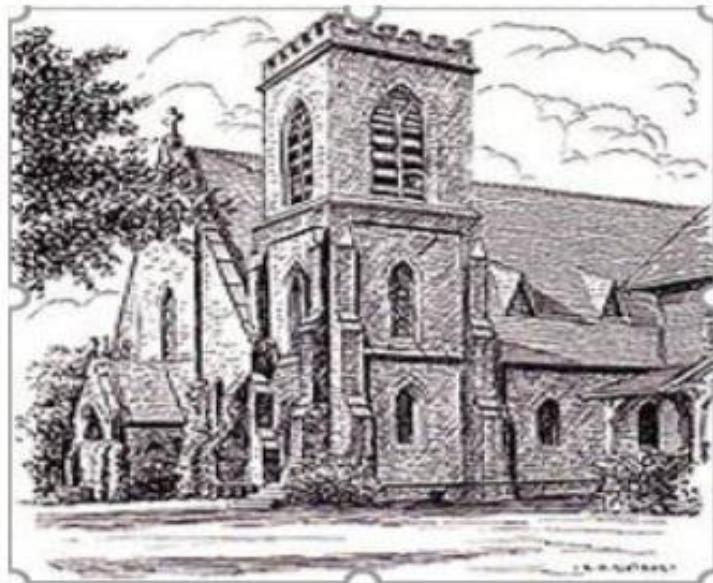


Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2020 10:00am

Online Service

Facebook/YouTube



“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 :

Durch Adams Fall

Gottfried August Homilius

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE ENTRANCE RITE (pg. 355, BCP)

OPENING HYMN

HYMN 495, v. 1

HAIL, THOU ONCE DESPISED JESUS

In Babilone

Hail, thou once despised Jesus!
Hail, thou Galilean King!
Thou didst suffer to release us;
Thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, thou universal Savior,
Bearer of our sin and shame!
By thy merit we find favor:
Life is given through thy Name.

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.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 32:22-31

The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 17:1-7,16

Hear my plea of innocence, O Lord;
give heed to my cry; *
listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.

Let my vindication come forth from your presence; *
let your eyes be fixed on justice.

Weigh my heart, summon me by night, *
melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.

I give no offense with my mouth as others do; *
I have heeded the words of your lips.

My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; *
in your paths my feet shall not stumble.

I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; *
incline your ear to me and hear my words.

Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, *
**O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.**

But at my vindication I shall see your face; *
**when I awake, I shall be satisfied, beholding
your likeness.**

THE EPISTLE:

Romans 9:1-5

I am speaking the truth in Christ-- I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit-- I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

After the reading, the Lay Reader says

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

HYMN 301

BREAD OF THE WORLD

Rendez a Dieu

Bread of the world, in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken,
And in whose death our sins are dead:
Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be thy feast to us the token
That by thy grace our souls are fed.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

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 withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

The Rev. Charles B.W. Hamill

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 Treiser and Cru Ministry, The Rev. Stacey Kohl and Christ Church Norwich, Patrick Dominguez and his church planting effort and Kateri Medical Services in Nigeria. Pray for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. 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, and wisdom.

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, Nancy, Cassidy, Andrea, Lucinda, Hilda, Bryan, Barbara and Jon Zakhar, Dee Labelle, Anita, Lennart Nicholson, Thomas Burnham, Earlene Bell, Fran Tarrio, Aurelia Knox, Sarah Craig, Joyce, Marjorie, Sophie, Len Pass, Jon-Scott, Eugene Williams, James, Marguerite, the Hundt family, Marla, Kay Hall, Mike Trask, Meredith, Frank Roman, Penny, Jane, Justin Iondo, Margie, Bill Ross, Jordan Forest, Tom, Bjorn, Laura, AJ, Tony, Michelle, Nathaniel and Tanya Burnham, Maya, Erin, Jim Donahue, Brian, Jeff Moxham, Marianne, Bernie, Sandee, Sue, Veronica, Dianne Hunt-Mason, Ronnie Sundheimer, Joel, Beth, Billy, Linda, Valerie and Richard Beers, Susan, Doug Hamill, Bonnie, Tom, Diane, Ariana, Ryan O'Rourke, Shane, Ellie Ruth, Julia North, Evangelos Psillas, Thomas Heinnsen Jr., and Dennis Kerwin.

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, 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.

CONFSSION AND ABSOLUTION (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.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A (pg. 361, BCP)

The people remain standing.

The Celebrant faces them and sings or says

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus *the people say*
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.

Then 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.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

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.”

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 forever. **Amen**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (pg. 365, BCP)

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and 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

CLOSING HYMN

HYMN 680, v. 1-2

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

St. Anne

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;

Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

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

Recessional on St. Anne

Gordon Young

CONTINUING PRAYERS

We ask your continuing prayers for others in our diocese and for those in our parish family who are serving in the armed forces. Please pray for:

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer we pray for: Good Shepherd, Shelton; St. Paul's, Shelton; St. Alban's, Simsbury. Christ Church Cathedral's ministry in Hartford; the Cathedral Chapter; honorary canons of our Cathedral.

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.

