



# CHRIST AND GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*It is our custom to observe a prayerful silence before the service begins. During the service, please feel free to stand or kneel as you are able.*

*Welcome to Christ and Grace and thank you for wearing your masks while inside the building. During the hymns we will remain seated and you are invited to silently meditate on the words. Worship leaders may remove masks when speaking. As a community of faith we are called to love and care for one another. We appreciate your patience with the changes in our protocol as we work to ensure the safety of all.*

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## THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST August 22, 2021

**10:00 AM HOLY COMMUNION RITE II – live streamed**

### The Word of God

**Prelude:** *Rhosymedre* Ralph Vaughan Williams

**Opening Acclamation** *standing*

*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.**

**Hymn 460 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!** *sitting* Hyfrydol

*1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;*

*Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone;*

*Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood;*

*Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.*

*2 Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;*

*Alleluia! he is near us, faith believes, nor questions how:*

*though the cloud from sight received him, when the forty days were o'er,*

*shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?*

*3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, thou on earth our food, our stay!*

*Alleluia! here the sinful flee to thee from day to day:*

*Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, plead for me,*

*where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day**

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading: Psalm 84** *sitting (see readings on last page)*

**Gospel:** *standing*

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

**John 6:56-69**

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

Robin Teasley

**Hymn 335 I am the bread of life** *sitting* I am the Bread of Life

*Refrain (after each verse)*

*And I will raise them up, and I will raise them up,*

*and I will raise them up on the last day.*

*I am the bread of life; they who come to me shall not hunger;*

*they who believe in me shall not thirst.*

*No one can come to me unless the Father draw them.*

*The Bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world,*

*and they who eat of this bread, they shall live for ever,*

*they shall live for ever,*

*Unless you eat of the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his Blood,*

*You shall not have life with in you, you shall not have life within you.*

*I am the resurrection, I am the life. They who believe in me,*

*even if they die, they shall live for ever.*

*Yes, Lord we believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God*

*who has come into the world.*

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**The Nicene Creed** *standing*

**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 IV** *standing or kneeling*

*Reader* Let us pray for the Church and for the world. In the pauses between the prayers I invite you to offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we remember: Katherine Patterson, Jim Perry and Rosemary Piccolo.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We especially pray for James Christiansen, Thomas Clark, Shannon Farthing, Melba Felty, Kathy Hackett, Rod Hale, Heydon Lewis, Shelley Richardson, Mark Sheffield, Mary Villeponteaux, David and Wyatt.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. The arrangement at the altar is given to the glory of God and memory of Phyllis Little by her family.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(pause)*  
**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.**

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** *standing*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

**Greeting and Announcements**

**Offertory Sentence**

**The Holy Communion**

**Offertory**

**The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer C** *standing*

*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.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.  
**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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.”

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebekah, Leah and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion Hymn 301** *Bread of the world*

Rendez à Dieu

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** *standing*

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**

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *Christ lag in Todesbanden*

J S Bach

*If you would like to receive reserved sacrament, please contact the church office or Rev. Robin.*

Lay Reader: Jonathan Shockley

Audio/Visual: Jim Donnelly

Ushers: Kitty Gwaltney, Greg Gwaltney

**WELCOME VISITORS:** We extend a warm welcome to our visitors today. If you would like to know more about our church, visit our website where you will also find links to our YouTube channels. You may also email us and we will be in touch. We are glad you are here.

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### **Psalm 84 *Quam dilecta!***

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may  
lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.
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whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
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- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \* hearken, O God of Jacob.
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When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

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