

Grace Church Brooklyn Heights

Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 18th, 2020 11 a.m.

PRELUDE Members of the St. Augustine's Pan-A-Praise Steel Orchestra

HYMN 8 *Morning Has Broken* Gaelic melody

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah* Traditional Caribbean

Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Halle, halle, hallelujah.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON *Exodus 33:12-23*

Reader A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moïse dit à l'Éternel: Voici, tu me dis: Fais monter ce peuple! Et tu ne me fais pas connaître qui tu enverras avec moi. Cependant, tu as dit: Je te connais par ton nom, et tu as trouvé grâce à mes yeux. Maintenant, si j'ai trouvé grâce à tes yeux, fais-moi connaître tes voies; alors je te connaîtrai, et je trouverai encore grâce à tes yeux.

Considère que cette nation est ton peuple. L'Éternel répondit: Je marcherai moi-même avec toi, et je te donnerai du repos. Moïse lui dit: Si tu ne marches pas toi-même avec nous, ne nous fais point partir d'ici. Comment sera-t-il donc certain que j'ai trouvé grâce à tes yeux, moi et ton peuple? Ne sera-ce pas quand tu marcheras avec nous, et quand nous serons distingués, moi et ton peuple, de tous les peuples qui sont sur la face de la terre?

L'Éternel dit à Moïse: Je ferai ce que tu me demandes, car tu as trouvé grâce à mes yeux, et je te connais par ton nom. Moïse dit: Fais-moi voir ta gloire! L'Éternel répondit: Je ferai passer devant toi toute ma bonté, et je proclamerai devant toi le nom de l'Éternel; je fais grâce à qui je fais grâce, et miséricorde à qui je fais miséricorde.

L'Éternel dit: Tu ne pourras pas voir ma face, car l'homme ne peut me voir et vivre.

L'Éternel dit: Voici un lieu près de moi; tu te tiendras sur le rocher. Quand ma gloire passera, je te mettrai dans un creux du rocher, et je te couvrirai de ma main jusqu'à ce que j'aie passé. Et lorsque je retournerai ma main, tu me verras par derrière, mais ma face ne pourra pas être vue.

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 99 *read responsively by half-verse*

- 1 The Lord is King;
let the people tremble; *
**he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.**
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
**you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Reader A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Pablo, Silvano y Timoteo, a la iglesia de los tesalonicenses en Dios el Padre y el Señor Jesucristo. Gracia y paz a Ustedes. Siempre damos gracias a Dios por todos ustedes y los mencionamos en nuestras oraciones. Recordando constantemente ante nuestro Dios y Padre la obra de su fe, labor de amor y firmeza de esperanza en nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Porque sabemos, Hermanos y Hermanas amados por Dios, que él los ha elegido, porque nuestro mensaje del evangelio les llegó no solo en palabras, sino también con poder y en el Espíritu Santo y con plena convicción; así como saben qué

tipo de personas probamos ser entre ustedes por su bien. Y Ustedes se convirtieron en imitadores de nosotros y del Señor, porque a pesar de la persecución, recibieron la palabra con gozo inspirados por el Espíritu Santo, de modo que llegaron a ser un ejemplo para todos los creyentes en Macedonia y en Acaya. Porque la palabra del Señor se ha difundido desde ustedes no solo en Macedonia y Acaya, sino en todo lugar en que su fe en Dios llegó a ser conocida, de manera que no hay necesidad de hablar de ello. Porque la gente de esas regiones nos cuenta que tipo de bienvenida tuvimos entre ustedes, y cómo regresaron a Dios después de abandonar los ídolos, para servir a un Dios vivo y verdadero, y esperar a su Hijo del cielo, quien resucitó de entre los muertos—Jesús, quien nos rescata de la ira venidera.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL OFFERING Members of the St. Augustine's Pan-A-Praise Steel Orchestra

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Matthew 22:15-22*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this,

and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

MULTICULTURAL DAY SPEAKER Judylee Vivier

THE NICENE CREED

Celebrant and People

**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.

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.

who 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

For the Church, and especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Lawrence, our bishop: that, through faith and love, God's mercy and grace may be made known from the rising of the sun to its setting; life-giving God, **Hear our prayer.**

For the people of Grace Church: that we—who have received the message of the Gospel not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit—may be signs of the true and living God's presence in our families, our workplaces, and our society; life-giving God, **Hear our prayer.**

