

# Grace Church Brooklyn Heights

## Morning Prayer

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 13)  
August 2nd, 2020 11 a.m.

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**PRELUDE** *Aria* Joseph Jongen

**HYMN** *Holy, Holy, Holy!* *The Hymnal 1982* #362

### OPENING SENTENCE

### CONFession OF SIN

*Officiant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People together*

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.

### THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.  
*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

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. Alleluia.

*Officiant* The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

**VENITE** *Psalm 95:1-7* *The Hymnal 1982*; S-35

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

*Officiant and People*

**The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.**

**PSALM 17:1-7,16** *read responsively by half-verse*

1 Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;  
give heed to my cry; \*  
**listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.**  
2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; \*  
**let your eyes be fixed on justice.**  
3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, \*  
**melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.**  
4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; \*  
**I have heeded the words of your lips.**  
5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; \*  
**in your paths my feet shall not stumble.**  
6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; \*  
**incline your ear to me and hear my words.**  
7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, \*  
**O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand  
from those who rise up against them.**  
16 But at my vindication I shall see your face; \*  
**when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding  
your likeness.**

**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 FIRST LESSON**    *Genesis 32:22-31*

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

**CANTICLE 16 The Song of Zechariah** *Benedictus es, Domine*

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of Israel, \*  
you have come to your people and set them free.  
You have raised up for us a mighty Savior, \*  
born of the house of your servant David.  
Through your holy prophets you promised of old  
to save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us,  
To show mercy to our forebears, \*  
and to remember your holy covenant.  
This was the oath you swore to our father Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship you without fear, \*  
    holy and righteous before you,  
    all the days of our life.  
And you, child, shall be called the prophet  
    of the Most High, \*  
    for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,  
To give God's people knowledge of salvation \*  
    by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God \*  
    the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness  
    and the shadow of death, \*  
    and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

**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 9:1-5*

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

### HYMN

*They Cast Their Nets*

*The Hymnal 1982 #661*

### THE HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 14:13-21*

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

### THE SERMON The Rev. Dr. Allen F. Robinson

### THE APOSTLES' CREED

*Officiant and People together*

**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.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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 SUFFRAGES

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**R. And grant us your salvation.**  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
**R. Let your people sing with joy.**  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
**R. For only in you can we live in safety.**  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
**R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
**R. Your saving health among all nations.**  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
**R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
**R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

### THE COLLECTS

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THANKSGIVINGS & INTERCESSIONS

Let us offer prayers for God's people in every place, saying: **Hear our prayer.**

For the Church: especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Lawrence, our bishop, that we may share the Bread of Life with all who hunger for meaning and purpose in their lives; life-giving God, **Hear our prayer.**

For our clergy, staff, wardens, Vestry, lay leaders, and all the people of Grace: that, as our church begins the process of reopening our doors, the Holy Spirit will guide all of our actions, and that God will protect us and keep us safe to worship and do His will; life-giving God, **Hear our prayer.**

For our country: that violence and anger may be replaced by honest dialogue and constructive action in places of conflict, and that justice may prevail; life-giving God, **Hear our prayer.**

For all who work in, and support, soup kitchens and other ministries that feed the hungry: that their efforts may show the love and compassion of God to hungry children and families; life-giving God, **Hear our prayer.**

For all who face unemployment, homelessness, and anxiety about the future, that they may not be abandoned in their need. For all who are in danger from hurricanes, dangerous heat, and other extreme weather, that they may find respite and refuge. For those for whom we have been asked to pray, remembering especially Julie; Jane; Ruth; Elaine; David; Ron & Betsy; Karen; Karl S.; Suzanne; Ginny; Ann; Sohee; Donald, and all who suffer from COVID 19, that God will ease their suffering and restore them to wholeness; life-giving God, **Hear our prayer.**

At this time, you may offer to God any other petitions, or any thanksgivings for His many blessings ... ; life-giving God, **Hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, that they may find rest for their souls. We pray also for those who mourn, that God may walk with them in their sorrow; life-giving God, **Hear our prayer.**

For all who are present, and for all who worship with us from their homes: that we may always be thankful for the generosity of God, whose Son had compassion for the multitude, and whose bounty fills all our needs; life-giving God, **Hear our prayer.**

## A WORD OF WELCOME

**A MUSICAL OFFERING**      Psalm 23      Antonin Dvořák      *Edward Trerise, soloist*

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

*Officiant and People*

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

## A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

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.**

## CONCLUDING BLESSING & DISMISSAL

*Officiant*      Let us bless the Lord.  
*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**      *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*      *The Hymnal 1982 #690*

**POSTLUDE**      *Toccata in Seven*      John Rutter

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*The flowers at the Altar are given today to the Glory of God and in joyful celebration  
of the re-opening of Grace Church for worship in the Sanctuary.*

## THE OFFERING

With your safety in mind, we will not be passing the collection plate during worship services. Instead, there will be an offering plate located in the center aisle at the back of the Church. We are grateful for your offering to Grace.

We now provide an opportunity to make a general offering or pledge payment by text. Please send a text to 73256 with the message "GraceBrooklyn." The first time, you will be prompted to provide your information, including your card number. If you save that information for future use, the second offering by text will be immediate.

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