



Grace Episcopal Church Galena, Illinois

Pentecost 8
July 26, 2020

Welcome to Grace Church!

It is, as always, a pleasure and privilege to worship together today. Please know that your presence is valued whether this is your first time at Grace or whether you are a regular, whether we are together in person or online on Zoom.

Worship will look a bit different both here in the church and on Zoom. In order to keep our online and in-person congregations together, some adjustments are needed to maintain safe guidelines for reopening. There are changes in the Zoom format, too. The liturgy will no longer appear on your computer screen but in a bulletin that you may download onto your computer or print. Printed copies will be available for the in-person congregation.

Please remember:

Masks must be worn throughout your time at Grace for the protection of those near you.

Hand sanitizer is available at each of the entrances.

Sit only in the seats marked by bulletins and leave plenty of space between worshipers/families.

Please put your smartphone or other device in airplane mode so that our internet capacity is reserved for our online streaming.

At the time of Communion, the Vestry Coordinator will guide your approach to the chancel steps in the center aisle maintaining distance between communicants.

For those at home on Zoom, links to the bulletin may be found in Friday's e-Blast, the Zoom invitation, and on our website. If you wish to use a bulletin on your device, you must download it **before** coming into the church.

Reservations are required in advance and you will be checked in by the greeter and admitted through the Parish House entrance. If you did not reserve a seat, please check with the Vestry Coordinator to see if an open seat is available.

Baskets are available at the exits for your pledges/contributions.

Should you become ill after attending worship, please notify the church so that others present may be contacted.

As life continues to change, let us rejoice in God who continues to be revealed to us and give thanks for our ability to share in worship in hope for the time when all of us can be together again.

***As we prepare ourselves for worship, please sit or kneel in quietness
as the prelude is offered.***

MINISTERS OF THE SERVICE

* Members and Guests, *Celebrants*
* Rev. Dr. Gloria Hopewell, *Presider*
* *Lector*
* Elizabeth Ludescher, *Intercessor*
* Amy Hardwicke, *Greeter*

* Robin French, *Pianist/Organist*
* Nancy Cook, *Erben Organist*
* Greg Serwich, *Vestry Coordinator*
* Nancy Cook, *Vestry Coordinator*
* Charlotte Stryker, *Altar Guild*

We gather to worship

PRELUDE

Adore and Be Still

Gounod/Smith

Please stand as able as the church bells ring.

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider: Blessed be the one holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God forever and ever.**

THE COLLECT

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

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.

People: ***Amen.***

Please be seated for the readings.

THE LESSON

Lector: Reading from **Genesis 29:15-28**

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

PSALM 105:1-11, 45b *(alternately by verse as directed by the lector)*

Confitemini Domino

Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; *
make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
and speak of all his marvelous works.

Glory in his holy Name; *
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Search for the LORD and his strength; *
continually seek his face.

Remember the marvels he has done, *
his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,

O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
O children of Jacob his chosen.

He is the LORD our God; *
his judgments prevail in all the world.

He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
the promise he made for a thousand generations:

The covenant he made with Abraham, *
the oath that he swore to Isaac,

Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
an everlasting covenant for Israel,

Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
to be your allotted inheritance."

Hallelujah!

THE EPISTLE

Lector: A Reading from **Paul's letter to the Romans**

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL:

Priest: The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to **Matthew**.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Gloria Hopewell

THE CREED

(Please stand as able.)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and 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], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

Presider: In peace, we pray to you, Lord. God.
Silence

Chalicer: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;
People: **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

Lector: For this community, the nation, and the world;
People: **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Chalicer: For the just and proper use of your creation;
People: **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

Lector: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Chalicer: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Lector: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Jeffrey our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;
People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Chalicer: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. Others? _____. Hear us, Lord;
People: For your mercy is great.

Lector: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life, especially for Matthew (Morel) and Max Vollkommer) serving in the military; the birthdays of *Alexandra (Grosshans), *Dan (Burke) and *Pat (Golden); the anniversary of *Jim and *Ann (Berry); our outreach partners Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk and La Santa Cruz parish in the Diocese of SE Mexico; the United Thank Offering, the Galena ARC, the United Churches Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, Shelter Care Ministries, Dubuque Rescue Mission and all who worship in this place and those who have not yet walked through these doors. Others? _____.

