

# *Grace Episcopal Church*

*The Celebration  
of the Holy Eucharist  
Sundays after Pentecost  
2020*



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

*The Rev. Kit Brinson, Rector*

**The Procession Hymn** (*Not sung by congregation*)(# found on insert)

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

The Collect for Purity (*said in unison*)

**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.**

*When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing*

**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. (S 280)**

The Collect of the Day (*standing*)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*(The people are seated as readings from the Old Testament, Psalms, and New Testament are read)*

## **The First Lesson**

Reader: A reading from \_\_\_\_\_:

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gradual Psalm** (*on insert*)

## **The Second Lesson**

Reader: A reading from \_\_\_\_\_

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn (*standing*) (*found on insert*)

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

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

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*Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.*

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

*(Sung twice)*

## **The Holy Gospel**

*(The people remain standing. It is customary to make the sign of the cross on the forehead, lips, and heart during the Gospel announcement)*

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to \_\_\_\_\_

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*(following the reading of the Gospel)*

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon** (*seated*) (*silence follows the sermon*)

*After the sermon, all stand and say*

## **The Nicene Creed** *(read in unison)*

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**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** - *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, 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 con-

serve 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, 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**

Celebrant: 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 Priest, 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.**

### **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

### **The Announcements**

#### **The Offertory (*said*)**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

### **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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In the fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon his disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth;

uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. 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:

*The Sanctus (said)*

**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 people stand, sit or kneel)*

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 to 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:

**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. **AMEN.**

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 Fraction** (*said*)

**Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us  
Therefore let us, Alleluia, let us keep the feast  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**The Communion of God's People**

*Please wear your mask throughout the service, except when receiving communion. Please follow the arrows and the directions of the ushers to assist the flow of people in keeping safe distances from each other. Families and other folks sharing their home space together may come forward together.*

## **The Breaking of the Bread** (Only the wafer is given)

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Then may be sung Facing the people, the Celebrant says 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.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven. [*Amen.*]

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray. *Celebrant and People*

**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 forever. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

**The Procession** (*Not sung by congregation—# found on insert*)

*The Celebrant, dismisses them with these words..*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## *Grace's Mission Statement*

*The mission of Grace Episcopal Church is to glorify God through worship, fellowship and education, by reflecting Christ's love through sharing, caring and serving our parish family and our community.*



## The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost 2020

**Entrance Hymn**            *Jesus shall reign*            **H 544**

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt. Music: *Duke Street*, John Hatton (d. 793)

**Collect of the Day:** O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **A Reading from Ezekiel (18:1-4, 25-32)**

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is unfair." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, "The way of the Lord is unfair." O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.     The Word of the Lord... **Thanks be to God.**

*Psalm 25:1-8 (in unison)*

**To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; \* let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.**

**Let none who look to you be put to shame; \* let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

**Show me your ways, O Lord, \* and teach me your paths.**

**Lead me in your truth and teach me, \* for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.**

**Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \* for they are from everlasting.**

**Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \* remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

**Gracious and upright is the Lord; \* therefore he teaches sinners in his way.**

**He guides the humble in doing right \* and teaches his way to the lowly.**

## **A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians (2:1-13)**

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. The Word of the Lord....**Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**    *Spirit of the Living God*    Hymn LEVAS II # 115  
Words: Daniel Iverson (1890-1977), Music: Daniel Iverson

## ***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (21:23-32)*** **...People: Glory to you Lord Christ.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."    The Gospel of the Lord.    **People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **Procession Hymn**    *Jerusalem, my happy home*    **H 620**

Words: F. B. P. (ca. 16<sup>th</sup> cent.), alt    Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk hymn; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983)

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**Announcements:**    Beginning In-Person worship on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> -  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> – **Blessing of the Animals**, Blackshear Park 11AM and Sunday,  
October 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 in Monroe Park