



Be wise  
as  
serpents  
and  
innocent  
as doves

*Matthew 10:16*

**Second Sunday after Pentecost  
June 14, 2020  
10:30 a.m.**

Grace Episcopal Church  
123 W. Washington Street  
Lexington, VA 24450

# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Lexington Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

June 14, 2020

## Second Sunday after Pentecost The Holy Eucharist: Rite II The Word of God

10:30 a.m.

### Hymn 554 Simple Gifts

'Tis the gift to be sim - ple, 'tis the gift to be free,  
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
and when we find our - selves in the place just right,  
'twill be in the val - ley of love and de - light.  
When true sim - pli - ci - ty is gained to  
bow and to bend we shan't be a-shamed, to turn, turn, will  
be our de-light till by turn - ing, turn - ing we come round right.

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### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* Glory to God for ever and ever.

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.*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his 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.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### **The Collect of the Day**

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 Lessons**

Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, “My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

### **Psalm 116:1, 10-17**

1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

10 How shall I repay the LORD \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?

11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people.

13 Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
is the death of his servants.

14 O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.

15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.

16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the LORD'S house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

Romans 5:1-8

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.

**Hymn** Jesus, remember me



Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.  
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Matthew 9:35-10:8

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.

**The Sermon**

Fr. Tuck

## 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.

## A Litany for the Mission of the Church

*Please pray for the wider Church and intercessions requested by our Congregants:*

*Pray for the Church of England, The Most Rev. and Right Hon. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.*

*Pray for the Deacons of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia and our Archdeacon, The Ven. Bill Bumgarner.*

*Pray for the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Haiti as they search for their new Bishop, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines, the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Justin Badi Arama.*

*Pray for Jeanne Eichelberger, Carolyn West-Willette, Bettie Cadden, Rev. Susan Bentley, Lynda DeMaria, Bob DeMaria, Mary Craighill, Lori Sadler, Pam Holsten, Jordan (friend of David Cox), Lynne Johnson, Melissa Hays-Smith, Pat Gibson, Polly Lawrence, Kent Wilson, Myra Brush, Susan Williams, Eddie Hawkins, Holt Merchant, Ned Glenn (Brother of Elizabeth Harralson), Daniel Keane (nephew of James Keane), Mary Froehlich and Dennis Cross.*

*Pray for those who have died.*

*Pray for those affected by unsafe living conditions, poverty, disease, especially Covid-19, violence and oppression.*

*In thanksgiving for the birth of Margaret Haberman's granddaughter Madison Noelle, and the birthdays for this week and next of Penny Henneman (6/14) Susan Bedell (6/15) Judy Schram (6/16) Alden Mastin (6/18) Susan Lawrence (6/20) David Grizzle(6/20) Summer Hull (6/20) Sandy Harcus (6/24).*

**Lector:** Holy God, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,

***Have mercy on us.***

Jesus the Christ, through whom the world is reconciled to the Father,

***Have mercy on us.***

Holy Spirit, whose glory fills the world and searches the depths of God,

***Have mercy on us.***

Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,

***Have mercy on us.***

From blind hearts and petty spirits, that refuse to see the need of all humankind for your love,

***Savior, deliver us.***

From pride, self-sufficiency and the unwillingness to admit our own need of your compassion,

***Savior, deliver us.***

From discouragement in the face of pain and disappointment, and from lack of persistence and thoroughness,

***Savior, deliver us.***

From ignorance, apathy, and complacency that prevent us from spreading the Gospel,

***Savior, deliver us.***

O God, we pray for the gifts of ministry. Inspire our minds with a vision of your kingdom in this time and place.

***Hear us, O Christ.***

Strengthen and encourage all who minister in your name in lonely, dangerous and unresponsive places.

***Hear us, O Christ.***

Open the hearts and hands of many to support your Church in this and every place.

***Hear us, O Christ.***

**Celebrant:** Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## Confession of Sin

**Celebrant:** Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. 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

## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

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

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**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

*All baptized Christians are invited to receive communion. Those not receiving communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing; simply signify by crossing your arms over your chest.*

