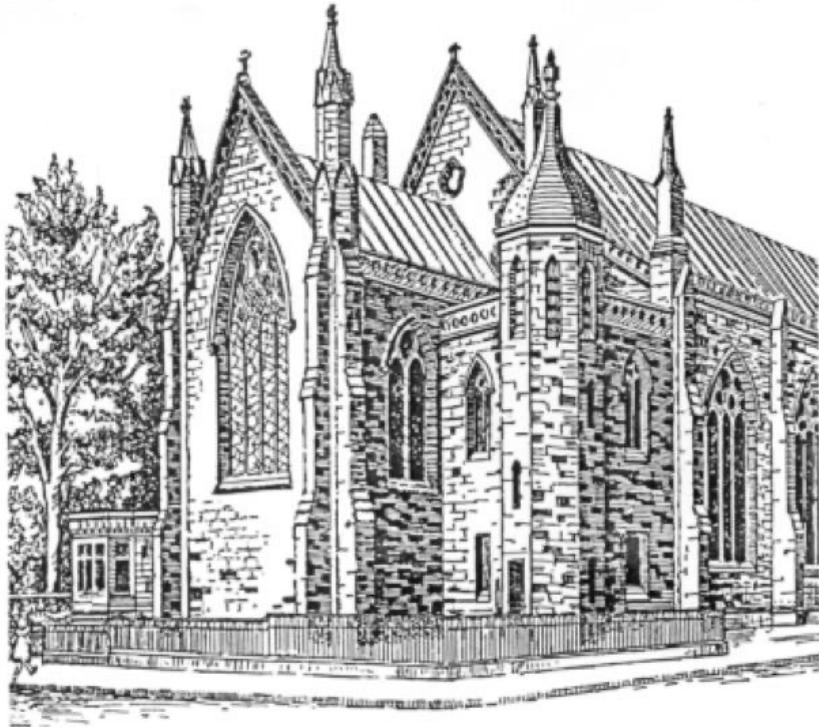


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The Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 13th, 2021
Holy Eucharist: Rite II
8 am & 11 am

Welcome to Grace Church! If you are a newcomer or visitor, we want you to know that we are blessed by your presence. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to a member of the clergy. Everything you need to follow the service can be found in this bulletin. Congregational responses are printed in **bold**. Hymn numbers refer to **The Hymnal 1982** or **Lift Every Voice and Sing (LEVAS)**.

PRELUDE *Invocation* Joseph Béesau (1871-1940)

HYMN 522 *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

KYRIE ELEISON (8 am)

Celebrant Lord, have mercy.
People **Christ, have mercy.**
Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

HYMN OF PRAISE (11 am) Hymn S 236 *Glory to You*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON *1 Samuel 15:34-16:13*

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the Lord said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the Lord chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The Lord has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

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

PSALM 20 *Read responsively.*

1 May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble,
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

2 Send you help from his holy place
and strengthen you out of Zion;

3 Remember all your offerings
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

4 Grant you your heart's desire
and prosper all your plans.

5 We will shout for joy at your victory
and triumph in the Name of our God;
may the Lord grant all your requests.

6 Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed;
**he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his right hand.**

7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we will call upon the Name of the Lord our God.

8 They collapse and fall down,
but we will arise and stand upright.

9 O Lord, give victory to the king
and answer us when we call.

THE SECOND LESSON *2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17*

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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HYMN 20 (LEVAS) *When We All Get to Heaven*

THE HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 4:26-34*

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Reverend Alan Christopher Lee

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,
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 to God for the needs, concerns, and hopes of the whole human family saying; “Hear our prayer.”

For the Church, and especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Lawrence, our bishop: that our efforts may reap a harvest of abundant life for all your creatures; Eternal God, **Hear our prayer.**

For the people of Grace Church: that we may persevere in prayer and the work this parish is called to, trusting in God who brings great things from small beginnings; Eternal God, **Hear our prayer.**

For good will among nations and peoples: that peace may be established in all places of conflict, the weak and innocent may be protected, and leaders may work together to improve the lives of all the world’s citizens; Eternal God, **Hear our prayer.**

As we approach the observance of Juneteenth: that the people of this country may commit to honor and uphold the dignity and equal rights of all human beings; Eternal God, **Hear our prayer.**

For all students who are graduating: that God will guide them in using their gifts and talents, so that they will enrich the world, and spread hope and peace through their efforts; Eternal God, **Hear our prayer.**

For those who teach the young, feed the hungry, comfort the afflicted, and strive for justice: that Christ’s love may be made known through their ministries; Eternal God, **Hear our prayer.**

For resources and healing for the people and places where COVID 19 is flaring up: that they may be raised up and made strong in God's love; Eternal God, **Hear our prayer.**