We pray for all who have died, especially this day for Boyd, and those whose anniversaries of death we observe this week, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom .
Others? ____

People: Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Presider: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

(Stand or kneel as able)

Priest: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

Presider: 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.

People: Amen.

(Stand as able.)

We Share the Peace of Christ

Presider: The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARY

ANNIVERSARY/BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*No offering will be collected and there will be no procession of gifts to the altar.
Offerings may be placed in baskets near both entrances as you depart.*

The Holy Communion

Presider: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

PRESENTATION MUSIC

Simple Gifts

Traditional/ Carter

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship Prayer 2

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

(Stand or kneel as able.)

Presider and **People:** 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.

Presider:

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God.

To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Presider: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

People: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on Earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. *Amen.***

FRACTION

Presider: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

All are welcome at the communion table to receive a blessing or the wafer. Please approach the steps to the chancel by the center aisle, as guided by the Vestry Coordinator. Hold your hands crossed, palms up, to receive the wafer.

And, if you do not wish to receive the wafer, but desire a blessing, simply approach the priest with your arms crossed across your chest. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please tell the priest. Please return to your seat by the side aisles and wait until you are seated before removing your mask to consume the wafer.

For those at home:

PRAYER FOR WHEN WE ARE UNABLE TO SHARE COMMUNION

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

-- The Prayer Book for the Armed Services

COMMUNION MUSIC

Let Us Break Bread Together

Traditional/Carter

Presider: Let us pray.

People: **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your People in heaven and on earth. Now send forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Presider: The wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity.

People: **Amen.**

Chalicerist: Go forth to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Holy Manna/Berry

The flowers today are given by the Altar Guild.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for July 19, 2020

Outreach Meeting is Tuesday, July 28th at 9:00am online.

Mid-Week Holy Eucharist is this Wednesday, July 29th at 7:30am in the church.

Wednesday Morning Study Group is Wednesday, July 29th at 10:30am online.

Meditative Prayer meets Friday, July 31st at 9:00am online. You are welcome to join, and gentle guidance will be provided for those unfamiliar with this practice.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayers are Requested: *Please include the following concerns during worship today and throughout the week:*

Cycle of Prayer:

The Most Rev. Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury and for our companion Parishes: Glory Parish in the Diocese of Renk and La Santa Cruz parish in the Diocese of SE Mexico.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Jeffrey, our Bishop and all members of Grace Church.

We pray for those who are sick or in need:

Havyk (Beauchamp), Barb (Bolsen), *Bob (Burton), Phil (Castrovinci), *Kathy (Doig), Matthew (Dowe), *Renee (Dowe), Mary (English), Keith (Ferguson), Daney (Fitzpatrick), *Rik & *Jennie (Fjelde), Martha (Furst), Marilyn (Garcia), *Barb (Hooper), Howell Family, Ginger (Komiskey), Alden (Kuntz), Brian (Lenstra), Verity (Liljedahl), *Diann & *Robert (Marsh), *Mary (Nelson), *Bill (Norton), Laurie (Parnau), Lisa (Prindle), Bob & Lois (Rafter), David (Schaller), *Karen (Serwich), Melody (Serwich), *Pat (Terry), *Tom V., Mina, and Megan.

We give thanks for the many blessings we have received:

Max (Vollkommer) and Matthew (Morel) serving in the military: the Birthdays of *Alexandra (Grosshans), *Dan (Burke), and *Pat (Golden); the Anniversary of *Jim & *Ann (Berry); our Outreach partners: the United Thank Offering, the Galena ARC, the United Churches Food Pantry, Episcopal Relief and Development, Shelter Care Ministries, Dubuque Rescue Mission and all who worship in this place and those who have not yet walked through these doors.

We pray for the Death of Boyd (Johnson) and Anniversary of the Deaths of Harlow (Leekly), Elizabeth (Tackett), Georgia (Thurman), Gladys (Genz), Robert (Martin), Albert (Harwick) and Sue Ellen (Ruthledge).

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

for Sunday, August 2, 2020

Pentecost 9

Genesis 32:22-31

Romans 9:1-5

Psalm 17:1-7,16

Matthew 14:13-21



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