



GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide
Anglican Communion.

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021

All are welcome to this service of communion;

All are wanted at the table of the lord.

*Before the Service — Speak quietly to God
During the Service — Let God speak to you
After the Service — Speak to one another*

**The 10:30 am Service will be
Live-streaming on our Facebook page**

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Proper 12

Gathering Song

COME TO THE WATER

John Foley, S.J.

1. O let all who thirst, let them come to the
2. And let all who seek, let them come to the
3. And let all who toil, let them come to the
4. And let all the poor, let them come to the

1. wa - ter. And let all who have noth-ing,
2. wa - ter. And let all who have noth-ing,
3. wa - ter. And let all who are wea - ry,
4. wa - ter. Bring the ones who are lad - en,

1. let them come to the Lord: with-out
2. let them come to the Lord: with-out
3. let them come to the Lord: all who
4. bring them all to the Lord: bring the

1. mon-ey, with-out price. Why should you pay the
2. mon-ey, with-out strife. Why should you spend your
3. la - bor, with-out rest. How can your soul find
4. chil-dren with-out might. Eas - y the load and

1. price, ex-cept for the Lord?
2. life, ex-cept for the Lord?
3. rest, ex-cept for the Lord?
4. light: ♪ come to the Lord.

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Officiant: I was glad when they said to me," Let us go to the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

Confession of Sin

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.**

Leader:

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Leader: Lord, open our lips. **People:** **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader and People: **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.**

First Lesson

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 11:1-15

¹ In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

² It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. ³David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' ⁴So David sent messengers to fetch her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. ⁵The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.'

⁶ So David sent word to Joab, 'Send me Uriah the Hittite.' And Joab sent Uriah to David. ⁷When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. ⁸Then David said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house, and wash your feet.' Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. ⁹But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. ¹⁰When they told David, 'Uriah did not go down to his house', David said to Uriah, 'You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?' ¹¹Uriah said to David, 'The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.' ¹²Then David said to Uriah, 'Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, ¹³David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

¹⁴ In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. ¹⁵In the letter he wrote, 'Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.'

Here ends the First Lesson

Psalm 14

¹Only the withering soul would say to himself, "There is no God."

**Anyone who thinks like this is corrupt and callous,
devoid of what is good.**

²Yahweh looks down in love,

looking over all of Adam's sons and daughters.

**He's looking to see if there is anyone who acts wisely,
any who are searching for God and wanting to please him.**

³But everyone has wandered astray,

walking stubbornly toward evil.

Not one is good; he can't even find one.

⁴They live in luxury while exploiting my people!

**Won't these workers of wickedness ever learn?
They don't ever think of praying to God.**

⁵But look at them now, in panic, trembling with terror.

For God is on the side of his godly lovers.

⁶Yahweh is always the safest place for the poor

when the workers of wickedness oppress them.

⁷How I wish that Israel's rescue

would arise from the midst of Zion!

**When Yahweh restores his people,
Jacob's joy will break forth
and Israel will be glad!**

Second Lesson

Epistle: Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family^[a] in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶ that he may grant you in accord with the riches of his glory to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner self, ¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to accomplish far more than all we ask or imagine, by the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.
Amen

Here ends the Second Lesson

Gospel Song: Break Thou the Bread of Life

1. Break thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,
3. Teach me to live, dear Lord, On - ly for thee,

1. As thou didst break the loaves Be - side the sea;
2. As thou didst bless the bread By Gal - i - lee;
3. As thy dis - ci - ples lived in Gal - i - lee;

1. Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord;
2. Then shall all bond - age cease, All fet - ters fall,
3. Then, all my strug - gles o'er, Then, vic - t'ry won,

1. My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing word!
2. And I shall find my peace, My all in all.
3. I shall be - hold thee, Lord, The liv - ing one.

Third Lesson

Gospel: John 6:1-21

¹After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ²A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' ⁶He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' ⁸One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' ¹⁰Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹²When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' ¹³So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, 'This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.'

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, ¹⁷got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰But he said to them, 'It is I; do not be afraid.' ²¹Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

People: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

A Reflection

The Apostles' Creed

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 Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, help us to honor your name. Come and set up your kingdom, so that everyone on earth will obey you, as you are obeyed in heaven. Give us our food for today. Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others. Keep us from being tempted and protect us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Leader: O Lord, deal not with us according to our sins.

People: Neither reward us according to our iniquities.

