

The Liturgy of the Word
The Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 6, 2021
Grace Episcopal Church

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.**

Gloria in excelsis *(spoken by all)*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

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

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and
by your merciful guiding may do them; 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

1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20

Reader A reading from the first book of Samuel.

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your
sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing
displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to
Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have
rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt
to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice;

only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.” So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day.” But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138

Reader Let us read together Psalm 138.

1 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name
and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the Lord,
that great is the glory of the Lord.

7 Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly;
he perceives the haughty from afar.

8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

9 The Lord will make good his purpose for me;
O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

The Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Reader A reading from Paul’s second letter to the Corinthians.

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the

earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

Hymn *O, worship the King*

The Gospel

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

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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 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.

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; 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 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

Neil, Ash, Bill, Sally, Mary Lou, Gerry, Andrea, Jennifer, June, Al, Amy, Deborah, Ann, the Hale family, Patty, Niysah, Valorie, Terrie, Alex, Andrea, Steve, Angela, Dwight, Barbara, Doris, Rebecca, J.R., Charlotte, Libby, Jean, Barbara, Elizabeth, Joyce, 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, Alice and Ali, who are 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.

Intercessor We pray for those who have died, especially Virginia, friend of Mary Ann Green, and those who are dying. 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 Redeeming Sustainer, visit your people and pour out your strength and courage upon us, that we may hurry to make you welcome not only in our concern for others, but by serving them generously and faithfully in your name. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Announcements

The Blessing

Postlude

Worship Leaders

Officiants	The Rev. April Berends, The Rev. David Burman
Preacher	The Rev. David Burman
Lectors	Janet McCullough, Elisabeth Schrock
Intercessor	Elijah Bunting

Announcements

Join Us for Online Worship at 9am 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. 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 video streams, you can always go back and watch later.

Clergy Outdoor Office Hours

The Rev. April Berends will be in the courtyard on Tuesday from 10am-noon. The Rev. David Burman will be there on Saturday, June 12 from 10 a.m. to noon. As always, our priests would be happy to connect with you, either by phone or video call or socially-distanced in person. Feel free to call, text, or email April (aberends@saygrace.net) or David (dburman@saygrace.net) to set up a time to meet.

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](#)