

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2020 9:30am

Online Service

No Communion

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“To Know Jesus and to Make Him Known”

Grace Episcopal Church

336 Main St, Old Saybrook, CT

The Rt. Rev. Ian T. Douglas, Bishop

The Rev. Charles B. W. Hamill, Rector

The Rev. Judith A. Cowper, Pastoral Associate

Christina Burnham, Minister of Music

PRELUDE :

Voluntary Number 6

Paul Page

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ENTRANCE RITE (pg. 355, BCP)

OPENING HYMN

HYMN 716

GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND

America

God bless our native land;
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night;
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave,
Do thou our country save by thy great might.

For her our prayers shall rise
To God, above the skies;
On Him we wait;
Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye,
To thee aloud we cry, God save the state!

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

People **The Lord is Risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant says:

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 *all say*

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.

THE COLLECT *of the DAY*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.. **Amen.**

THE WORD *of GOD*

THE LESSONS

THE FIRST READING

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.'

"I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.'

“Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother’s death.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 45: 11-18

"Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *
forget your people and your father's house.

The king will have pleasure in your beauty; *
he is your master; therefore do him honor.

The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
the rich among the people seek your favor."

All glorious is the princess as she enters; *
her gown is cloth-of-gold.

In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.

With joy and gladness they are brought, *
and enter into the palace of the king.

"In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *
you shall make them princes over all the earth.

I will make your name to be remembered
from one generation to another; *
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

THE EPISTLE:

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

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People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMN 719, v.1

O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES

Materna

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Then, all still standing, the Minister reads the Gospel, first saying:

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

Matt Stosse, Senior Warden, Grace Church

THE NICENE CREED *The congregation stands*

**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.

THE PRAYERS *of the* PEOPLE Form II (pg. 385, BCP)

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

The celebrant says

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael, our presiding Bishop; Ian and Laura, our Bishops; Charlie and Judy, our priests; and for: Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, Common Good Gardens, Old Saybrook Youth and Family Services, the AA and DBSA groups that meet at Grace Church, the Early Head Start Program, Boy Scout Troop 51, Alex Treser and Cru Ministry, The Rev. Stacey Kohl and Christ Church Norwich, Patrick Dominguez and his church planting effort and Kateri Medical Services in Nigeria. In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for: Christ Church, Oxford; St. John's, Pine Meadow; St. Paul's, Plainfield; Military chaplains and to all who serve this country.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. For the leaders of the nations, for those in the service of our country: Travis Board, J.C. Glick, Dornn Harris, Christopher Parham, Joshua Rinier, Nathaniel Burnham, Daniel Martin, Christian White, Todd Buroff, Tami Morgan, Adam Randal, Daniel Kronz, Tom Cote, Branden Peace and John Christensen and crew. I ask your prayers for all the first responders, medical professionals and scientists who are battling this pandemic. I ask your prayers for an end to the oppression of racism and for God to touch the hearts of those who hate others created in His image.

Pray for justice, peace, wisdom and protection.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, We pray for: Kate, Kent, Chad, Myra, Mark, Jennifer, Lisa, Janice, Cassidy, Andrea, Lucinda, Hilda, Bryan, Barbara and Jon Zakhar, Dee Labelle, Lennart Nicholson, Thomas Burnham, Earlene Bell, Fran Tarrio, Aurelia Knox, Sarah Craig, Filiz, Joyce, Marjorie, Sophie, Len Pass, Jon-Scott, Eugene Williams, James, Marguerite, the Hundt family, Marla, Kay Hall, Mike Trask, Meredith, Frank Roman, Jessica MacArthur, Penny, Jane, Justin Iondo, Margie, Bill Ross, Jordan Forest, Tom, Bjorn, Laura, AJ, Tony, Michelle, Nathaniel and Tanya Burnham, Erin, Jim Donahue, Brian, Jeff Moxham, Marianne and Bernie, Sandee, Sue, Veronica, Dianne Hunt-Mason, Ronnie Sundheimer, Rita Chazen, Joel, Beth, Linda, Valerie and Richard Beers, Susan, Doug Hamill, Bonnie, Tom, Diane, Ariana, Ryan O'Rourke, Shane, Ellie Ruth, the Lyman Family, and Julia North.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed, especially for Alice & Clyde Auger, Sr. and Laurie Auger for whom the altar flowers were given, as well as Michael Rue and anyone else who has died during this viral pandemic. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Let us also take a moment to give God thanks for the blessings, recoveries, and victories that we have received and shared in during this difficult time.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION (pg. 360, BCP)

The Deacon or Celebrant then says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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 PEACE

The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

The Celebrant says to the people

Let us pray

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant and People together

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.

CLOSING HYMN

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING v. 1 & 3

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by thy might, led us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee.
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee.
Shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

THE DISMISSAL

After the Recessional the Priest or Deacon says

Alleluia, Alleluia, Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Celebrant and People Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia

POSTLUDE:

Battle Hymn of the Republic

arr. Robert J. Hughes

Thank you to our Minister of Music Christina Burnham and our cameraman Kyle Trask-Kuchta for their presence and assistance with creating and working through the service together. We are also grateful for the tech and construction support of Alan Buroff, Ken Soudan, Fred Kmietek and Clyde Auger. We will continue to fine-tune the service each and every week.

We are glad you could join with us today online. Please continue to keep praying and studying Scripture alone and together at home. If you need any resources either for prayer, study or even material resources, please contact Pastor Charlie or go to our website GraceOldSaybrook.org and click on the "COVID19" button for more updated info and resources.

At this point, our official "reopening" in person for services will be Sunday July 19 for both the 8 and 10am services. You will notice this date has changed from July 5 due to Pastor Charlie having to quarantine following vacation. A letter and email were sent to the parish to explain the change of dates. A packet was also earlier sent out to all Grace Church households with information on new worship and safety protocols for those services. Until then, Pastor Charlie and the staff will still be working to put together the online services, preparing for our future reopening live at church, as well as checking emails and phone calls throughout this time. You may also have guessed that we still have many bills to pay for upkeep of the buildings.

That being said, we humbly ask that you please continue to give/pledge **AS YOU ARE ABLE** during this time. For now, please feel free to send checks to the church address, 336 Main St., Old Saybrook, CT 06475. Or, you can drop them off in the mailbox on the patio...make sure they are marked "Attn: Grace Church" on them so the mailman doesn't get confused! for the year. If you have any questions, please let us know. Thank you for your faithful and giving hearts during these strange times.

May the God who peace who delights to dwell with and save us, be with you all in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit unto ages of ages.

AMEN