For Grace Church's Multicultural Day: May God bless our celebration today as we give heartfelt thanks for the diversity of races and ethnicities, cultures and traditions that have shaped each of us, and that continue to be the source of this country's strength and creativity; life-giving God, **Hear our prayer.**

For immigrants, asylum seekers, and those who seek a better life in this country: that this nation may once again embrace its tradition and its promise, by welcoming the stranger; life-giving God, **Hear our prayer.**

For free and fair elections; and for all who are voting: that the Spirit of God will help us all to recognize the critical issues before us, and guide us in applying Christ's Way of Love in our choices; life-giving God, **Hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer from COVID 19: that they may find hope and healing; for healthcare workers and others who tend to the sick: that they may be kept safe, and find the resources they need. And—as the number of infections continues to rise in our country and around the world—we pray that those in positions of public trust, and all citizens, will have the courage, commitment and compassion to fight this pandemic together through comprehensive, science-based action; life-giving God, **Hear our prayer.**

For those for whom prayers have been requested, especially Sean; Lally; Roger; Bill; Anne, Moe & family; Mercedes; Jean; Sybil; Julian; Mary; Dolores; Theo & family; and all who care for sick or aging loved ones: we pray that God will give them strength to face their challenges and fill their hearts with hope and peace; 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 rest in God's loving arms. We also pray God's consolation for those who mourn; life-giving God, **Hear our prayer.**

For all who are present, and for all who worship with us from their homes today: that we may remember whose image is stamped upon us. May God give us the grace to remain hopeful in the face of persistent evil, the discernment to guard against idolatry, the humility to pray for God's guidance in recognizing how God's kingdom might look in this world, and the willingness to do whatever we can to bring wholeness, transformation and healing to one another and our communities; life-giving God, **Hear our prayer.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Celebrant and People

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.

Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AT THE OFFERTORY, MUSICAL OFFERING West African Dance Performance

THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 380, verse 3)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

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 God 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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Wonder, Love & Praise Hymn 858

American Folk Melody

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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

Celebrant 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

AT THE COMMUNION, A SOLO

Nick Connolly, soloist/cantor

When We Are Living

Spanish melody

Peace Before Us

based on a Navaho prayer

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant 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.

THE BLESSING

HYMN 529 *In Christ, There is no East or West* Afro-American Spiritual

THE DISMISSAL

Minister Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Members of the St. Augustine's Pan-A-Praise Steel Orchestra

*Thank you for joining us for this joyous service, demonstrating how **Diversity is Community** at Grace Church Brooklyn Heights. Special thanks to the Multicultural Day planning committee and everyone who contributed to this second annual event, especially our speaker, Judylee Vivier, and readers, Miguel Asmal and Elisabeth Lindenmayer.*

Committee: Miguel and Rosa Asmal, Jacqui Taylor Basker, Veronica Dagber, Denise Young Farrell (co-chair), Marilyn Pryce Grant, Barbara Lowe, Allison Robinson (co-chair), Grant Smith, Nick Spriggs

*A Fulbright scholar of South African origins, **Judylee Vivier** is an acting and voice teacher, actor and voice coach, and a professor and head of the MFA Acting Concentration at Brooklyn College, CUNY. She holds a BA Honors and MA degree from the University of Kwa-Zulu-Natal, South Africa, and an MFA in Acting from NYU. Judylee's teaching career began in South Africa 35 years ago at the University of Kwa-Zulu-Natal, and extends to RWCMD and RCSSD in the U.K., and NYU, AMDA, Rutgers Newark, Michael Howard Studios. She is a recipient of the Claire Tow Distinguished Teacher Award 2007 and the Tow Professorship 2016-2018; a member of VASTA (the Voice and Speech Trainers' Association) and ATHE (Association of Theater in Higher Education) since 2001.*

As a practitioner, Vivier is committed to encouraging the graduate actors at Brooklyn College to celebrate their individual uniqueness and worth by using their bodies and voices—ownership of self and identity—to practice their right to speak as human beings and artists to tell the stories they want to tell. Judylee wrote and performed her own solo performance piece, based on growing up with her patchwork family in Apartheid South Africa, and was inspired by her immigrant experience and yearning to belong in a diverse community through reclaiming her roots and culture, her story, identity and sense of self.



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THE OFFERING

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we will not be passing the collection plate during worship services.
An offering plate is located in the center aisle at the back of the Church.
To pledge by text, send a message to 73256 with the message "GraceBrooklyn."
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<https://onrealm.org/gracebrooklyn/-/give/now>.