Sunday Morning Christian Formation](#)

A limited number of copies of *I'm Still Here* are available through the Grace Bookstore. Contact Dabney Carden at dcarden@saygrace.net to reserve a copy. For more information, contact David Burman (dburman@saygrace.net) or April Berends (aberends@saygrace.net).

Community Care in Anxious Times

Grace check-in team leaders are continuing to contact parishioners via phone, text and/ or email. Please take a moment to pick up or write back to let them know if you're okay and/or if you need help, pastorally or physically. The leaders of these groups will be in close communication with our priests and our network of volunteers. If you are a new member of Grace and we do not have your information in the directory, please fill out the New Member form [here](#) and let us know if you would like to be added to a check-in group. If you have an urgent pastoral need, please call the parish office at (423)243-3250 and leave a message on the **main line**. We will be checking these messages regularly even if we aren't in the office.