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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 30, 2020
10:30 a.m.

Grace Episcopal Church
123 W. Washington Street
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Celebrant
The Rev. Tucker Bowerfind, Rector

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Lexington Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

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Full versions of hymns are on YouTube, link is on our website homepage: www.graceepiscopalexington.org

Hymn 414 God my King, thy might confessing

Descant

6 All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee; thee shall all thy

1 God, my King, thy might confessing, ev - er will I
2 Hon - or great our God be - fit - teth; who his ma - jes -
3 They shall talk of all thy glo - ry, on thy might and
4 Nor shall fail from mem - ory's trea - sure works by love and
5 Full of kind - ness and com - pas - sion, slow to an - ger,

saints a - dore: King su - preme shall they con - fess thee,

1 bless thy Name; day by day thy throne ad - dress - ing,
2 ty can reach? Age to age his works trans - mit - teth,
3 great - ness dwell, speak of thy dread acts the sto - ry,
4 mer - cy wrought, works of love sur - pass - ing mea - sure,
5 vast in love, God is good to all cre - a - tion;

and pro - claim thy sov - ereign power.

1 still will I thy praise pro - claim.
2 age to age his power shall teach.
3 and thy deeds of won - der tell.
4 works of mer - cy pass - ing thought.
5 all his works his good - ness prove.

6 All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee;
thee shall all thy saints adore:
King supreme shall they confess thee,
and proclaim thy sovereign power.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 (Proper 17)

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also

seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.” But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Psalms 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c (Alex Brown accompanied by Demmanuel Gonzalez)

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 23 Israel came into Egypt, *
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- 24 The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; *
he made them stronger than their enemies;
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, *
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
- 26 He sent Moses his servant, *
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
- 45 Hallelujah!

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Hymn 487 Come, my Way, my Truth, my life

1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a

way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; such a love as none can

strife; such a life as kill
length; such a strength as makes
part; such a heart as joys

eth death.
his guest.
in love.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)

Music: *The Call*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

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.

Prayers of the People

Please pray for the wider Church and intercessions requested by our Congregants: Pray for The Anglican Communion, The Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, 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, the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, and our Bishop Mark.

Pray for Carolyn West-Willette, Bettie Cadden, Rev. Susan Bentley, Lynda DeMaria, Bob DeMaria, Lori Sadler, Woody 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, Ned Glenn (Brother of Elizabeth Harralson), Daniel Keane (nephew of James Keane), Olivia Patton, Becky Fitzgerald, Anne & John, Thomas Clay, Buddy Derrick, Liz Moss, Jeanne Eichelberger, Rachel Pattison, Ely Turner (friend of Rob Minor), Holly Cooke, Pam Adams, Melissa Cox, Peter Fyfe, Louise Moore, Marina Pratt.

Please pray for Rob, Eileen, and Kelly Hinks who continue to mourn the loss of Matthew on May 5.

Please pray for Charley who needs an organ donor.

Pray for those serving in the military, especially Michael Bryant.

Pray for those who have died, especially Barbara Steinbrenner.

Pray for those affected by hurricanes Laura & Marco.

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

In thanksgiving for the birthdays for this week and next of Harrison Branner (9/2), Buster Lewis (9/3), Ella Sayre (9/3), Estella Crocker (9/3), Gail Dick (9/4), Ned Henneman (9/5), Sue Ann Huger (9/6), Susan Cross (9/7), Delea Bowerfind (9/8), Marlys Craun (9/9), Henry Eichelberger (9/9), Ham Smith (9/11), Mary Etta Randolph (9/11), John Dinkel (9/12).

Prayers of the People

Celebrant: God is the great "I AM" in whose Name we pray, responding, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Reader: That we may open our ears to the cries of those who suffer, freeing them from enslavement to poverty, abuse, and lack of opportunity, taking our share in the saving acts of God; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That the leaders of the nations may lead their people with integrity, honoring all that is past and moving into the challenges that define a new life; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the courage to lift up our crosses to the light of day, carrying them on our journey of faith, uniting ourselves with the Christ of the passion, so as to share in the glory of his resurrection; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we be given the strength to leave behind the fruits of temptation, turning our gaze upon that which is nourishing and sound, living a life of love, honor, and respect for others, full of rejoicing and thanksgiving; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all laborers, that they may receive a fair wage, a safe working environment, the companionship of fellow workers, and the respect of those who exercise authority over them.; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died surrounded by family and friends, and for those who were unloved and unmourned, that all may have a place in God's kingdom; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Almighty God we thank you for the gift of this new school year. Bless those who teach, those who learn, and all those who promote education, health and safety in our community, including teachers, students, parents, administrators, and support staff. Open our eyes to see your never failing love and care for us in the new ways we are learning to pursue health and learning this year, including wearing masks and remote and in-person classes. And ensure every child is known and loved and enabled to fulfill their promise. To the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Offertory Hymn: Organ improvisation by Jonathan Clawson

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.

Communion Music: Variations on Let all mortal flesh keep silence Martha Burford and Jonathan Clawson

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 Oh Love that will not let me go

1 O Love that will not let me go,
2 O Light that fol - lowest all my way,
3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain,
4 O Cross that lift - est up my head.

I rest my wea - ry soul in thee;
I yield my flick - ering torch to thee;
I can not close my heart to thee;
I dare not ask to fly from thee;

I give thee back the life I owe, that
my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that
I trace the rain - bow through the rain, and
I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and

in thine o - cean depths its flow may ri - cher, ful - ler be.
in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may brigh - ter, fair - er be.
feel the pro - mise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.
from the ground there blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.

Text: George Matheson (1842-1906)
Tune: Albert L. Peace (1844-1912)



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Blessing & Dismissal

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Readers

Lisa McGuire, Alexandra Brown, Patrick McGuire, Sharon Massie

Altar Guild

Chris Howison, Tracey Riley, Carla Henson, Catherine Harcus, Anna Crockett,
Jane Brooke, Chair, Carol Woodcock, Procurement Attaché

Flower Guild

Elizabeth Boetsch, Claudia Ellis, Gail Dick, Rene Glidden, Carol Gosse, Catherine Harcus,
Elizabeth Harralson, Peggy Riethmiller, Joy Harris, Kathy Kozak

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

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