

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



Scout's Sunday
February 7, 2021
10:30AM

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn: #8

Morning has broken

Please stand as you are able.

Words: Eleanor Farjeon; Music: Alec Wyton

Unison or harmony

The musical score is written for unison or harmony in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system has three lines of lyrics. The second system has three lines of lyrics. The third system has three lines of lyrics. The fourth system has three lines of lyrics. The music is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes.

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.
born of the one light E - den saw play!

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

Introduction:

Celebrant: Welcome to Grace Episcopal Church in Muskogee Oklahoma online virtual service and limited in-person worship. I wish I could give you virtual coffee for your virtual coffee hour, but we will be getting back together for those important social connections in the months ahead.

We are nearing the end of the church season of Epiphany—the time when Jesus was first made known to the non-Jewish world. Our Gospel from Mark gives us another healing story. I always find these stories intimidating because no person alive can heal the way Jesus did. I hope that in our reflection today, we can get beyond the “gee whiz” miracle response. I hope we can conclude our worship today challenged to be the light of Christ in a world that needs light more than ever. Thank you for being with us today.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Let us begin by blessing God. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant: 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.**

Hymn of Praise: # S-280

Gloria in Excelsis

Please stand as you are able.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

We Hear God's Word

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31

Please be seated.

Reader: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 147:1-12, 21c

Reader: Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! *

People: **How pleasant it is to honor him with praise!**

Reader: The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem; *

People: **he gathers the exiles of Israel.**

Reader: He heals the brokenhearted *

People: **and binds up their wounds.**

Reader: He counts the number of the stars *

People: **and calls them all by their names.**

Reader: Great is our LORD and mighty in power; *

People: **there is no limit to his wisdom.**

Reader: The LORD lifts up the lowly, *

People: **but casts the wicked to the ground.**

Reader: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; *
People: **make music to our God upon the harp.**
Reader: He covers the heavens with clouds *
People: **and prepares rain for the earth;**
Reader: He makes grass to grow upon the mountains *
People: **and green plants to serve mankind.**
Reader: He provides food for flocks and herds *
People: **and for the young ravens when they cry.**
Reader: He is not impressed by the might of a horse; *
People: **he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;**
Reader: But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him, *
People: **in those who await his gracious favor.**
Reader: Hallelujah!

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Reader: A reading from the first book of Corinthians.

If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

Reader: The word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**



Gradual Hymn:**Yes, Jesus loves me***Please stand as you are able.*

Words: Ann Warner/Music: William Bradbury

1. Je - sus loves me! this I know, For the bi - ble tells me so;
2. Je - sus loves me! He who died, Hea - ven's gate to op - en wide;
3. Je - sus take this heart of mine, Make it pure and whol - ly thine;

1. Lit - tle ones to Him be - long; They are weak but He is strong.
2. He will wash a - way my sin, Let His lit - tle child come in.
3. On the cross you died for me, I will try to live for thee.

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The bi - ble tells me so.

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39*Please stand as you are able.***Reader:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.**People:** **Praise to you, Lord Christ .**

After Jesus and his disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may

proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon:

Service and Redemption

The Rev. Bob Wickizer

I have never been comfortable with healing stories in the bible. The practice of healing and the medical arts 2,000 years ago was so radically different then compared to now that we have little basis for understanding. Things we take for granted today like, “Fever? So, what. Take some aspirin and go to bed.” Such illness could be life-threatening in those days. There was no separation in Jesus’ day between mental illness, demonic possession, or any underlying physiological condition.

Today we have compartmentalized healing and medicine so that physiological disease can be handled by highly trained medical doctors. Some psychiatric illness can be treated by trained mental health workers in psychiatry and psychology. (The words “psychiatry” and “psychology” by the way, mean “treatment of the soul” and “knowledge of the soul.”) But people who cast out demons today or those who try to treat underlying spiritual illness are met with condescension at best or just written off as quacks.

We drag all that modern baggage with us when we approach these healing stories in the bible. When Jesus casts out demons, do we write him off as a quack too? Maybe the integrated, wholistic approach to healing in ancient days had some advantages over our modern, compartmentalized system.