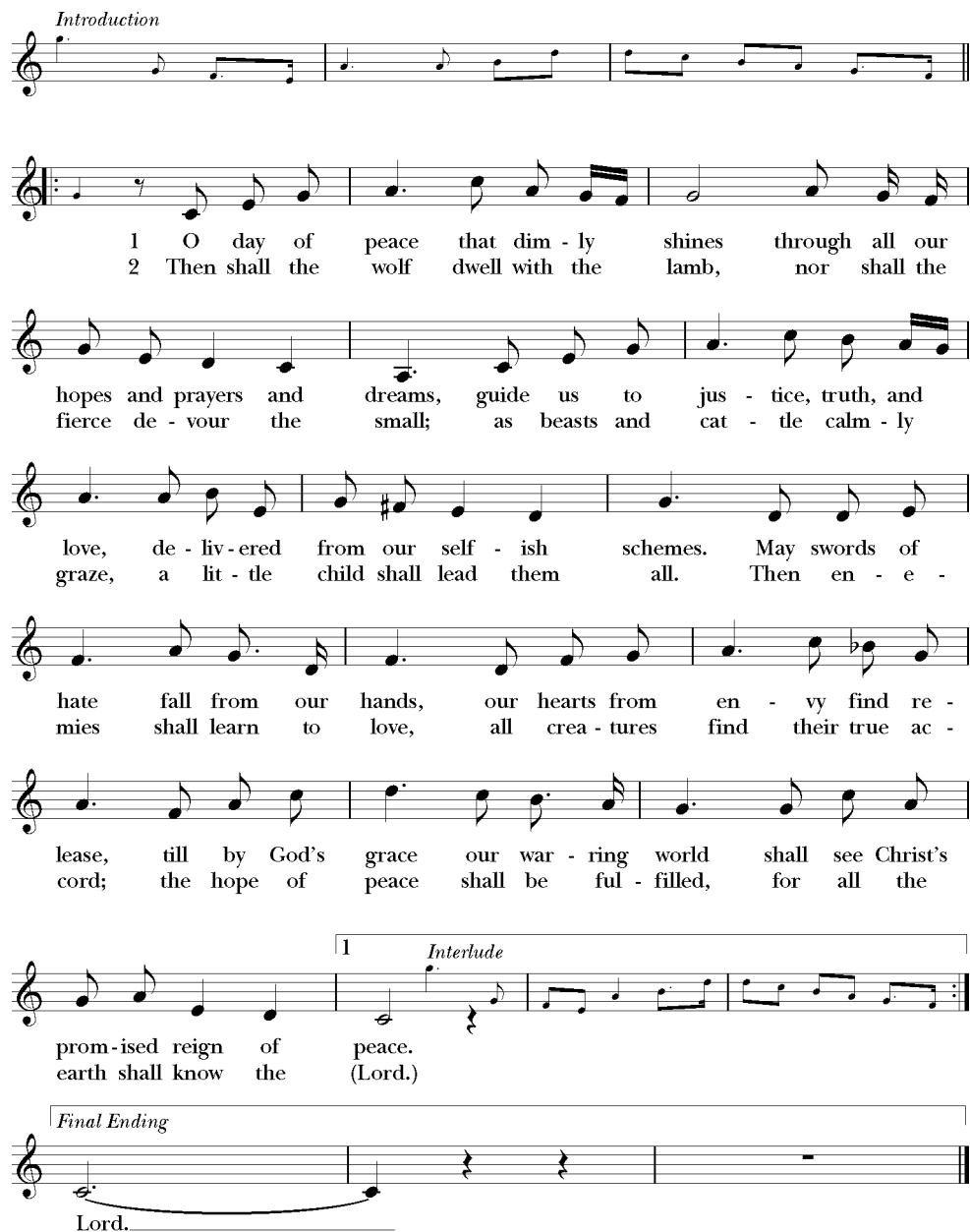
Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Hymn O day of peace that dimly shines

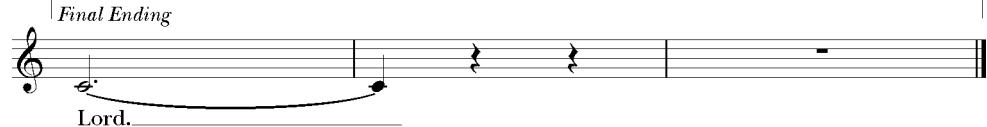
*Introduction*



1. O day of peace that dimly shines through all our  
2. Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the  
hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to justice, truth, and  
fierce de-vour the small; as beasts and cat-tle calm-ly  
love, de-liv-ered from our self-ish schemes. May swords of  
graze, a lit-tle child shall lead them all. Then en-e-  
hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en-vy find re-  
mies shall learn to love, all crea-tures find their true ac-  
lease, till by God's grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's  
cord; the hope of peace shall be ful-filled, for all the  
promised reign of peace.  
earth shall know the (Lord.)

*Interlude*

*Final Ending*



Lord.

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## Blessing & Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

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to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Sarah G. Lanford**

**Celebrant**

The Rev. Tucker Bowerfind, Rector

**Deacon**

The Rev. Donna Steckline

**Readers**

Laurent Boetsch, Mary Doyle, Buster Lewis, Pat Gibson

**Ushers**

Bob Glidden, David Hansen, Marlys Craun, James Keane

Music largely recorded remotely and assembled. Musicians this week include: Alex Brown, Martha Burford, Jonathan Clawson, Mary Doyle, Anne Hershbell, Tim Price, Anne Sauder, Levi Lebsack, Jennifer Byrnes, Elisabeth Gruner, Demmanuel Gonzalez, Tevin Ware.

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