

Morning Prayer  
The First Sunday after Pentecost ~ Trinity Sunday  
June 7, 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**

*Adagio BWV 564*

J.S. Bach

**Opening Sentences**

*The Officiant begins the service with one or more of these sentences of Scripture,*

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come. *Revelation 4:8*

**Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together*

**Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:**

**You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.**

**We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family.**

**We have desired to live in freedom,  
while building walls between ourselves and others.**

**We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,  
while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or  
the varieties of human experience.**

**We have tried to love our neighbors individually  
while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.**

**Forgive us, Holy God.**

**Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.**

**Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.**

**Restore us in your image, to be beloved community,  
united in our diversity,**

**even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit,**

**Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

*The Officiant says*

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

## The Peace

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## The Invitatory and Psalter

BCP 80

*Officiant* O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

*People* And your glory all the day long.

*Officiant* Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God:

*People* Come let us adore him.

## Venite

BCP 82

*Psalm 95:1-7*

*Officiant and People*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \***

**let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \***

**and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hands are the caverns of the earth, \***

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, \***

**and his hands have molded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \***

**and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is our God,**

**and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \***

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

*Officiant* Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God:

*People* Come let us adore him.

## Psalm 8

*(Spoken in unison)*

**1 O Lord our Governor,**

**how exalted is your Name in all the world!**

**2 Out of the mouths of infants and children**

**your majesty is praised above the heavens.**

**3 You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.**

**4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,**

**5 What is man that you should be mindful of him?  
the son of man that you should seek him out?**

**6 You have made him but little lower than the angels;  
you adorn him with glory and honor;**

**7 You give him mastery over the works of your hands;  
you put all things under his feet:**

**8 All sheep and oxen,  
even the wild beasts of the field,**

**9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.**

**10 O Lord our Governor,  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

### **The First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2:4a**

*Lector* A reading from the book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule

the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

### **Canticle 13, A Song of Praise, *Benedictus es, Domine***

**BCP 90**

*Officiant and People*

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \***

**you are worthy of praise; glory to you.**

**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \***

**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \***

**on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.**

**Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \***

**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you, beholding the depths; \***  
**in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**  
**Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \***  
**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

## **The Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13**

*Lector* A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

## **Anthem**

*Draw us in the Spirit's tether*

Harold Freidell

## **The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 28:16-20**

*Lector* A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon**

The Rev. David Burman

## **The Apostles' Creed**

**BCP 96**

*Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Hymn 366**

*Holy God, we praise thy Name*

## The Prayers

*The People stand or kneel*

BCP 97

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

**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 Collect of the Day

BCP 225

*Officiant*

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## A Collect for Peace

BCP 99

*Officiant*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor* Holy, holy, holy Lord, in calling forth creation from the void, revealing yourself in human flesh and pouring forth your wisdom to guide us, you display your concern for the whole universe. You invite us, as your people, to gather the world's needs into our hearts and bring them before you.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Brian, our Bishop; for April and David, our priests; for Keith, our seminarian; and for the fulfillment of the mission of the church, that we may bear witness to the risen Christ in all that we say and do, Holy, holy, holy Lord,

*People* **We lift our prayers to you.**

*Intercessor* We pray for the world that you so love, that being made new in you, we may work to restore the beauty of your creation. Holy, holy, holy Lord,

**People**            **We lift our prayers to you.**

Intercessor        We pray for the nations of the world, that you may pour out your Spirit on all flesh and give to your people the blessing of peace. Holy, holy, holy Lord,

**People**            **We lift our prayers to you.**

Intercessor        We pray for this community: For our local leaders; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces, for our protesters and for our police. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home. Holy, holy, holy Lord,

**People**            **We lift our prayers to you.**

Intercessor        We pray for all who struggle with doubts or disbelief, that you may send your Spirit to comfort and encourage them. Holy, holy, holy Lord,

**People**            **We lift our prayers to you.**

Intercessor        We pray for all who are in any kind of trouble, that they may know the joy of your salvation, and that we may respond to them in mercy with the love of Jesus Christ.  
We pray especially for

Tom, Jeanette, Jane, James and Barbara, 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, Rebecca, 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 Emily and Kerry, who are with child.

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, we pray:

**People**            Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
**We lift our prayers to you.**

Intercessor        For those who have died, that with the angels of heaven they may behold the fullness of your glory. We pray especially for Amaud, Breonna, Tony and George. Holy, holy, holy Lord,

**People**            **We lift our prayers to you.**

*Officiant*        God, whose fingers sculpt the sun and moon and curl the baby's ear; Spirit, brooding over chaos before the naming of the day; Savior, sending us to earth's ends with water and words: startle us with the grace, love, and communion of your unity in diversity, that we may live to the praise of your majestic name. **Amen.**

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

**BCP 102**

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be**

**best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.**

*Then may be said*

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20,21*

## Postlude

## Praeludium in C

J.S. Bach

## Worship Leaders

Officiants                The Rev. David Burman, The Rev. April Berends

Preacher                      The Rev. David Burman

Lector L.B. Blackwell

Intercessor                      Elijah Bunting

Organist Patrick Rice

Director of Music      David Long

Singers Steven Hinkle, David Long, Megan Long, Elizabeth Schrock, Janelle Wagoner and

Trevor Wagoner

Video Richard Lanham

## 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.

### Christian Formation Opportunities

#### "Dream, Think, Be, Do" Sundays at 10am

Beginning on Sunday, May 17th, we will begin a course produced by *Living the Questions*. "Dream, Think, Be, Do" provides an overview of progressive Christianity featuring the insights of over twenty-five theologians and teachers at the top of their game. With sessions covering a broad range of theological topics, this series invites us into a process of re-visioning Christianity that is translating what it means to follow Jesus in today's world. Videos will be made available the week prior to each week's session, and we will gather on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. via Zoom for discussion of the topics presented. Links to the video for each week, as well as the link for the Zoom Meeting will go out via GraceNotes. Please [email Sean McEwen](#) if you are interested in joining.

#### Queer Theology

The community of Grace has long maintained a commitment of embracing and affirming the gifts and the belovedness of all persons, including LGBTQ+ persons. The Rev. April Berends and Sean McEwen will be leading a Queer Theology class so that we might explore these commitments more deeply. Most of the readings for this class will come from *Queer Virtue* by Elizabeth Edman. The class meets via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings. If you are interested in taking part, please email April at [aberends@saygrace.net](mailto:aberends@saygrace.net) if you would like to join this conversation, and be sure to send along any questions or issues you might like to explore.

### A Note from April about Impostor Emails

Friends, in the last couple of weeks, a number of folks in our community have received emails from people posing as either me or David Burman, asking for favors or monetary transactions. I understand that our bishop has also been impersonated in similar ways. Please remember that the Grace clergy won't send you emails asking for vague favors or monetary assistance outside of the established mechanisms for stewardship and giving at Grace. Our email addresses end in "[@saygrace.net](mailto:@saygrace.net)," please check to make sure that is the case before you respond.

### 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.