In Mark’s gospel, everything happens instantly or immediately. Jesus came to Simon’s mother-in-law, took her by the hand and lifted her up. The Greek words for “lifted her up” are the same as when Jesus was put on the cross. It makes me wonder whether the cross is a form of healing or whether curing the woman’s fever was part of her journey to her own cross. Or both.

After she is healed, she immediately begins to serve them. The word for serving here is “*diakoneo*” from which we get the word “deacon” or, literally, “one who waits on tables.” Next, I looked at the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. After that healing, Lazarus does not begin to serve others but reclines at a table while others serve him food. The verb for serve is the same in both cases. To resolve this strong separation of gender roles, I looked at Jesus’ statement, “For the son of man came not to be served but to serve. (*diakoneo* both times)”

Finally, Simon’s mother-in-law may be one of the women who stood at a distance watching the crucifixion. Those women were mentioned as “providing for” Jesus where again the verb was *diakoneo* meaning they prepared the food and waited on him. As I took a deep dive into the customs and practices of this word, *diakoneo*, I realized that today we imagine this work as that of a waiter in a restaurant. But there are six centuries of usage of this word prior to Mark’s gospel that convey a different understanding.

To serve in the setting of a teacher, a doctor, a rabbi, a philosopher, or a learned person was an honor. It afforded the server an intimate opportunity to converse with and learn from the master. The men seated around the table did not have the kind of access to Jesus that the women who served him did. These women were not just fulfilling a gender-expected role, they were the very closest followers and disciples of Jesus.

This is a story of redemption as well. It is a redemption that stretches long after these gospel stories were written. In totally different contexts all over the world, I have had priests tell me the same thing. Lebanese Maronite clergy raising funds for a church in St. Louis, Roman Catholic clergy in Chicago and Greek Orthodox clergy in Athens—all of them twinkled and told me that they can receive money donated from questionable human enterprises and turn it into the works of God. They can take money tainted by human sin and turn it into a school, a hospital, or an orphanage.

I cannot read bible stories about Capernaum without thinking about what stands near there today. Capernaum is today an archaeological site on the northern shore of the Sea of Galilee. You can see the ruins of the ancient synagogue there. It is close to the shore where the fishermen brought in their catch. The Galilean hills rise as much as 2,000 feet above the sea along that shore. The setting is spectacular.

A few hundred yards up the steep hill and high above the Sea is the traditional site where Jesus preached the Beatitudes or the “Sermon on the Mount.” It is said that from that location you can see all the places where Jesus lived and worked. A Byzantine church was built there in the fourth century. It survived until an earthquake knocked it down in the eighth century. In 1936, the Roman Catholic Church built a beautiful octagonal chapel called the “Chapel of the Beatitudes” on that site. There are eight beatitudes, hence the eight-sided chapel.

A plaque on the outside wall of that chapel dedicates the construction to the benevolence of Benito Mussolini, the fascist dictator of Italy and friend of Adolph Hitler. This is one example of tainted money that has been redeemed.

The Bible is full of stories of bad deeds and bad things that are redeemed. For example, Joseph’s brothers were jealous of Joseph’s special relationship with their father, so they threw him in a pit in the desert to sell him as a slave. Joseph is thrown in prison, interprets Pharaoh’s dream and becomes the number two person in Egypt. He eventually saves his family from starvation. The God in whose name Jesus heals is one of surprising reversals and redemption.

There is a strong lesson here. Evil deeds and bad behavior are never condoned. But God can take the worst human deeds, the worst impulses, our consciously bad choices, and our stupid mistakes and wash them clean. God can redeem whatever bad or crazy stuff humanity does. We are never guaranteed that God will redeem everything we do. Nor are we guaranteed that God’s redemption will work out the way we desire. But we have hope that there is plenteous redemption—that God has a long-term plan for good amid everything we might interpret as bad.

Before you start to complain about this or that politician; before you groan about the government; before you moan about the virus, remember that God plays a long game for good. Your prayer should always seek redemption, and your life should be one of service to others.

Silence for reflection after the sermon.

Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able.

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. 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.

Prayers of the People

Please kneel, sit or stand.

Reader: Bound together in Christ in the communion of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with one heart and mind to God our Father.

