



*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*

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**PSALM 114** *read responsively*

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, \*

**the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,**

2 Judah became God's sanctuary \*

**and Israel his dominion.**

3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*

**Jordan turned and went back.**

4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*

**and the little hills like young sheep.**

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*

**O Jordan, that you turned back?**

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
**you little hills like young sheep?**

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
**at the presence of the God of Jacob,**

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
**and flint-stone into a flowing spring.**

**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** *Exodus 14:19-31*

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

*Reader* Here ends the reading.

### **CANTICLE 13 A Song of Praise**

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; \***

**you are worthy of praise; glory to you.**

**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; \***

**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; \***

**on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.**

**Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; \***

**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you, beholding the depths; \***

**in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**

**Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; \***

**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

### **THE SECOND LESSON** *Romans 13:8-14*

*Reader* A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

*Reader* Here ends the reading.

**HYMN 593**

*Lord, Make Us Servants*

*The Hymnal 1982*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 18:21-35*

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you

all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

*Deacon*        The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**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.**

#### **SUFFRAGES A**

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**

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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, and especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Lawrence, our bishop: that, as we proclaim the love of Christ in words and deeds, we may be signs of God's peace, and instruments of reconciliation; life-giving God, ***Hear our prayer.***

For all the people of Grace Church: that we may preserve and build this precious community of faith with Jesus' love, patience, and forgiveness for one another; life-giving God, ***Hear our prayer.***

As we reflect on the anniversary of September 11, as well as the state of our nation: we pray that all may refrain from using religion to justify violence, or to deprive others of dignity or potential. Despite our differences, may God teach us to work together for the good of all people; life-giving God, ***Hear our prayer.***

For an end to the West Coast wildfires. We pray that God will protect all firefighters, and grant merciful healing to all who have been injured or lost their homes. We pray also that God will move our nation to be better stewards of our fragile Earth; life-giving God, ***Hear our prayer.***

For parents: that God will grant them strength and calm sufficiency as they cope with balancing the demands of work, household tasks, and their children's schooling needs; life-giving God, ***Hear our prayer.***

For our Jewish sisters and brothers as they celebrate Rosh Hashanah, the New Year; life-giving God, ***Hear our prayer.***

For all who are feeling sad or pessimistic. For those for whom prayers have been requested, especially Lenore; Kris; Jake; Sean; Ruth; Jacque (*pronounced Jackie*); Richard & Linda; Jane; Rosemarie; Andrew; Katie Lynn; Noreen; Stephen; Florence, and all who are suffering from COVID 19. We pray that God will protect and sustain them; 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, and especially Ann Wilkerson, mother of Sarah Davies; and all who have died in the West Coast wildfires, that they will find peace 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 do unto others not just as we would have them do to us, but also as God so lovingly does for each of us every single day; life-giving God, *Hear our prayer.*

## A WORD OF WELCOME

**A MUSICAL OFFERING**    *How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings*  
Edward Trerise, *soloist*

Samuel Liddle

## 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.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **CLOSING SENTENCE**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

**HYMN 345**      *Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name*      *The Hymnal 1982*

**POSTLUDE**      *Fantasia in C Major*      *J. S. Bach*

### **DISMISSAL**

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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## **THE OFFERING**

We are grateful for your offering to Grace.

For those attending worship in person, the offering plate is on the table in the center aisle.

You may also make an offering or pledge payment online or by text. Go to <https://onrealm.org./gracebrooklyn/-/give/now> or text GraceBrooklyn to 73256.