

Grace Episcopal Church

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 20
The Celebration of St. Matthew's Day
September 20, 2020



Welcome

In the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to worship in the Episcopal tradition. **All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are invited to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.** We receive the full Sacrament in the form of Bread in the palm of the hand. During the liturgy there are times when the congregation is directed to kneel or stand for significant periods. If you are unable to do so, please know that you are welcome to be seated.

Music is considered an element of prayer and is therefore an important part of worship. At this time, singing during worship is reserved only for the cantor.

Offerings may be placed in the basket at the font as you enter or leave the Nave,
or on-line at www.gracekirkwood.org/give-to-grace.

Our **nursery** is closed until further notice.

Hearing assistance is available; please ask an usher.

Prayer requests to be published for the community should be given to the parish office.

*We enter into silence in preparation for worship
and request that you silence cell phones and similar devices.*

The Post-communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Gerontius

Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful; most sure in all his ways.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood, which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe, should strive and should prevail;

And that the highest gift of grace should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence, and his very self, and essence all-divine.

The Dismissal

People respond Thanks be to God!

The Voluntary

Maestoso

Clifford Harker
(1912-1999)



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in memory of Richard and Mary Engelbrecht.*

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

We thank you, heavenly Father, for the witness of your apostle and evangelist Matthew to the Gospel of your Son our Savior; and we pray that, after his example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The First Lesson

Jonah 3:10-4:11

God's mercy toward the city of Nineveh angers the prophet Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

The Fraction Anthem

Peter Latona

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Virginia L. Bennett

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.

Intercessor For those who are facing economic difficulty, may God graciously look upon their needs and bring them relief and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for Shelly, David, Mary Etta, Alice, Emily, Marilyn and Joel, Dick, Karla, Kelly, Ben and the Voller Family, Jane, Keith, Carol and Ted and for those we name aloud; and all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers and prisoners, the dying and the dead, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Lifting our voices with all creation, Saint Matthew and all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People **To you, O Lord.**

Celebrant Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gracious and merciful God, who honors the last as well as the first, hear the prayers we offer this day and welcome your people into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

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

Silence may be kept.

**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

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.

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

Celebrant Let us offer prayers for all who labor in the vineyard of the Lord and for all in every danger and need.

Intercessor For Deon our Bishop, Todd and Virginia our Priests, and for the Staff and Vestry of this parish; for the Moru refugees from the Diocese of Lui; for The Anglican Church of Myanmar and Stephen their Archbishop; for all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For health care workers, for those serving in the military and for first responders, may God grant them fortitude and deliver them safely at the end of each day, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For civic and health care leaders, for teachers and students, may God give them wisdom, strength and compassion, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For those infected with or recovering from the coronavirus, may Jesus, the Divine Physician, offer them hope and provide healing, and for all those who have died, may they know the peace and joy of God's love through all eternity, let us pray to the Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Voluntary at the Offertory

Sarabande

Jean-Marie Leclair
(1697-1764)

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth...

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

Peter Latona

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

Refrain: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will extol you, my God and king, and bless your name forever and ever.

I will bless you day after day, and praise your name forever and ever.

The LORD is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in mercy.

How good is the LORD to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 1:21-30

The Apostle Paul acknowledges that Christ is all to him, both in life and in death.

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation

Mode VI/Phillip Brunswick

Alleluia. Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus uses a parable to teach that grace is not dispensed according to human standards.

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

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay

Recognition of First Communion

The priest invites the child to come forward with her parents.

Parents: Father, having spent the past year preparing for First Communion to be fed by Jesus the Good Shepherd, we present to you our child, Molly.

The priest speaks to the congregation.

Dear friends, this child asks to share with us the Bread of Heaven so that she may be a full member of the Body of Christ and to drink of his Cup so that she may share his life for ever. The period of preparation has involved listening to the words of Jesus and following his commands, and now she is to be our companion in Christ completely.

The priest asks the child

Do you wish to be a member of the Body of Christ and a sheep of his flock through the Sacrament of Holy Communion?

Child: I do.

Let us now pray for Molly that the Lord may lead her to safe pasture.

There is a pause for silent prayer and then the following prayer is said.

**Lord God,
you build us up
by our sharing in the Bread that is broken
so that each of us may be part of the Body of Christ.
Guide this sheep of the flock
chosen by you to receive your Son.
May he keep her safe,
bring her back when she strays
and satisfy her hunger.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Communion of the People

As Molly receives her First Communion, all baptized Christians are invited to receive communion.

At the direction of the usher, please form a single line in the center aisle, keeping six feet apart.

Gluten-free Bread is available upon request.

Music at the Communion

Communion from Suite liturgique

Denis Bédard
(1911-1940)

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Voluntary

Alle Menschen müssen

Johann Gottfried Walther
(1684-1748)

Hymn

Stuttgart

God, my king, thy might confessing, ever will I bless thy name;
day by day thy throne addressing, still will I thy praise proclaim.

Full of kindness and compassion, slow to anger, vast in love,
God is good to all creation; all his works his goodness prove.

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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.**

Gloria in excelsis

John Lee

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.

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