OUR PARTICIPANTS TODAY

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:	Elizabeth Davey	8 am
	Susan Board	10 am
LECTOR:	Audrey Board	10 am
USHERS:	Teri Sokolowski, Peter Knox	8 am
ALTAR GUILD:	Travis Board, Bill Passera	10 am
FLOWER DELIVERY:	Penny Coleman, Betty Salldin	
	Bob Day	

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God
And in loving memory of William West Frazier Brinley.*

GRACE CHURCH STAFF

Rector, The Rev. Charlie Hamill
Minister of Music, Christina Burnham
Parish Administrator, Liz Keirstead
Digital Communications Director, Kate McKinney
Sexton, Sherry Schiavone

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Senior Warden, Matt Stosse
Junior Warden, Kate Mason
Treasurer, John Kennedy
Clerk, Julie Peace
Clerk Pro Tem, David Condren
Vestry Members: Cathy Auger, Dale Schneider, Alan Buroff,
Carly Trask-Kuchta, Robert Mulvihill, Cherie Suhie

GRACE CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

The ON-GOING SERVICES NOW AT GRACE CHURCH!!

Saturday Night at 5:30PM

NEW! 3rd Service: OUTSIDE, behind church:

Evening Prayer (No Holy Communion)

Bring lawn chairs, Book of Common Prayer and bug spray
(Chairs, tables, BCP and citronella will be provided as well)

If it rains, the service will move inside.

Sundays at 8AM and 10AM

All Congregation Welcome (Will Follow Safety Protocols!)

A return to our traditional time slots for services, with Holy Communion done in a new format and somewhat limited social distance seating. Overflow seating is provided in Merrill Hall, where service are live-streamed onto TVs.

The 10AM service WILL CONTINUE to be live-streamed onto Facebook and YouTube for those who can't make Sunday services in person.

For more information, contact Pastor Charlie at 860-388-0895 or by email at gracechurchrector@gmail.com

Women of Grace Invitation to Book Study

The Women of Grace have begun a new study on July 10, reading *Proverbs: Life Change Bible Study* by Bonnie Rhodes. The group will meet outside Fridays at 10am on the porch at Grace if the weather is nice. If there is bad weather, the meeting will move to Zoom online. For more information and questions, contact Kathy Bartus by email bartuskab53@aol.com, or Christina Burnham at whh1773@rocketmail.com. Or you can contact the church office for more info at 860-388-0895.

Shoreline Soup Kitchen REOPENS Wednesday meals at Grace...for TO-GO!

Grace Episcopal Church is pleased to announce, in partnership with The Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries, that the weekly meal site held here on Wednesdays from noon until 1:00 pm resumed July 22nd. Meals will be provided on a **CURBSIDE CARRYOUT BASIS**. Anyone desiring a meal can drive in and a volunteer will hand them a meal to go. All are welcome.

Study and material resource needs!?

If you need resources either for prayer, study or material resources, please contact Pastor Charlie at the office, 860-388-0895, or go to our website GraceOldSaybrook.org and click the "COVID19" button for info and resources.

Altar Flower Memorials

Just a reminder that though we haven't had in-person, in-sanctuary worship together in a long time, the Altar Guild is still accepting donations for Sunday altar flowers made out to "Grace Church Altar Guild" in memory of loved ones. For more information please contact Barbara Bowie by email at coljim95@gmail.com or Betty Salldin at bettysalldin@sbcglobal.net

Sunday and Holiday Sermon CD's and Grace Church Newsletters...

If you are interested in sharing or hearing the sermons again, you can order a CD with any Sunday's Sermon from our Digital Media Communications Director, Kate McKinney. In addition to our CD ministry, would you like to receive an email (digital) version of our monthly newsletter with updated events and pastoral notes and letters? For more info on the getting on the newsletter email list or to order CD's with the Sunday Sermons, email Kate at gracechurchdigital@gmail.com, leave a message for her at the church phone, 860-388-0895, or catch her after the 10am service on most Sundays.

Grace Episcopal Church Prayer Line is back!

We have a wonderful heritage of prayer. In the 70s, a Prayer Line was established at Grace. Now, after a few years' hiatus, the Prayer Line is up and running and again.

Here's how it works...If you need prayer for something, call one of the Prayer Line Chairpersons (Joyce Brinley and Barbara Bowie). Either use your directory or call the church office for their contact info.

Please briefly tell them your request. The Prayer Line will take it from there. The Chairperson will pass the prayer on to a Prayer Team member, who will pass it to the next Prayer Team member, and so on. Once a member hangs up the phone, the intercession begins!

The Prayer Line is available to receive requests 9:00 am to 8:30 pm. Typically, the Prayer Line requests for the day go out to members about 7:00 pm. However, requests of an emergency nature will be passed on immediately.

We are so grateful to have this ministry active again. Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to have your brothers and sisters in Christ lift up your requests to God.

NOTE ABOUT INTERNET EMAIL GIFT CARD SCAM

For the past few years, there has been an email scam going across the country and world. It involves asking people to help purchase gift cards of varying sorts (or bank cards), or asking you to provide your financial accounts for help. If you receive an email like this from Pastor Charlie (noted in scam emails usually as Reverend Charlie or Reverend Hamill) or an email from any of the staff or volunteers at Grace Church, John Kennedy (treasurer), Liz Keirstead (parish admin), Kate McKinney (digital communications) or Christina Burnham (music director), or any other person from Grace...PLEASE DO NOT CLICK OR RESPOND TO EMAIL. Erase email ASAP.

If any of the Grace Church team need to ask you for gift cards (or financial help), you will only hear it during announcements at church or by phone call...NOT by email. And we would never ask you for your financial details, ever! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Pastor Charlie.

Thank you and be careful!