



Sofiya Inger, "Forgiveness"

**Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2020
10:30 a.m.**

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

Celebrant
The Rev. Tucker Bowerfind, Rector

- ✚ During the Gloria, please pick up a chime or handbell in the pew and ring joyfully as we say this Hymn of Praise.

- ✚ During the final hymn, feel free to clap, speak it rhythmically, dance it with your feet, drum on your laps or get a (sanitized) drum from the back of the church.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Lexington Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

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10:30 a.m.

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

Prelude: Variations on *General Seminary*

Jonathan Clawson

Hymn 390 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (permission via OneLicense, Church Pension, and requested of Novello)

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); tr. *Hymnal 1940*, alt.

Music: *Lobe den Herren*, melody from *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, 1665;

harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; desc. Craig Sellar Lang (1891-1971)

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Opening Acclamation

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

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

Gloria, spoken, accompanied by joyful ringing of bells.

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 18)

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

Psalm 149 (read by Michael McLaughlin accompanied by Levi Lebsack)

1 Hallelujah!

 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
 sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
 let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
 let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
 and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
 let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
 and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
 and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains *
 and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
 this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

Hymn (spoken together, led by Martha from Music that Makes Community)

Spoken 3 times, Martha leading:

“Listen to the Word that God has spoken, listen to the One who is close at hand.
 Listen to the voice that began creation, listen even if you don’t understand.”

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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 Bettie Cadden, Lynda DeMaria, Bob DeMaria, 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, Eric Blackwell (cousin of Alexandra Brown), 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, Julia Settle, Jack Hershbel.

Please pray for Charley who needs an organ donor.

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

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 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), Tuck Bowerfind (9/16), Judy Hotchkiss (9/18), Peter Fyfe (9/19), Julia Littlefield (9/19), Nanalou Sauder (9/19), Frank Settle (9/19), Keith Gibson (9/20), Chris Howison (9/21), Barbara Luton (9/21), Ann Nay (9/22), Elizabeth Oliver (9/22).

Celebrant: As the Church, the Body of Christ in this time and place, let us offer our prayers, responding,
“Lord, hear our prayer.”

Reader: Lord God, giver of all gifts, we bless your name for the gifts of missionary zeal, courage in the face of adversity and suffering, and scholarly achievement on behalf of the Episcopal Church of Sudan given through Marc Nikkel, missionary priest. We pray that your Holy Spirit may continue to provide, through the Church, people with strength in adversity, articulate faith in the midst of suffering, and dedication to the ministry of peace and reconciliation; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may love the Lord with our whole heart, and soul, and mind, and our neighbor as our selves, claiming the great commandment as our pathway and destination; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That our love may be revealed through our actions, as we commit ourselves to visiting those who are in prison, or confined to their homes, or living in nursing facilities, that in seeing their face we will see the face of Jesus; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

That peace may flourish wherever there is strife or enmity between peoples, bringing opportunities for improved nutrition, health, and education, revealing God's mantle of light; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the power of the Holy Spirit in guiding us in our discovery of our vocation or manner of expressing God's indwelling love, so that we may be passionate about our work and ministry; 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 blessings upon those who have died, that their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God may rest in peace; let us pray.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: Almighty God, who hast so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Offertory Hymn: Meditative music from Levi Lebsack and/or Demmanuel Gonzalez

The Great Thanksgiving

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	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 us break bread together*

Jonathan Clawson and Martha Burford

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 Let us talents and tongues employ (As you pick up the rhythm of this song, join in with your speaking voice, body percussion, however God's music moves you.)

1. Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy. Reach - ing out with a
2. Christ is a - ble to make us one. At the ta - ble he
3. Je - sus calls us in, sends us out Bear - ing fruit in a

shout of joy: Bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured,
sets the tone, Teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
world of doubt, Gives us love to tell, bread to share:

Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard. Je - sus lives a-gain,
Love in word and in deed ex - press. God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a-bound!

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Blessing & Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Readers

Philip Brooke, Michael McLaughlin, Patricia Gibson

Ushers

Steve Riethmiller, Peggy Riethmiller

Altar Guild

Laura Stearns, MJ Mayerchak, Peggy Riethmiller, Mary Webster, Pam Traugott Adams, Erika Brooke, Elise Brooke, Emma Brooke, Jane Brooke, Chair, Carol Woodcock, Procurement Attaché

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

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