

**The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist**

**The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**August 8, 2021 10:00 a.m.**



### The Rev. April Berends, Rector ~ The Rev. David Burman, Associate Rector

**Sarah Hess, Seminarian ~ Caroline Day, Seminarian**

**+ Season after Pentecost +**

**GATHERING**

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

**PRELUDE**

**\* 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** *Christ, whose glory fills the skies*



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**COLLECT OF THE DAY**

 Celebrant The Lord be with you.

 **People And also with you**.

 Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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** 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

 Reader A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

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The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, “Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.” And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab’s armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him. Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, “Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.” The king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” The Cushite answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.” The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

 **People Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 130** (*Read responsively)*

1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice;

 let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

**2 If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,**

 **O Lord, who could stand?**

3 For there is forgiveness with you;

 therefore you shall be feared.

**4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;**

 **in his word is my hope.**

5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning,

 more than watchmen for the morning.

**6 O Israel, wait for the Lord,**

 **for with the Lord there is mercy;**

7 With him there is plenteous redemption,

 and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

*All are invited to stand for the Gospel reading.*

### THE GOSPEL  John 6:35, 41-51

 Reader The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to John.

 **People Glory to you, Lord Christ.** ✠✠✠

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.” Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

 Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

 **People Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**SERMON** The Rev. David Burman

**\* 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**

IntercessorHoly, 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; Sarah and Caroline, our seminarians; 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 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

Joyce, Russell, Susan, the Smallwood family, Patty, Michelle, Amanda, Jamie, Martha, Sue, William, Neil, Ash, Bill, Sally, Mary Lou, Gerry, Andrea, Jennifer, June, Amy, Deborah, Ann, the Hale family, Niysah, Valorie, Terrie, Alex, Andrea, Steve, Angela, Dwight, Barbara, Doris, Rebecca, J.R., Charlotte, Libby, Jean, Barbara, Elizabeth, 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 Jessica, who is with child.

We pray for all who are sick or grieving in this time of pandemic, for all whose homes are in

peril or uprooted because of climate change, and for all displaced because of warfare or

other disasters. Holy, holy, holy Lord,

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

IntercessorWe pray for those who have died and those who are dying, especially Priscilla Jackson, and Pam, sister of Jamie Stone and daughter of Barbara Reed, who died this week. Gather them into the arms of your mercy, and receive them into the joy of your eternal realm. Holy, holy, holy Lord,

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

Celebrant Bread of heaven, you feed us in the depths of grief, sin, and hostility. Nourish us with your word through the long hours of tears, and in the dawning awareness of our need for forgiveness, so that we may be redeemed by your steadfast love. **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***.*

 Hear the word of God to all people.  “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.”         *Matthew 11:28*

**THE PEACE**

 Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

 **People And also with you**.

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERTORY HYMN***Open your ears, O faithful people*

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**TABLE**

**\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING EUCHARISTIC PRAYER 3**

 *(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*  All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

**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 are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: “Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: “Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ’s coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

*All:* **Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus,**

 **come in glory!**

*The Celebrant continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.

*All:* **Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power, may be a people of hope,**

 **justice and love.**

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

*All:* **Blessed are you now and for 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.*

**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** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus, stanzas 1-3*

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**\* THE DISMISSAL**

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

**People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

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| Celebrant | The Rev. April Berends |
| Preacher | The Rev. David Burman |
| Pianist | Jackie Manning |
| Guitarist | Drew Bunting |

Flowers today are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving

or their 38th wedding anniversary by Nan Fortiner and David Mouron.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Grace plans to return to its traditional Sunday schedule – two services, one at 8 a.m. and the other at 10:45 a.m., both in the Nave – on Sunday, August 15.** Per the latest CDC and Hamilton County Health Department guidance, all participants are asked to mask as an act of community care. For those who wish to socially distance to a greater degree than the pews in the main part of the nave might permit, additional seating is available in the chapel and in the baptistry. We will continue to hold Sunday morning children's activities outdoors as long as the weather permits. The vestry and rector will continue to monitor CDC, Health Department and American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines, especially as they relate to the emergence of COVID variants.

**With a new school year beginning, Grace will offer its annual blessing of the backpacks at the 10:45 a.m. service.** Students of all ages, along with educators and school staff, are invited to receive a blessing at the 10:45 a.m. service. Bring a backpack, briefcase or book bag for the blessing.

**Sunday School for children** will be held each Sunday at 10 a.m. in the pavilion; nursery coming soon!

**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/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.

**Changes in Grace’s Children’s Ministry**

After many years of serving the children and families of Grace, Maria Hurt is stepping away from her role as Director of Children's ministries. Maria has helped a generation of children to grow in God's love at Grace in her leadership of the Sunday School, nursery and Arts Camp. Fortunately for us, Maria will remain an active member of the Grace community, and we look forward to her continued presence among us in a different capacity. Please join us for a thanksgiving for Maria's ministry at the 10:45am service on Sunday, August 15th. In related news, we are pleased to announce that Betsy Hawthorne Bedwell joins us this week as Director of Children's Ministries. Betsy will begin working alongside Maria this weekend at Arts Camp. Betsy is a native Chattanoogan, a lifelong Episcopalian, and is a third-generation educator. She has been in professional children’s ministry for 12 years and is a Godly Play trainer. Her weekday job is as a preschool programs evaluator for the state of Tennessee. She lives with her husband Eric in Brainerd.