



The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021 ~ 10:45 a.m.



The Rev. April Berends, Rector ~ The Rev. David Burman, Associate Rector
Sarah Hess, Seminarian ~ Caroline Day, Seminarian

+ Season of Creation +

GATHERING

* = Rise as you are able, in body or in spirit | ✠ = a customary time to “cross” oneself

PRELUDE

Siciliano

J. S. Bach

* THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

* THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

I sing the almighty power of God

1 I sing the al-might - y power of God, that made the moun-tains rise,
2 I sing the good - ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
3 There's not a plant or flower be - low, but makes thy glo - ries known;

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the lof - ty skies.
he formed the crea-tures with his Word, and then pro-nounced them good.
and clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy throne;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how thy won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while all that bor - rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,
 the moon shines full at his com - mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery - where that I could be, thou, God, art pres - ent there.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
 Celebrant Let us pray.

Holy God, your mercy is over all your works, and in the web of life each creature has its role and place. We praise you for ocelot and owl, cactus and kelp, lichen and whale; we honor you for whirlwind and lava, tide and topsoil, cliff and marsh. Give us hearts and minds eager to care for your planet, humility to recognize all creatures as your beloved ones, justice to share the resources of the earth with all its inhabitants, and love not limited by our ignorance. This we pray in the name of Jesus, in whom, by grace and the working of your Holy Spirit, all things hold together. **Amen**

THE FIRST LESSON Jonah 3:4–10

Reader A reading from the Book of Jonah.

Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.' When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 145:8–10, 16–18 (*Read responsively*)

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.**

10 All your works praise you, O Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.

**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.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1–10

Reader A reading from Paul’s letter to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

*** THE GOSPEL** Luke 10:25–37

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ. ✠ ✠ ✠**

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. ‘Teacher,’ he said, ‘what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ He answered, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.’ And he said to him, ‘You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.’ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbor?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, “Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.” Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?’ He said, ‘The one who showed him mercy.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*** THE NICENE CREED**

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.

*** PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Intercessor Holy God, Creator of both heaven and earth, you have spread your abundance throughout the ends of the earth.

We lift our prayers to you, O God.

People You are the hope of all creation.

Intercessor We pray for Joseph our President, the leaders of the nations, and all who make decisions as the peoples of the earth clamor for resources. Inspire us to do justice, preparing the way for your glorious reign.

We lift our prayers to you, O God;

People You are the hope of all creation.

Intercessor Send your Spirit to disturb and challenge us, that we may share the abundance of the fruits of the earth. Open our ears to the needs of those who are poor, hungry and neglected throughout the world, that we may hear their cries for daily bread and freely share what you have given.

People We lift our prayers to you, O God;
You are the hope of all creation.

Intercessor Teach us to grieve with you, O Christ, the loss of all the beauty that is being killed, and give us the will to protect species in danger of extinction. May we embrace your charge to watch over and care for all the creatures of the earth. We lift our prayers to you, O God.

People **You are the hope of all creation.**

Give us eyes to see your image in our neighbors, and help us to respond to their needs with grace and compassion. We pray for all who live in poverty, sickness, loneliness and grief, that you will wipe the tears from their faces. We remember especially

Patricia, Tony, Susan, Russell, Amanda, Jamie, Martha, Sue, William, Neil, Ash, Bill, Sally, Mary Lou, Andrea, Jennifer, June, Amy, Deborah, Ann, the Hale family, Niysah, Valorie, Terrie, Alex, Andrea, Steve, Angela, Dwight, Doris, Rebecca, J.R., Charlotte, Libby, Jean, Barbara, Elizabeth, and Ann;

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

We pray for Katie and Merry Madeline, who are with child.

We pray for Wil, Jake, Kevin, Tripp, Mike, Alexander, Russel, Logan, Jim, Sean, Evan, and all who serve in the Armed Forces, here and abroad.

People We lift our prayers to you, O God;
You are the hope of all creation.

Intercessor We remember before you those who are dying and those who have died. Give us strength in your victory over death to grow into your way of love, which does not know despair but sows seeds of hope.

(The congregation is invited to name others, aloud or silently.)

People We lift our prayers to you, O God;
You are the hope of all creation.

Celebrant Reconciling God, you bring together that which is far off and that which is near. Guide our relationships with you, our neighbors, and all of your creation, that we may honor your desire to draw all things into communion with you by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*** THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All 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.