Reader: For peace from things that separate us from one another and for our salvation.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy churches of God, especially...
People: **St. Christopher's, Midwest City; Diocese of Colorado; The Anglican Church of Canada.**

Reader: For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For...
People: **Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Poulson, our Bishop; Bob & Tom, our clergy; Tim & Pat, our wardens; vestry, delegates, all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For the world and its leaders, our nation and its people. We pray for our leaders, especially...
People: **Joe, our President; Kamala, our Vice-president; Markwayne, our Congressman; James & Jim, our Senators; Kevin, our Governor; and Marlon, our Mayor. Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For prisoners, the oppressed, all those in need or suffering, especially...
People: **Barbara & Family, Blackwell Family, Brad, Brewer Family, James & Shirley, Judy, Sherri, Bea, Eathen, Linda, John, Angie, Brian, Glen, Dante, Marilyn, Gary, Ann, Connie, Jan, Thomas, Cedric, Mary-Margaret, Cliff, Gabriella, Esther, Ann, Ronald, Michael, Tom, Marlee, all those affected by the pandemic, all the front line workers involved with patient care, all first responders, law enforcement, all fire and safety personnel, all United States Military serving at home and abroad, and those whose suffering is known only to God.**

Reader: We pray for those who have died, especially...
People: **John Dubiel. Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We pray for those in our parish, especially ...
People: **Rance, Tracy, Brandon, David, Pam.**

Reader: Also those who are traveling, (*especially...*)
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: Remembering our most blessed Mary and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.
People: **To you, O Lord.**

Reader: Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

Silence is observed.

Celebrant & 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Peace

Please stand as you are able.

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

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings

Please be seated.

Celebrant: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts with thanksgiving


Offertory

Please be seated

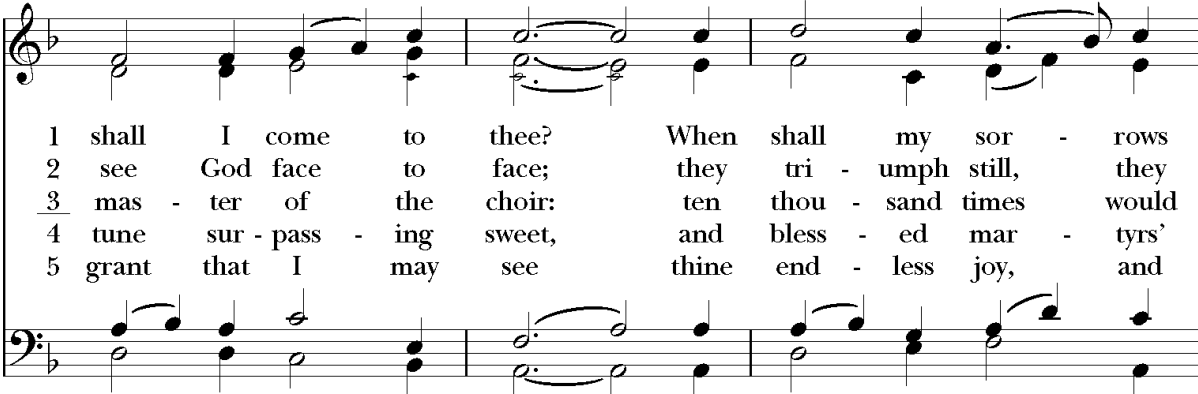
Offertory Hymn:# 620

Jerusalem, my happy home (Vs. 1,2,5)

Words/Music: Annabel Morris



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
 2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
 3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
 4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God



