

GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK
Morning Prayer & Sermon
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 11, 2020 at Eleven O'clock A.M.

PRELUDE Prelude, Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

Adagio from Troisième Symphonie, Op. 28

Louis Vierne (1870-1837)

HYMN 372 Praise to the living God! *(Please stand)*

1 Praise to the living God! All praised be his Name.
 2 Form less, all love ly forms declare his love li ness;
 3 His Spi rit flow eth free, high surg ing where it will:
 4 E ter nal life hath he im plant ed in the soul;
 who was, and is, and is to be for ay the same.
 ho ly, no ho li ness of earth can his ex press.
 in pro phet's word he spoke of old; he speak eth still.
 his love shall be our strength and stay while a ges roll.
 The one e ter nal God ere aught that now ap pears:
 Lo, he is Lord of all. Cre a tion speaks his praise,
 Es tab lished is his law, and change less it shall stand,
 Praise to the liv ing God! All prais ed be his Name
 the first, the last, be yond all thought his time less years!
 and ev ery where a bove, be low, his will o beys.
 deep writ up on the hu man heart, on sea, on land.
 who was, and is, and is to be, for ay the same.

For he cometh, for he cometh to / judge . the / earth;
and with righteousness to judge the world,
and the / peo - . - ples / with . his / truth.
Glory be to the Father and / to . the / Son,
and / to . the / Ho - . ly / Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and / e - . -ver/ shall be,
world without / end. . A - / - A - / - men.

FIRST LESSON **Isaiah 25: 1-9** *(Please be seated)*

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; or you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rain-storm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation

Reader
People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

(To be said by all, seated)

Dominus regit me

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

SECOND LESSON **Philippians 4:1-9**

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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ANTHEM From the rising of the sun

Frederick Arthur Gore Ouseley (1825-1889)

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered up unto my name: for my name shall be great among the heathen. Thus saith the Lord. *Malachi I*

THIRD LESSON **Matthew 22:1-14** *(Please be seated)*

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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HYMN 362 Holy, holy, holy!

(Please stand)

(During the hymn, children present in church may follow one of the clergy for an outdoor Children's Chapel.)

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 *2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.
 which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Words: Reginald Heber (1783-1826), alt. Music: *Nicaea*, John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

SERMON (*Please be seated.*)

The Reverend Thomas Szczerba

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*To be said by all, standing*)

Book of Common Prayer p. 53

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And with thy Spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Please kneel if you are able*)

Book of Common Prayer p. 54

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

Book of Common Prayer p. 55

V. O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;
R. And grant us thy salvation.
V. Endue thy ministers with righteousness;
R. And make thy chosen people joyful.
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. For only in thee can we live in safety.
V. Lord, keep this nation under thy care;
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
V. Let thy way be known upon earth;
R. Thy 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 thy Holy Spirit.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord, we pray thee that thy grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

COLLECTS

Book of Common Prayer p. 56

INTERCESSIONS**THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

Book of Common Prayer p. 58

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we thine unworthy servants
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all people.
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for thine inestimable 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 beseech thee,
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
and that we show forth thy praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to thy service,
and by walking before thee
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
be all honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

2 Corinthians 13:14

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Please be seated.*)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM He, watching over Israel, from Elijah *Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy* (1809-1847)

He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps. Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish, He will quicken thee.

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DOXOLOGY

OLD 100TH

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. Amen

PRAYERS AT THE ALTAR

THE BLESSING

HYMN 377 All people that on earth do dwell

Unison or harmony

1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he
 3 O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his
 4 For why? the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for
 *5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom heaven and

1 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth
 2 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us
 3 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al -
 4 ev - er sure; his truth at all times firm - ly
 5 earth a - dore, from men and from the an - gel

1 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - - joice.
 2 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 3 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 4 stood, and shall from age to age en - - dure.
 5 host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - - more.

Words: William Kethe (d. 1608?); para. of Psalm 100

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

DISMISSAL

The people respond: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Toccata en si mineur

Eugène Gigout (1844 –1925)

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The Adult Choir;
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Welcome Back to In-Person Worship at Grace Church!

Preregister - Everyone attending in-person worship is required to preregister at <https://gracechurchnyc.org/register/> in case the need arises to assist with contact tracing. Those who do not sign up in advance may do so with an usher on arrival.

Masks - Everyone is required to wear a mask covering the nose and mouth at all times. Masks are available for those who don't bring their own. If you need a mask, please see an usher.

Social Distancing - Seating is allowed in the pews with open doors. Please find an unoccupied pew. Those who live together may sit together. The south transept is reserved for choir only.

Sunday School and Nursery Care are not available at this time. Online Children's Chapel will continue over Zoom at 9:45 am. In-person Children's Chapel will take place outside during the sermon.

Restrooms are available on the 1st floor of the parish house, through the north aisle door near the baptismal font. One person at a time in each restroom, please.

