

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

*The Right Rev. Frank Logue
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*The Rev. Kit Brinson, Rector
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The Hymn

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.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 Priest alone stands and says

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.**

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.....

A Reading from _____ *(on insert)*

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

The Psalm *(on insert)*

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.

A Reading from _____ *(on insert)*

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

The Hymn *(standing) Spirit of the living God (Not sung by congregation)*

*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 _____ *(on insert)*

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

The Homily Rev. Kit Brinson

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 - B

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance **R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.**

V. Day by day we bless you; **R. We praise your Name for ever.**

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today; **R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.**

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy; **R. For we put our trust in you.**

V. In you, Lord, is our hope; **R. And we shall never hope in vain.**

The Collect of the Day

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 Mission

O God, you have made us 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.**

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.**

A Prayer of Self-Dedication

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated unto you; and then use us, we pray you, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People - *The Leader and People pray responsively*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "**Lord, have mercy.**"

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For our President, and First Lady, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this city, for every city and community, and for those who live in them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those in need of our prayers, especially, Billie, Irene, Tony, Tina, Susan, Greg, Tanya, Madelyn, Nancy, Alyssa, Amanda and family, Mae's family, Rob, Chris, Tim, Dan, Johnny, Tasha, Keith, Chandler, Larry, Jim, 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, Diane, Lauren, Barb, and Shary, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have died, and comfort for their grieving families, especially for Mae, Mike, Owen, Joe, Bobbie, and Pat, that they may come into the fullness of life, united with God in the communion of the faithful, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

We commend to your gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad. Defend them by day with your heavenly grace; strengthen them in their trials and temptations; give them a sense of your abiding presence wherever they may be, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**

The Concluding Collect

The Announcements

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.

The Blessing/ Dismissal

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

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

The Closing Hymn

The 19th Sunday after Pentecost 2020

Entrance Hymn *The King of love my shepherd is (Not sung by congregation)*
Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877); para. Of Psalm 23
Music: *St. Columba*, Irish melody

Collect of the Day: Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from Isaiah (25:1-9)

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. The Word of the Lord... **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 23 (in unison)

The LORD is my shepherd; * I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures * and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul * and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; * for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.
Glory to the Father....**

A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians (4:1-9)

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. The Word of the Lord.....**Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn *Spirit of the Living God (Not sung by congregation)*

LEVAS II #115 Words: Daniel Iverson (1890-1977), Music: Daniel Iverson

A Reading from Matthew (22:1-14)

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not

worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.” The Word of the Lord.....**Thanks be to God.**

Procession Hymn *Rejoice, ye pure in heart* *(Not sung by congregation)*
Words: Edward Haye Plumptre (1821-1891) Music: *Marion*, Arthur Henry
Messiter (1834-1916)

Announcements: Outreach food prep for Sacks for Saturday on Tuesdays at 4:30(IN NEED OF Individual cereal boxes, Protein including Vienna sausage, Chef Boyardee small bowls, and fruit - **Oct.30th** – Virtual All Hallow’s Eve Service- **Nov. 6-7th** – Virtual Diocesan Convention