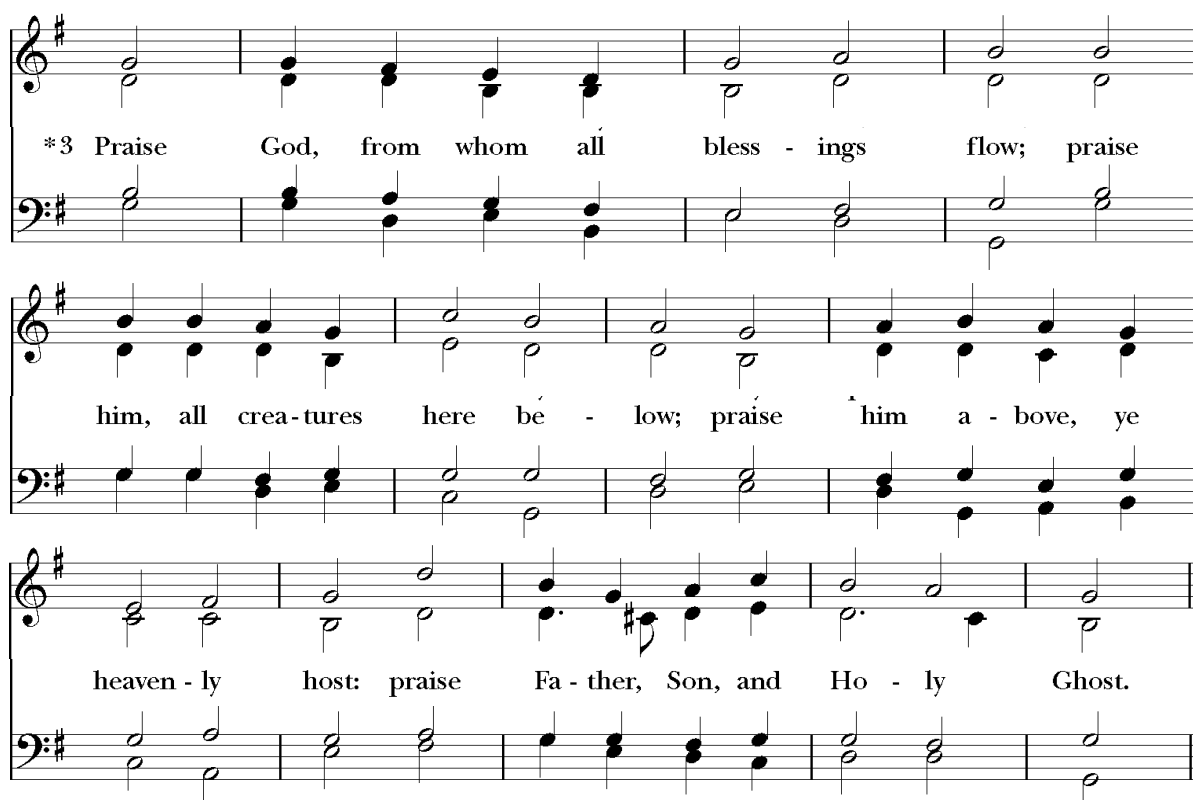
1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
 2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
 3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
 4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyr's
 5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and



1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 2 still re - joice in that most hap - py place.
 3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.
 4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.
 5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

Doxology:

Please stand and sing as you are able.



*3 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Celebrant: O gracious God

People: **We offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread and this wine. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda

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.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus:#S-129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est._____

The Celebrant continues:

Please stand or kneel.

Celebrant: † 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.

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."

Celebrant & People: 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.

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.

Lord's Prayer

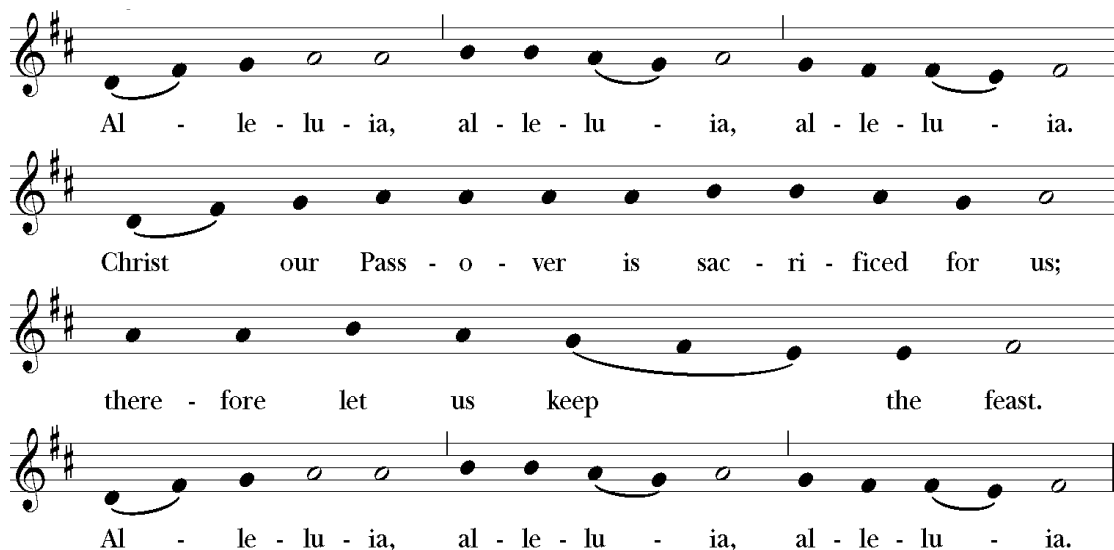
Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

