

The First Sunday after Pentecost
May 30, 2021
10:30AM



Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn: #365

Come, thou almighty King

Please stand and sing as you are able.

Opening Acclamation / Call to Worship

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

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

Collect for Purity

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Gloria: Hymnal #S-277

Please remain standing.

Collect of the day

The collect prayer "collects" the themes from the various readings for the day.

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1-8

Reader: A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory."

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 29

Reader: Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *

People: **ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.**

Reader: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *

People: **worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

Reader: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; *

People: **the LORD is upon the mighty waters.**

Reader: The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *

People: **the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

Reader: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
People: **the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**
Reader: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
People: **and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**
Reader: The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
People: **the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**
Reader: The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
People: **and strips the forests bare.**
Reader: And in the temple of the LORD *
People: **all are crying, "Glory!"**
Reader: The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
People: **the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**
Reader: The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
People: **the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

Second Lesson: Romans 8:12-17

Reader: A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.
 So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.
 The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: #296 ***We know that Christ is raised and dies no more*** *Please stand and sing.*

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31 *Please remain standing as you are able.*

Reader: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**
 There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?
 "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Silence for reflection after the sermon.

Nicene Creed

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All in unison; Please stand as you are able.

Prayers of the People

Please sit, kneel, 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. John's, Durant; St. Peter's, Coalgate; St. Barnabas, Poteau; Diocese of Massachusetts; The Church of Nigeria.**

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, Cliff, Esther, Ann, Ronald, