

Morning Prayer
The Second Sunday after Pentecost
June 14, 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

Cantabile

Nicolò Paganini

Opening Sentences

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

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.
Psalm 43:3

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

Officiant O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.
People And your glory all the day long.

Officiant The Holy One is in our midst:
People Come, let us worship.

Venite Psalm 95:1-7

EOW 21

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 God's presence with thanksgiving *
and raise to the Lord a shout with psalms.
For you are a great God; *
you are great above all gods.
In your hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are yours also.
The sea is yours, for you made it, *
and your hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For you are our God,
and we are the people of your pasture and the sheep of your hand. *
Oh, that today we would hearken to your voice!

Officiant The Holy One is in our midst:
People Come let us worship.

Psalm 100

(Spoken in unison)

Jubilate Deo

**1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

**2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

**4 For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

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: Exodus 19:2-8a

Lector A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.” So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: “Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do.”

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Canticle 11, The Third Song of Isaiah, *Surge, illuminare*

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Officiant and People

Arise, shine, for your light has come, *
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.
For behold, darkness covers the land; *
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.
But over you the Lord will rise, *
and his glory will appear upon you.
Nations will stream to your light, *
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.
Your gates will always be open; *
by day or night they will never be shut.
They will call you, The City of the Lord, *
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.
Violence will no more be heard in your land, *
ruin or destruction within your borders.
You will call your walls, Salvation, *
and all your portals, Praise.
The sun will no more be your light by day; *
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.
The Lord will be your everlasting light, *
and your God will be your glory.
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 Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-8

Lector A reading from letter of Paul to the Romans.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 9:35-10:8

Lector A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Rev. April Berends

*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 472***Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion***The Prayers****BCP 97***The People stand or kneel**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*

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Let us offer our prayers for the church and the world, saying,
Living God, pour your Spirit upon us.

We pray for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Brian, our Bishop; April, our priest; David, our curate; Keith, our seminarian; George, our assisting priest; and for all who confess your name throughout the world.

Inspire our witness to your Holy Gospel, that we may make your love known. Living God,

People **Pour your Spirit upon us.**

Intercessor We pray for this fragile earth, our island home. Open our eyes to the wonders of your creation and help us to care for the world you have entrusted to us. Living God,

People **Pour your Spirit upon us.**

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. Living God,
People Pour your Spirit upon us.

Intercessor We pray for courage, strength, and grace in our daily lives. May the work of our hands, the words of our mouths, and the prayers of our hearts bring glory to you and hope to your people. Living God,
People Pour your Spirit upon us.

Intercessor We pray for peace among the peoples of the earth. Guide the leaders of the nations, and bring those divided by prejudice and hatred to the peace that the world does not yet know. Living God
People Pour your Spirit upon us.

Intercessor We pray for those who suffer, for those who are sick, lonely or imprisoned. Surround them with your healing presence, and help us to minister to them with wisdom and compassion. We pray especially for:

Michael, Andy, Chuck and Jason and their children, Tom, Jeanette, Jane, 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, 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. Living God,

People Pour your Spirit upon us.

Intercessor We commend to your mercy those who are dying and those who have died, especially Reed, son of Chuck and Jason, who drowned last week, that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in the full revelation of your eternal glory. Living God,

People Pour your Spirit upon us.

Officiant God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessing of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of Christ. **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

Prelude in C BWV 553

J.S. Bach

Worship Leaders

Officiants	The Rev. David Burman, The Rev. April Berends
Preacher	The Rev. April Berends
Intercessor	Sean McEwen
Organist	Patrick Rice
Violin	Brian Cook
Singers	Janelle Wagoner and Trevor Wagoner
Video	Richard Lanham, Janelle Wagoner

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.

Antiracism Resources

We are working to put together some formation opportunities about racial history in the U.S., racism, and the intersection of faith and anti-racism. In the meantime, you are encouraged to check out the following resources.

You'll find a growing list of anti-racism resources at bit.ly//ANTIRACISMRESOURCES.

The Rev. Claire Brown, associate rector at St. Paul's, Chattanooga recently offered a webinar on dismantling racism. You can view the video [here](#).

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 are currently 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 if you would like to join this conversation. This week, the Rev. Cameron Partridge, a transgender Episcopal priest and theologian, will be our guest for this class.

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;" 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.