

*Grace Episcopal Church  
401 Pendleton Street  
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**Morning Prayer  
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

August 2, 2020

*The Right Rev. Frank Logue  
11th Bishop of the Diocese of Georgia*

*The Rev. Kit Brinson, Rector  
Mike Taylor, Church Musician and Choir Director*

**The Hymn**      *Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless*      **H 343**

### **The Invitatory**

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

**People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

*Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:*

**People: Come let us adore him.**

**Venite** (*Said in unison*) *Psalm 95:1-7*

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \*and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, \*and his hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah (55:1-5)**

Thus says the Lord: "Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting

covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

The Word of the Lord... **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22**

**The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, \* slow to anger and of great kindness.**

**The LORD is loving to everyone \* and his compassion is over all his works. The LORD upholds all those who fall; \* he lifts up those who are bowed down.**

**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, \* and you give them their food in due season.**

**You open wide your hand \* and satisfy the needs of every living creature.**

**The LORD is righteous in all his ways \* and loving in all his works.**

**The LORD is near to those who call upon him, \* to all who call upon him faithfully.**

**He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; \* he hears their cry and helps them.**

**The LORD preserves all those who love him, \* but he destroys all the wicked.**

**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; \* let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **A Reading from 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 The Word of the Lord....**Thanks be to God.**

**The Hymn** *(standing) Spirit of the living God*

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.  
(Sung twice)*

**The Reading from Matthew (14:13-21)**

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.

The Word of the Lord....**Thanks be to God.**

**The Homily**

**The Apostles' Creed** *Officiant and People together, all standing*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Prayers**

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

**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 Suffrages - A**

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord; **R. And grant us your salvation.**
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness; **R. Let your people sing with joy.**
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world; **R. For only in you can we live in safety.**
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care; **R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
- V. Let your way be known upon earth; **R. Your saving health among all nations.**
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten; **R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God; **R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

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 good, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for the Church**

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him, that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Grace**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for Guidance**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A Collect for the Nation**

Lord, God Almighty, you have made all peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of this country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

*Who can separate us from the love of God? What can separate us from the love of Christ? Let our hearts now respond to such overwhelming love as we pray together in the Spirit; saying: **Hear us, O Lord.***

That God will renew the merciful covenant made with us in love, we pray: **Hear us, O Lord.**

That our government officials, caught in the COVID pandemic, locked in indecision and confusion, may find common ground, we pray: **Hear us, O Lord.**

That the bread of life may be shared one day by all Christians at a common table of praise, we pray: **Hear us, O Lord.**

For the poor of our world, and for governments called to assist them in their need, we pray: **Hear us, O Lord.**

For the sick and suffering in our world especially, Nancy, Alyssa, Mae, Amanda and family, Patsy, Rob, Chris, Tim, Madelyn, Dan, Johnny, Gloria, Tasha, Joey, Keith, Chandler, Una, Steven, Linda, Marcia, Larry, Jim, Greg, Denny, Vicky, Tristan, Rachel, Freddy, James and family, Tifani and Leland, Faye, Jerry, Jackie, Teresa, Shaun, Norene, Sandra, C.J., Andrea, Lonnie, Allen, Michelle, Sam, Frances, Bill, David, Jean, Zachary, Judy, Diane, Lauren, Barb, and Shary, for the dying victims of incurable disease, for those chained by depression, fear, and addiction, and for those who minister to them, we pray: **Hear us, O Lord.**

For Alyssa and her family during her surgery and recovery, that anxiety will be relieved and your presence may offer peace and the promise of healing, we pray: **Hear us, O Lord.**

For those seeking to grow their faith, that they find You in the recesses of their hearts, we pray: **Hear us, O Lord.**

For the newly wedded couples in our community, for expectant parents and for those who nurture children, that all may be fed by our loving God and find strength in lives of service, we pray: **Hear us, O Lord.**

For those who travel for recreation and fun, and for those blind to the needs of others, we pray: *Hear us, O Lord.*

Let us be mindful of the dead, especially Mike, Owen, Joe, Bobbie, and Pat. That they may come into the fullness of life, united with God in the communion of the faithful, we pray: *Hear us, O Lord.*

### **The Closing Collect**

O God, your loving care for us calls for our gratitude. Multiply once again your abundant mercy toward us; renew your covenant with us; and let our hearts overflow with godly love for others. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Rabbi and Lord, now in the Spirit and forever. **Amen**

### **The General Thanksgiving** (*Officiant and People*)

**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 ourselves 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.**

Let us bless the Lord. ....**Thanks be to God.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

### **The Closing Hymn**

*'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus*      **LEVAS 108**