



**Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 15, 2021
10:30 a.m.**

Grace Episcopal Church
123 W. Washington Street
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GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Lexington Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia

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The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude Largo

Lefébure-Wely

Hymn 238 Blessed Feasts of Blessed Martyrs *Holy Manna*

1 Bless - ed feasts of bless - ed mar - tyrs, ho - ly wo - men,
 2 Faith pre - vail - ing, hope un - fail - ing, lov - ing Christ with
 3 There - fore, ye that reign in glo - ry, fel - low - heirs with

ho - ly men, with af - fec - tion's re - col - lec - tions
 sin - gle heart, thus they, glo - rious and vic - to - rious,
 Christ on high, join to ours your sup - pli - ca - tion

greet we your re - turn a - gain. Wor - thy deeds they
 brave - ly bore the mar - tyr's part, by con - tempt of
 when be - fore him we draw nigh, pray - ing that, this

wrought, and won - ders, wor - thy of the Name they bore; we, with
 ev - ery an - guish, by un - yield - ing bat - tle done; vic - tors
 life com - plet - ed, all its fleet - ing mo - ments past, by his

meet - est praise and sweet - est, hon - or them for ev - er - more.
 at the last, they tri - umph, with the host of an - gels one.
 grace we may be wor - thy of e - ter - nal bliss at last.

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Opening Acclamation

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.*

Song of Praise 438 Tell out my soul *Woodlands*

1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo- ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,
Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
his ho - ly Name - the Lord, the Might - y One.
the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day (Proper 15)

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Lessons

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have

shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

Psalm 111

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! *

they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *

and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *

the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works *

in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *

all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *

because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;

he commanded his covenant for ever; *

holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *

those who act accordingly have a good understanding;

his praise endures for ever.

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 6:51-58

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. R. David Cox

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.

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

Please pray for the wider Church and intercessions requested by our Congregants: Pray for The Anglican Communion, The Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, Standing Committee of the Diocese of Haiti as they search for their new Bishop, the Diocese of Leeds and their Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Nick Baines, the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and the archbishop of the province, The Rt. Rev. Justin Badi Arama, the Episcopal Church in the United States of America and our Presiding Bishop, The Most Rev. Michael B Curry, the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, and

our Bishop Mark Bourlakas.

Pray today for the retired Bishops of the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia, The Rt. Rev. Heath Light and The Rt. Rev. Neff Powell.

Pray for Bettie Cadden, Lynda DeMaria, Bob DeMaria, Peter Fyfe, Pat Gibson, Alleane Taebel, Lucy Moise, Dean Stenzel, Kate Roy Christian, Karen Clark (cousin of Sharon White), John Belsick (friend of the Hotchkiss family), Juanita Ruth One, Kay Glore, William Gibson (brother of Keith Gibson), John Fairchild (friend of the Gibsons), Debbie Arnn, Ginger Bell Trice (cousin of Tuck Bowerfind), Anne Weede, Priscilla Yowal (member of Sudanese diaspora 4 in Roanoke), Lynn McCoy (friend of the Crawfords), John & Patti Reich (friends of the Habermans), Judy Eaton, Mary Jane Hubbard, Don Fleming (uncle of Patrick McGuire), Carol Wedd, Peggy Riethmiller, Bob Crewdson, Letta (friend of Drusie Milford), Marsden and Sadie (premature infants of Meredith and Josh Cranston), Donald Graham (son-in-law of Alice Furgerson), David Burford, Jerome Coleman, Dick Larm, Shelley (friend of the Lemmers), Ben Nelson, Robin & Robert Hutton (sister and brother-in-law of Chris Howison) and those we name in our hearts.

Pray for those serving in the military.

Pray for those who have died, especially Raymond Passmore (father of David Passmore), Durwood Usry (friend of Martha Burford).

Pray for those affected by unsafe living conditions, poverty, disease, violence and oppression.

Pray for the people of Haiti who are suffering from the effects of COVID 19 and are in need for vaccines.

In thanksgiving for the S.T.E.P.S. program, mentors, and recipient Richard Jones.

In thanksgiving for the birthdays this week of Kent Wilson (8/17), and Marjorie Connolly (8/20).

Celebrant: We come to you, trusting that our prayers will be heard. So, we pray, “O God of abundant mercy, hear our prayer.”

Reader: For your church in our neighborhoods and around the world, may we work toward unity and pray with one heart and one voice. We pray for wisdom for our leaders; for the president, the Congress, and the courts. O God of abundant mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We come to you with thankful hearts, thankful for friends, family, and food; thankful for work, play and peace. Let us never forget those who are alone, hungry, out of work, in prison, and living in violent situations. O God of abundant mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We come to you trusting in your care and claiming the promise of your presence. We pray for healing for those who are in special need today. O God of abundant mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We come to you for forgiveness—for paying more attention to our own needs than the needs of others, for listening more to our own voice that we listen to yours, and for all the ways we put up barriers between your love and our lives. O God of abundant mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We come to you for teaching and for wisdom, asking your blessing on all who soon begin a new year of schooling, especially in the institutions of our own community. Guide the endeavors of all who nurture others, especially the young, to understand your world more truthfully, and discern your love more clearly; and give to all students strength and resolve for learning in the pursuit of wisdom, and of lives dedicated to truth and goodness. O God of abundant mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We come to you as disciples. May your love be known in the words we say and the lives we live. O God of abundant mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We come to you on behalf of all who are in need of healing and peace. We give thanks for those in our community who provide care and comfort through long days and nights of pain. Make your presence known to those who are broken, lost, or grieving, and bring them the peace they seek. O God of abundant mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We come to you for hope, bringing before you those we love and see no longer. We rejoice that they now are free from all pain and delight in the never-ending life that awaits us, especially Raymond and Durwood. **Hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: O God of justice and compassion, who puts down the proud and mighty from their place, and lifts up the poor and the afflicted: We give you thanks for your faithful witness Jonathan Myrick Daniels, who, in the midst of injustice and violence, risked and gave his life for another; and we pray that we, following his example, may make no peace with oppression; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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.

Priest, stands and says

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

The Holy Communion

Offertory

Anthem Song of Wisdom

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 him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. 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 qui venit: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. —

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."

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,

Celebrant and People

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Music:

Hymn 488 Be thou my vision *Slane*

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,

all else be nought to me, save that thou art -
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!

thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

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Hymn 665 All my hope on God is founded *Michael* (we do not have permission to reprint this hymn on line)

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.

Blessing & Dismissal

Hymn 594 God of grace and God of glory *Cwm Rhondda*

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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