Celebrant & People: **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**

Breaking of the Bread

A moment of silence is kept following the breaking of the bread.

Fraction Anthem: #S-154



Celebrant: These are 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.

At Grace Episcopal Church, all are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

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Communion Solo:

Ken Yadon

We Go Out To Do Our Work

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant & People: **Gracious God, giver of every good gift, thank you for teaching me to be generous as you have been generous with me. Thank you for showing me all that I am and all that I have are gifts from you and that these gifts from you, Lord are meant to be shared.**

Show me the joys of generosity and help me understand that others who may be unknown to me, depend upon me for help. Remind me that in my world of community, parish, family and friends, we need Good Samaritans to heal the wounds inflicted by the world. Lord, make me a gift to others in your name. Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Recessional: #405

Each little flower that opens

Please stand as you are able.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander; Music: Martin Fallas Shaw

C F/A C/E Am G/D D⁷
 All things bright and beau - ti - ful, All crea - tures great and
 3 G C G⁷/D C/E Am C/G G⁷
 small, All things wise and won - der - ful: The Lord God made them
 7 C *Fine* G Am⁷ G C
 all. Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, Each
 The rich man in his cas - tle, The
 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tain, The
 The cold wind in the win - ter, The
 The tall trees in the green - wood, The
 He gave us eyes to see them, And
 10 G/B Em G/D D⁷ G E⁷ Am
 lit - tle bird that sings, He made their glow - ing
 poor man at his gate, God made them, high or
 riv - er run - ning by, The sun - set and the
 pleas - ant sum - mer sun, The ripe fruits in the
 mead - ows where we play, The rush - es by the
 lips that we may tell How great is God Al -
 13 D⁷ Em C G/D D⁷ G
 col - ors, He made their ti - ny wings.
 low - ly, And or - dered their es - tate.
 morn - ing That bright - ens up the sky;
 gar - den: He made them, ev - 'ry one;
 wa - ter We gath - er ev - 'ry day;
 might - y, Who has made all things well.

Sending

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



Monitoring COVID

We are monitoring the COVID statistics in Muskogee County carefully. As soon as we see two weeks in a row of declining statistics, we will fling open our doors for in-person worship. Of course, we will continue to wear masks and take recommended precautions.

Ash Wednesday February 17 at 6 pm

We will be open for regular Ash Wednesday service and imposition of ashes. You may attend the service in person or pull into the driveway on 6th Street from 11:00AM—2:00PM or 6:45PM—7:15PM for “Ashes to Go”

Lent

February 17 – March 21

Whether we are open for in-person worship during Lent remains to be determined from health statistics.

Palm Sunday & Easter Sunday March 28 & April 4

We are praying for a glorious Palm Sunday and Easter. When regular Sunday worship resumes, we will have 8:30 and 10:30 worship in the main church.

Remember to bring a friend to church.

Margaret's Garden @Grace Episcopal Church



Spring 2021 **FERN** Fundraiser

Boston Ferns

Grown @Connors State College Horticulture Program Greenhouses

\$15 EACH

10-inch Hanging Baskets

Pre-order through February 10th. Pick-up early April.

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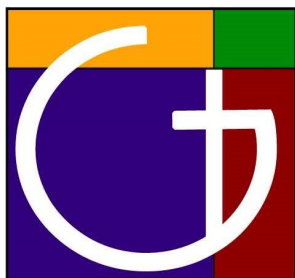
(Subject: Margaret's Garden Fern Fundraiser)

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