



# The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021 ~ 10:45 a.m.



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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

*Allegro ~ Adagio ~ Allegro*  
(From *Concerto in A*)

*Johann Walther*

## \* 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

*All things bright and beautiful*

*Descant*



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

*Refrain*



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,  
 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,  
 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,  
 4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.  
 the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky,  
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.  
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

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## COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

O God our Creator, your imagination embraces all that you have made. Give us grace to honor your goodness in what we know and in what we do not know, in the world’s harmonies and turbulence, and in its promise and change. For you are in, through, and beyond all that is: one God, made known to us in Jesus Christ, through the Holy Spirit, our inspiration and guide. **Amen.**

## THE FIRST LESSON Job 37:1–7

Reader A reading from the Book of Job.

‘At this also my heart trembles, and leaps out of its place. Listen, listen to the thunder of his voice and the rumbling that comes from his mouth. Under the whole heaven he lets it loose, and his lightning to the corners of the earth. After it his voice roars; he thunders with his majestic voice and he does not restrain the lightnings when his voice is heard. God thunders wondrously with his voice; he does great things that we cannot comprehend. For

to the snow he says, “Fall on the earth”; and the shower of rain, his heavy shower of rain, serves as a sign on everyone’s hand, so that all whom he has made may know it.

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

**PSALM 102:25–28** (*Read responsively*)

25 In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands;

**26 They shall perish, but you will endure; they all shall wear out like a garment;  
as clothing you will change them, and they shall be changed;**

27 But you are always the same,  
and your years will never end.

**28 The children of your servants shall continue,  
and their offspring shall stand fast in your sight.”**

**THE SECOND LESSON**

Revelation 21:3–5a

Reader            A reading from the Book of Revelation.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.’ And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’

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

**\* THE GOSPEL**            Luke 13:6–9

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

Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be

wasting the soil?” He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.” ’

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

## SERMON

The Rev. April Berends

### \* 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

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 give thanks for the birth of Emmitt Caroline Pannell, daughter of Jessica Pannell and great-niece of Terry and Judy Burnett, who was born on September 2.

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, especially Boyd Whitmire, father of Ron Whitmire. 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 Gracious God, you have made your home among us upon this fragile earth. 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

*The stars declare his glory*



1 The stars de - clare his glo - ry; the vault of hea - ven springs  
2 The dawn re - turns in splen - dor, the hea - ven's burn and blaze,  
3 So shine the Lord's com - mand - ments to make the sim - ple wise;  
4 So or - der too this life of mine, di - rect it all my days;



mute wit - ness of the Mas - ter's hand in all cre - a - ted things, and  
the ris - ing sun re - news the race that me - asures all our days and  
more sweet than hon - ey to the taste, more rich than an - y prize, a  
the med - i - ta - tions of my heart be in - no - cence and praise, my



through the si - lenc - es of space their sound - less mu - sic sings. \_\_\_\_\_  
writes in fire a - cross the skies God's ma - jes - ty and praise. \_\_\_\_\_  
law of love with - in our hearts, a light be - fore our eyes. \_\_\_\_\_  
rock, and my re - deem - ing Lord, in all my words and ways. \_\_\_\_\_

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## TABLE

### \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

### EUCHARISTIC 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.*

## **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

*Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.  
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

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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 Jason and Kristina Shaneyfelt to the glory of God  
and in memory of Dorris Shaneyfelt.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Scripture Discussion Group @ 9:30am in the courtyard** -- Beginning next Sunday, September 19th, our own David Stanislawski will lead weekly discussion groups based on the scripture passages assigned for that Sunday by our lectionary (a lectionary is a scheduling system that assigns readings to particular days of the church year). All are welcome!

**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! Got questions? Contact Laura Bertrand at [laura@laurabertrand.com](mailto:laura@laurabertrand.com)

We will meet in the backyard belonging to Grace member Pat Milburn (thanks Pat!), who lives very close to the church -- her address is 103 Belvoir Ave. Please park in the Grace Church upper lot near the intersection of Belvoir Ave and Sunbeam Ave - 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, contact David Burman at [dburman@saygrace.net](mailto: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. Got kids? You can drop your kid(s) off in the pavilion, where Betsy Bedwell, our new children's minister, will have some activities!

**Sacred Ground** is a race dialogue series offered through the Episcopal Church and designed for these times. It is an attempt to be responsive to the profound challenges that currently exist in our society. It is focused on the challenges that swirl around issues of race and racism, as well as the difficult but respectful and transformative dialogue we need to have with each other about them. It invites participants to walk back through history in order to peel away the layers that brought us to today, and to do so in a personal way, reflecting on family histories and stories, as well as important narratives that shape the collective American story. It holds the vision of beloved community as a guiding star – where all people are honored and protected and nurtured as beloved children of God, where we weep at one another's pain and seek one another's flourishing. I am planning to begin a new circle the week of September 12 and finish before Thanksgiving. We would meet either Wednesday or Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00. You can get more information about Sacred ground using the link: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/sacred-ground/invitation/>. If you are interested in joining this circle please contact me at [David.stanislawski@chattanoogaastate.edu](mailto:David.stanislawski@chattanoogaastate.edu) and let me know which evening works best for you or that either evening is OK.

**Youth Event in Collaboration** -- This fall, Grace Church and St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Hixson are trying out combining forces when it comes to youth ministry. Our first event together will occur this evening (September 12<sup>th</sup>) at St. Peter's (848 Ashland Terrace, Chattanooga, TN 37415) from 5 to 7 p.m. The event will be outdoors because of covid (though bathrooms will be available) and dinner will be provided. If you've got questions, or would like to arrange carpooling from Grace Church, contact David Burman at [dburman@saygrace.net](mailto:dburman@saygrace.net).

**Know any teenagers? They are welcome to join us next Sunday, September 19th at Grace Church from 6 to 8pm for a ChatEY 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](mailto: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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