



# 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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## NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST October 3, 2021

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

### The Word of God

**Prelude:** *Prelude on 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 376** *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee* *sitting* Hymn to Joy

*1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day*

*2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.*

*3 Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.*

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day**  
Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading: Job 1:1; 2:1-10** *sitting* (see readings on last page)  
*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel:** *standing*  
*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**  
**Mark 10:2-16**  
*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon** *sitting* Robin Teasley

**Hymn 559** *Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us* Dulce carmen

*1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee,  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.*

*2 Savior, breathe forgiveness o'er us;  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us;  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
yet unfearing, persevering,  
to thy passion thou didst go.*

*3 Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy;  
love with every passion blending  
pleasure that can never cloy;  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.*

**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*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Susan; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.  
Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. In our Parish Cycle of Prayer we remember: the Simpsons, Laraine Smith, and Melanie Smith.  
Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. We especially pray for James Christiansen, Melba Felty, William Pegram Johnson, Heydon Lewis, Clyde Mosley, Shelley Richardson, Mark Sheffield, Robbi Spencer, Mary Villeponteaux, Linda Watanabe, and Wyatt.  
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. The arrangement at the altar is given to the glory of God and for all the pets that come into our lives and bring joy and love, by Bee Betts.  
Pray for those who have died.

*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.*

*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 Quiet Heart*

John Ness Beck

**The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A**

*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 everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever say this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.**

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.

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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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 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**

*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**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving** *standing*

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Blessing & Dismissal**

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

**Postlude:** *Hymn to Joy*

Michael Burkhardt

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

Lay Reader: Nancy Holden

Audio/Visual: Jim Donnelly

Ushers: Lee Boisseau, Jonathan Shockley, Marwee Walsh

**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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*Our mission: Offering Hope, Healing and Hospitality*

**Job 1:1; 2:1-10**

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One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, “Where have you come from?” Satan answered the Lord, “From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it.” The Lord said to Satan, “Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason.” Then Satan answered the Lord, “Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face.” The Lord said to Satan, “Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life.”

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, “Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die.” But he said to her, “You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

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Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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