Priest 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.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

Sing a new church into being

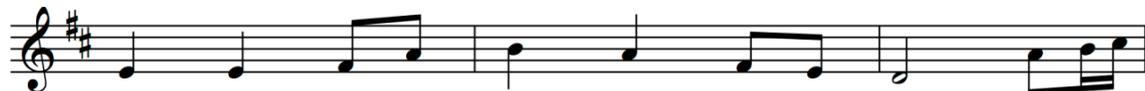
Doris Dufner



Sum - moned by the God who made us, rich in
 Ra - diant ri - sen from the wa - ter, robed in
 Trust the good - ness of cre - a - tion, trust the
 Bring the hopes of e - very na - tion; bring the
 Draw to - ge - ther at one ta - ble all the



our di - ver - si - ty; Ga - thered in the Name of
 ho - li - ness and light, Male and fe - male in God's
 Spi - rit strong with - in. Dare to dream the vi - sion
 art of e - very race. Weave a song of peace and
 hu - man fa - mi - ly; Shape a cir - cle e - ver



Je - sus, ri - cher still in u - ni - ty! Let us __
 im - age, male and fe - male, God's de - light! Let us __
 pro - mised, sprung from seed of what has been! Let us __
 ju - stice; let it sound through time and space! Let us __
 wi - der and a peo - ple e - ver free! Let us __



bring the gifts that dif - fer and in - splen - did, va - ried ways, Sing a



new church in - to be - ing, one in faith and love and praise!

TABLE

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER 2

(from Enriching Our Worship)

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

SANCTUS

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

(The Celebrant continues)

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

All: **Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.**

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 FRACTION ANTHEM

Celebrant	Alleluia, alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People	Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

This morning, we will receive communion in one kind only (bread). To receive communion, move forward toward the priest. Stretch out your hands, and the priest will drop the wafer into your hands. Please wait to remove your mask and consume your wafer until you have returned to your seat.

Gluten free wafers are available; let the priest know if you need one. If you are unable to come forward, please raise your hand, and we will bring communion to you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *We place upon your table, Lord* arr. Robert Powell
From Southern Harmony

SENDING

* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

* THE BLESSING

* HYMN

We will extol thee, ever-blessed Lord

1 We will ex - tol you, ev - er - bless - ed Lord; your ho - ly
2 Age shall to age pass on the end - less song, tell - ing the
3 You, Lord, are gra - cious, mer - ci - ful to all, close to your

Name for ev - er be a - dored; each day we live our
 won - ders which to you be - long, your might - y acts with
 chil - dren when on you they call; and slow to an - ger,

psalm to you we raise; you, God and King, are wor - thy of all
 joy and fear re - late; praise we your glo - ry while on you we
 mer - ci - ful and kind, in your com - pas - sion we your bless - ings

praise, great and un - search - a - ble in all your ways.
 wait, glad in the know - ledge of your love so great.
 find. We love you with our heart and strength and mind.

The first stanza may be repeated at the end.

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*** THE DISMISSAL**

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Celebrant	The Rev. David Burman
Preacher	The Rev. April Berends
Organist	Karla Fowkes

Flowers today are given by Jim and Barbara Harris to the glory of God
and in thanksgiving for the Grace community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scripture Discussion Group @ 9:30am each Sunday in the courtyard – After a long hiatus, David Stanislawski, resumes leading weekly discussion group that looks through the readings assigned for each particular Sunday. Scripture is a wacky and beautiful tapestry -- join us as discuss diverse parts of it! All are welcome! And if you've got kids, feel free to drop them off at the Pavilion, where Betsy Hawthorne Bedwell will have activities for them.

The Past Is Present – We're talking about different important moments in church history, and how those moments affect our own spiritual lives and our church today. This is aimed especially at newcomers to Grace, but anybody is welcome, whether you've been already or not!

We are meeting in the backyard belonging to Grace member Pat Milburn (thanks Pat!), who lives very close to the church. Please park in the Grace Church upper lot near the intersection of Belvoir Avenue and Sunbeam Avenue -- from there it's just a 1-2 minute walk to Pat's house, and you'll see us when you get to the end of the driveway. If walking is a hardship, or if you're unsure how to get to Pat's house, contact David Burman at dburman@saygrace.net -- we can probably get a car or two in Pat's driveway.

We'll wrap up by 10:20 before the 10:45 service. If you've got kids who are not going to be keen on attending an adult class, you can drop them off in the pavilion, where Betsy Hawthorne Bedwell, our new children's minister, will have some activities!

Know any teenagers? They are welcome to join this evening at Grace Church from 6 to 8pm for a ChattEY event (when Episcopal youth groups from across the Chattanooga area get together). It'll be outside only (but with bathroom access!) and we'll split into smaller groups to play lawn games (croquet, Kub, frisbee) -- there'll also be dinner and an evening worship service.

The Grace Online Directory has migrated to a service called Breeze but can still be accessed via the webpage. Find the menu item "BREEZE" at the right end of the menu options that sprawl across the screen near the top, click and log in; user name is 'saygrace' and the password is 'Chattanooga'. Get in touch with Jim Milburn with any questions and suggestions.

If you'd like to give Altar Flowers during the rest of this year, please contact the office (423) [243-3257](tel:243-3257)/dcarden@saygrace.net to sign up for a Sunday. Cost is \$77, and all donors need do is provide a dedication and the previously mentioned sum. Because it's been so long since we've had flower donors and so many circumstances have changed, we are deleting all standing orders (unless you've been in touch with the office about them already) and beginning from scratch. If you want to establish a standing order, please contact the office.

Mission of Grace Episcopal Church

To provide a reverent place for Christian worship, learning, and service in the Anglican tradition, with special emphasis on the healing, nurturing, and challenging character of the Holy Spirit, open to and respecting all who would come.

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