Fellowship - After the service come enjoy a socially distant, coffeeless coffee hour in the rectory yard (north side of the church). Easy access through the north transept door. It's another chance to rock your mask!

TODAY

9:45 am Children's Chapel (over Zoom) – Join Mother Julia and Father Thomas from 9:45-10:10 am to say our hellos, read and discuss the story of the day from our Children's Bible, and then say our prayers together. (Designed for ages 4-10, but the whole family is welcome.) For Zoom access, please see your recent Weekly Epistle (Friday enews) or email the Rev. Thomas Szczerba well in advance of the event.

10:15 am Sunday Forum Coffee Hour – Join the clergy for a virtual coffee hour. This week's host is the Rev. Julia Macy Offinger. For Zoom access, please see your recent Weekly Epistle (Friday enews) or email

the Rev. Thomas Szczerba well in advance of the event. Next week, we will begin our discussion on faith and politics.

11 am Worship Service (CHURCH IS OPEN for in-person worship. Service continues to be video streamed every week.) Please see the safety guidelines in the boxed section, above.

Outdoor Children's Chapel! Children in attendance at the 11 am service are invited to the rectory lawn during the sermon (weather permitting). We will engage with the text and move around a bit. Masks are to be worn and social distancing guidelines will be in place.

4 pm Hymns from Grace (on Facebook Live) 45 minutes of your favorite hymns, solos, anthems and voluntaries played on the Bicentennial Organ. Requests taken!

THIS WEEK AT GRACE CHURCH

Monday - Centering Prayer (over Zoom) – 12:15-12:45 pm – Christian silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of God's presence. Led by Currie Estreich, MA, Spiritual Direction, the General Theological Seminary. For Zoom access, please see your recent Weekly Epistle (Friday enews) or email the Rev. Thomas Szczerba.

Enter, Rest, Pray (CHURCH IS OPEN) Tuesday, noon–3 pm, Wednesday, 5:30-6:30 pm, and Thursday, noon–3 pm. Tuesday and Thursday Noonday Prayer at 12:05 pm. Wednesday Evening Prayer at 6 pm. All are required to wear a covering over their nose and mouth, and to observe posted safety guidelines.

Tuesday, Thursday – Bach at Noon (Held in the church during open hours and on Facebook Live) 12:20 pm - 30 minutes of music by J.S. Bach, played on the Bicentennial Organ.

Wednesday - Women's Bible Study (over Zoom) – 10:30 am-noon – Long-running program of guided Bible study and discussion for women. For Zoom access info, please see your recent Weekly Epistle (Friday enews) or email the Rev. Julia Macy Offinger well before the event.

Wednesday, Friday - Bach at Noon (on Facebook Live) – 12:20 pm - 30 Minutes of music by J.S. Bach, played on the Bicentennial Organ.

Wednesday - Evening Prayer with Homily at 6 pm (CHURCH IS OPEN for in-person worship. Service continues to be available over Zoom, Facebook Live, and YouTubeLive.) For Zoom access, please see your recent Weekly Epistle (Friday enews) or email the Rev. Thomas Szczerba well before the service. All are required to wear a covering over their nose and mouth, and to observe posted safety guidelines while in the church.

Saturday – Weekend Organ Meditation (on Facebook Live) 4pm - 45-minutes of diverse music played on the Bicentennial Organ.

COMING SOON

Grace Parish Showcase Sponsored by the Grace Church Women (Online)

October 1-31 accepting submissions. November 2 showcase goes live. All parishioners and friends of Grace are invited to participate! Photography, painting, 3D (Sculpture), story, video, audio, art or craft of any medium, representing your experiences during the months of the pandemic. You do not have to be an artist! We would love to see everyone get involved! Show a selfie, a scribble, a homemade mask, a special meal, a new hobby, your garden, a story, poem, prayer, etc. For detailed info and submission instructions contact Elana Foundos at elanafoundos@gmail.com.

Meet the Author: Ibram X. Kendi - A Diocese of New York Event

(October 22nd @ 7pm over Zoom)

Register here: <https://www.dioceseny.org/ednyevent/meet-the-author-ibram-x-kendi/> to participate with hundreds of other Episcopalians in an exclusive online event as Ibram X. Kendi, author of *How to Be An Antiracist* discusses his journey of discovery, answers your questions, and reflects on the nationwide movement toward antiracism that his writings have helped to fuel. Please share your thoughts and questions about the book in the blog at <https://www.episcopalnyreads1book.com/>. Some of your questions will be forwarded to Dr. Kendi before his address to the Diocese on the 22nd. Contact the Rev. Thomas Szczterba with any questions.

OUTREACH

October is Tuna Month for The Red Door Place

Our food ministry partner, now called The Red Door Place at The Church of the Village, is one of the few pantry/soup kitchens remaining open to serve those in need during the Covid-19 crisis. Donations are desperately needed. Non-perishable food item(s) may be dropped off in the collection baskets in the narthex when you visit Grace Church during open hours. This month we are especially looking for cans of tuna.

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