



# GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Protestant church in the worldwide  
Anglican Communion.

## A LITURGY FOR HOME

*When life's circumstances prevent us from attending Church*

**The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

***August 30, 2020 — 10:30 am Service***

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

### ***TO JOIN THIS SERVICE LIVE VIA ZOOM***

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**Opening Hymn: Go Down Moses** (Listen to this hymn on our website)

## **The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant:* May God be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **THE LESSONS**

### ***The First Reading***

#### **Exodus 3:1-15**

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you':

This is my name forever,  
and this my title for all generations.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

## *The Response*

### **Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c**

#### ***Confitemini Domino***

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \*  
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 23 Israel came into Egypt, \*  
and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- 24 The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; \*  
he made them stronger than their enemies;
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, \*  
and dealt unjustly with his servants.
- 26 He sent Moses his servant, \*  
and Aaron whom he had chosen.
- 45 Hallelujah!

## *The Second Reading*

### **Romans 12:9-21**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church .

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Gospel Hymn: Take Up Your Cross** (Listen to the hymn on our website)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, from Matthew 16:21-28

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Christ**

**The Homily: The Rev. Steven Steinberger-Domienik** (Listen to this sermon on our website)

*We observe a brief silence for reflection.*

**The Affirmation of our Faith**

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I give my heart to God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I give my heart to Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried,**

**And descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I give my heart to the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In peace we pray to you, O God.

We pray today for all people who struggle for survival: may you bless, comfort and strengthen them. **We pray to you, O God.**

For our faith community at Grace during this time of separation due to the pandemic and for all those who come to our building to be nourished by the food we provide. **We pray to you, O God.**

For the spirit of peace in our world: that all people, groups and nations in conflict may live in harmony. **We pray to you, O God.**

For the world's poor, destitute and homeless: Let not the needy be forgotten, or the hope of the poor be taken away. **We pray to you, O God.**

For the spirit of unity, forgiveness and reconciliation in our country: guide our elected officials to put aside political rivalry and work for the good of all our citizens. **We pray to you, O God.**

For all people of minority cultures and ethnic groups in the United States who continue to be trivialized and endangered by the pervasiveness of racism: may this national sin be acknowledged and cleansed from our hearts, institutions and nation. **We pray to you, O God.**

For all those who are sick or infirmed or who have asked for our prayers: **Ena, Cynthia, Michelle, Jeff, Samantha, Odin, Thor, Rosy, Cindy, Deborah, Jeanne, Michelle, Pam, Liz, Janice, Nina, Charlotte, Suzanne, Pam Z, Sue, Frank, Jean, Terry, Joan, Barbara, Frank, Wendy, Joan, Carol, Candy, Amy, Mark, Emily, Nathan, Jennifer, Sherie, Riley, Nina, Sabria, Susan, Mike, Ellen, Frank, Barbara, Dan, Donna, Jim.**

Are there others?

That they may receive your healing touch. **We pray to you, O God.**

For those whose lives are approaching death, and for those who have died, especially from COVID-19 that they and their loved ones may receive the comfort of your loving embrace. **We pray to you, O God.**

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

Good and gracious God, send forth your Holy Spirit upon your people throughout our country and the world. Tear down the walls that divide us, and make us one through Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FLUTE SOLO: Brooke Lau**

*Friends in Christ, during this time of social distancing, we are not able to celebrate the Eucharist together. Many of us are feeling what St. Thomas Aquinas describes as an “ardent desire to receive Jesus in the most holy sacrament and lovingly embrace him.” We are aware of this absence and our yearning for the real presence of Christ in that same experience we share with followers of Christ throughout the ages. Until we meet again in community we can practice a different Christian tradition in the practice of spiritual communion. We will now pray the prayer for spiritual communion from the Prayer Book for the Armed Services.*

### **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER**

Priest            The Lord be with you.  
**People**           **And also with you.**

Priest            Let us pray: In union, O God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; We proclaim your resurrection; We await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come.

**People**            **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to pray:  
*Listen to the pre-recorded Lord’s Prayer on our website.*

Our Father  
Which 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 debts  
As we forgive our debtors

And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil

For thine is the kingdom,  
And the power  
And the glory  
Forever  
Amen

## **The Blessing**

**People Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: Give Me Jesus** (Listen to this song on our website)

## **The Dismissal**

Priest: Our worship has ended, let our service begin, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God! 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. John's in Royal Oak, St. Bartholomew in San Cristobal DR; for Donald, our President, and all members of Congress.

For Ena Pederson, Cynthia Burdie, Michelle, Jeff & Samantha, Sirune, Odin & Thor, Genevieve & Rosy, Cindy, Deborah Pinto, Jeanne Nowak, Michelle Wisneski, Pam Sherry, Liz Morehouse, Janice Kibler, Nina DiGaetano, Charlotte Kalligeros, Suzanne Johnson, Pam Zawierucha, Sue Schlanbusch, Frank & Barbara Davenport, Joan Donald, Jean & Terry Hitchcock, Frank Laura, Wendy, Joan Walsh, Carol Bales, Candy Dixon, Amy, Mark, Emily, Nathan, Jennifer Holland, Sherie Borsa, Riley Burkholder, Nina DiGaetano, Sabria, Susan Fox, Mike Oakley, Ellen Laudicina, Frank and Barbara Davenport, Dan Davenport, Donna Hanes, Jim Smith.

***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 fill out a new prayer card (from the back of the pews) and place it in the offering tray.***

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

**The MINISTRIES of GRACE CHURCH**  
*Currently*

**WORSHIP SERVICES**

Morning Prayer: On our website each Sunday

**OUTREACH MINISTRIES**

**Community Suppers:**

**Wednesdays** at 4:00, 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***

**Grace's Income and Expenses**

July total expenses: \$24,508.17

July total income: \$16,306.27

Aug. pledge income: \$15,220.29

Aug. outreach income: \$2,672.70

Aug. rental income: \$1,590.00

**Capital Campaign**

Goal for 2020-22: \$150,000.00

Pledged to date: \$84,350.00

Received to date: \$28,600.00

**JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY**

Thursdays at 10:00 am on Zoom

*(Meeting info will remain as follows each week)*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89732417015?pwd=Z0NkeFQ4L2FFSExYeIB3WXoyUmFvZz09>

Meeting ID: 897 3241 7015 Password: 683930

Or call: 312-626-6799

**BOOK CLUB**

Our book club is an important time for us to meet to discuss our chosen book as well as share stories, laughs and fellowship. We don't want to let it go! We have decided to meet at the church on **Tuesday, September 15 at 6:30**, with a maximum of 10 in person. Additional members can join via phone conference at the same time. We will discuss *A Good Neighborhood* by Therese Anne Fowler. If you wish to join us in person, please call ASAP to reserve your seat. Once the 10 person limit is filled, others will be invited to join by phone.

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**LET'S KEEP IN TOUCH!**

Are you receiving Pastor Steve's Constant Contact emails and our robocall updates and announcements? If not, please call the office and have your contact information added so you don't miss out.

**FORWARD MOVEMENT DAY BY DAY**

We still have several of these daily devotionals for Aug-Oct in both regular and large print. Please call the office to have one mailed to you. While supplies last!