O GOD, merciful Father, Who despises not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as are sorrowful;

Mercifully assist our prayers which we make before You in all our troubles and 28 adversities, whenever they oppress us;

and graciously hear us, that those evils which the craft and subtlety of the devil or man works against us, may by Your good providence, be brought to nothing; that we Your servants, being hurt by no persecutions, may evermore give thanks unto You in Your holy Church;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

O Lord, arise, help us,

and deliver us for Your Name's sake.

O GOD, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us,

the noble works that You did in their days, and in the old time before them.

O Lord, arise, help us, **and deliver us for Your honor.**
From our enemies defend us, O Christ. **Graciously look upon our afflictions.**
With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts. **Mercifully forgive the sins of Your people.**
Favorably with mercy hear our prayers. **O Son of David, have mercy upon us.**
Both now and ever guarantee to hear us, O Christ.

Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

O Lord, let Your mercy be shown upon us: **As we do put our trust in You.**
WE humbly beg You, O Father, **mercifully to look upon our infirmities;**
and for the glory of Your Name, **turn away from us all those evils that we most justly have**
deserved; and grant, that in all our troubles; **we may put our whole trust and confidence in Your**
mercy,
and evermore serve You in holiness and pureness of living, to Your honor and glory;
through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayers of the People:

Let us hold up in pray:

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury Michael B. Curry, our Presiding Bishop

Keep them in your hands Lord.

Our Bishop, Bonnie Anne Perry that she leads us in completing your mission on earth.

Keep her in your hands Lord.

Let us remember Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic;
Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig
A. Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod.

Keep them in your hands Lord.

Our retired bishops, Wendell N. Gibbs, Jr. & R. Stewart Wood; our retired community, spouses and
companions.

Keep them in your hands Lord.

Our diocesan household: Committees, commissions, ministries, agencies, priests, deacons, lay
leaders, volunteers, and staff persons.

Keep them in your hands Lord.

Let us hold up in the parish communities of Waterford St. Andrew's and Dearborn Mother of the
Savior

Keep them in your hands Lord.

For all those who are sick or infirmed and for those suffering because of COVID – 19, And for all who
have asked for our prayers: **Ena, Cindy, Michelle, Jeff, Samantha, Thor, Rosy, Liz, Janice, Pam**
Z, Carol, Candy, Jennifer, Nina, Frank, Barbara, Donna, Helen, Matthew, Jennie, Katherine,
Shea, Reggie, Pam S, Roy, Karen, Martha, Ollie, Janet, Chris, Jasmine, Allen, Donna, Tom,
Jessica, Darrell, Marcie, Mark, Annette, Michelle, Frankie, Margaret, Jerry, Sandy, Bob, Mary.

Are there others?

That they may receive your healing touch. **Keep them in your hands Lord.**

For those whose lives are approaching death, and for those who have died, that they and their loved ones may receive the comfort of your loving embrace. **Keep them in your hands Lord and may they find eternal rest in the arms of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Leader:

Collect of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collect for St. James

O gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that you will pour out upon the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Announcements:

Birthdays, Anniversaries,.....

Offertory

Awesome God, Jesus fed thousands of people with seemingly little effort. Yet, we have grave difficulty feeding children in our own country -- let alone the entire world. Even while we are praying this prayer, someone has died from starvation and the lack of food. When we share resources with care-giving ministries, your hand is upon our shoulders, just like it was upon Jesus' shoulders the day he fed his followers. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to change lives by becoming generous caregivers of the resources that you first gave to us. In Jesus' name, we pray. **Amen.** (John 6:1-21)

Leader: Which we are blessed, we offer our gifts to our God, to carry on the works of Jesus Christ our Lord for all he has given us.

Offertory Hymn

DWELLING PLACE

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Verses 1, 2, 4

1, 4. I fall on my knees to the Fa - ther of Je - sus,
2. May Christ in his love give us strength for our liv - ing,

1, 4. the Lord who has shown us } the glo - ry of
2. the strength of the Spir - it, }

1st time: to Verse 2 Refrain

1, 2, 4. God. May Christ find a dwell - ing place of faith in our

hearts. May our lives be root - ed in love,

4 to Verses 3, 4

root - ed in love.