For all who face the anxiety and uncertainty of serious illness: that God will soothe their fears, and fill them with courage and trust. For all who have been commended to our prayers, especially the Rev. Sonia Waters; the Rev. Erika Meyer; Karl S.; Debby; Chris; Jesse; Max; Jenny; Sean & Fiona & family; Janice; Mike; Marcelle; Joe D. & family; Emiko; Brady; Bill; Cynthia; and all who care for sick and aging loved ones: that God will grant them hope and healing. For strength and God’s special blessing for all who care for sick or aging loved ones; Eternal God, **Hear our prayer.**

At this time, you may offer to God your own petitions, or thanksgivings for His many blessings ...; Eternal God, **Hear our prayer.**

For those who have died: may light perpetual shine upon them, and may they rest in peace. We pray also for God's consoling presence with all who mourn; Eternal God, **Hear our prayer.**

For all who are present, and for all who worship with us from their homes today: that, in this world of greed and persecution, injustice and brokenness, we may live for one another in Christ, and walk by faith, confident in the kingdom of God; Eternal God, **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect. The People respond Amen.

THE CONFESION 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.

THE ABSOLUTION

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:

AN ORGAN VOLUNTARY (8 am)

A SOLO (11 am) *Set Me As a Seal* René Clausen (born 1953)
Patricia Magnuson, *soloist*

We are grateful for your offering to Grace Church. You can either place it in the offering plate or make your offering electronically. To pledge by text, send a message to 73256 with the message "GraceBrooklyn." You may also give online by going to <https://onrealm.org/gracebrooklyn/-/give/now>.

THE DOXOLOGY Hymn 380, verse 3 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

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.**

The Celebrant proceeds

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 Hymn S 125 (*The Hymnal 1982*)

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.

The Celebrant continues

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."

Celebrant

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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.

FRACTION ANTHEM (11 am)

Hymn 270 (LEVAS) *Lamb of God*

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

In the Episcopal Church all baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. The ushers will guide you and answer any questions. Gluten-free wafers are available; please make your need known to the minister.

AT THE COMMUNION, A SOLO (11 am)

Open Thou Mine Eyes

John Rutter (born 1945)

Patricia Magnuson, *soloist*

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

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 525 *The Church's One Foundation*

THE DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Passacaglia in E minor

Finn Viderø (1906-1987)

We thank Patricia Magnuson, our soloist, for leading us in worship this morning at the 11am service.

*The altar flowers today are given by Vernon and Susan Vig, to the Glory of God,
and in honor of their 60th wedding anniversary.*

Welcome to Grace Church! If you are new to Grace, we are thrilled that you have joined us, and we would love to get to know you better. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to an usher or a member of the clergy.

Summer choir will once again be singing this year, starting at the 10 am service on **June 20th**, with rehearsal at 9:15 am in the choir stalls. On June 27th, summer services will commence in the Guild Hall, and summer choir rehearsal will be at 10:15 am for the 11 am service. Appropriate seating distances will be observed, and singers will be masked! For the schedule, repertoire list, or any other questions, please contact Paul Olson at (718) 619-7895 or paulrichardolson@aol.com.

Join the **Parents' Summer Book Club**, which will read *The Spiritual Child* by Lisa Miller, PhD, and discuss the latest science on spirituality and its positive impact on children. We will meet at **8 pm on three Tuesdays: June 29th, July 27th, and August 31st**, via **Zoom**. To RSVP or for more information, including the Zoom link, email Fr. Chris at clee@gracebrooklyn.org.

Multicultural Day Meeting

Plans are underway for a festive and fun celebration of our international diversity at Grace Church. Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 17, 2021.

Confirmed readings in Creole, French, and Spanish.

Are you, your parents, or grandparents from another country? Please let us know so we can include you in our Parade of Flags. Countries represented to date include Australia, China, Ecuador, Guyana, India, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Lebanon, Martinique, Norway, Panama, Slovakia, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

Anyone interested in helping to plan this event is welcome to join us on **Sunday, June 27th, 10-10:45 am** via **Zoom**. For more information, including the Zoom link, or to have your country listed, please email Denise Young Farrell at dlyfarrell@gmail.com or Allison Robinson at a.robinson2@verizon.net.

As the Grace Church community continues to deal with the aftereffects of a year of hardship for so many due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we would like to ask parish members to consider making an offering to the **Rector's Discretionary Fund**. With this fund, the Rector is able to help those in our community when they need it most. If you would like to contribute to this important fund, you can do so by check or via our online payment system at <https://onrealm.org/gracebrooklyn/-/give/now>. Checks should be made out to Grace Church with "Rector's Discretionary Fund" in the memo.

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