Verse 3

3. May grace and peace be yours in God our

to Refrain

3. Fa - ther, and in the Son.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

ALMIGHTY God, Who has given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto You; and does promise that when two or three are gathered together in Your Name You will grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Your servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

2 Corinthians 13:14

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. Amen

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

Closing hymn

COME, CHRISTIANS, JOIN TO SING

MADRID



1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing
2. Come, lift your hearts on high;
3. Praise yet our Christ a-gain; } Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



1. Loud praise to Christ our King;
2. Let prais-es fill the sky;
3. Life shall not end the strain; } Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



1. Let all, with heart and voice, Be - fore his throne re-joice;
2. He is our guide and friend; Our cry he will at-tend;
3. On heav-en's joy - ful shore His good-ness we'll a - dore,



1. Praise is his gra-cious choice:
2. His love shall nev - er end:
3. Sing - ing for - ev - er - more: } Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Text: 66 66 D; Christian Henry Bateman, 1843, alt. Music: Spanish Hymn, source unknown.

Here ends our Morning Prayer, let us go forth to continue our Lord's call, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks Be To God Almighty! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Prayers of this Congregation

For all refugees, especially those at our southern border; for the farmers across our country who are struggling; for Bonnie Perry, our Bishop, for Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Curry, our Presiding Bishop; Wendell N. Gibbs, Jr., our retired bishop; Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic; Elizabeth Eaton, ELCA Presiding Bishop; Donald P. Kreiss, ELCA Bishop, SE Michigan Synod; Craig Satterlee, ELCA Bishop, NW Lower Michigan Synod; Stewart Wood, our retired bishop; and our whole diocesan household, including St. Peter's in Hillsdale, St. Stephen's in San Pedro DR, St. Philip the Apostle in Santo Domingo DR; for Gretchen, our Governor; Joseph, our President; Kamala, our Vice President; and all members of Congress.

For Ena Pederson, Cindy, Michelle, Jeff, Samantha, Thor, Rosy, Liz Moorehouse, Janice Kibler, Pam Zawierucha, Carol Bales, Candy Dixon, Jennifer Holland, Nina DiGaetano, Frank & Barbara Davenport, Donna Hanes, Helen Stein, Matthew Bishop, Jennie Berube, Katherine Domienik, Reggie Chrzanowski, Pam Sherry, Roy Lawrence, Karen Blackburn, Ollie Denham, Janet Seewald, Chris George, Jasmine Gardner, Allen David Clay, Donna Chapman, Tom Krell, Jessica Wilhite, Martha Houser, Darrell Banks, Marcie Griffin, Mark Hall, Annette Leone, Michelle Grabowski, Frankie Dion, Shea Meloche, Jerry Gardner, Margaret Marchionda, Sandy & Bob Prout, the Warner family, the Fraley family, Mary Duda.

Please note: Names will remain on the prayer list for one month.

In order to add someone or keep someone on the prayer list, please call the office.

Do you know someone who is ill? Please contact the office and we will add them to the prayer list.

SUMMER READING GROUP

Join Pastor Steve in reading the book FIVE DAYS by Wes Moore. This is the story of the aftermath of the death of Freddie Gray while in the hands of the Baltimore Police Department. We realize this is a difficult topic but our bishop has asked all our members to educate ourselves on the issue of racial disparity and justice and to look for ways to be a part of the solution.

We will meet on the following Wednesdays from 6:00 -7:00 pm:

June 23, July 14 and August 11. You may join us in person at Grace or on Zoom.

Books will be available after both services today and next week so you do not have to buy one. You may also call Pastor Steve to arrange a book pickup.

SINGLE 10:30 SERVICE ON UPCOMING SUNDAYS

On July 18, 25 and August 22, there will be a single service at 10:30 am.

JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 7 pm on Zoom (*Meeting info will remain as follows each week*)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89732417015?pwd=Z0NkeFQ4L2FFSEYelB3WXoyUmFvZz09>

Meeting ID: 897 3241 7015 Password: 683930 Or call: 312-626-6799

The MINISTRIES of GRACE CHURCH

Currently

WORSHIP SERVICES

Sundays, online 8:30 & 10:30 am. Visit our website for more information.

Bible Study: Thursdays at 10 am.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Community Suppers:

Wednesdays at 4:30, take-out meals only

Food Pantry:

Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 10 am -12 noon, curbside pickup

Serving from 250 - 350 people every month

**All outreach ministries welcome volunteers,
financial donations, or food and clothing donations.**

Call the office to learn about helping or giving:

586-465-4573

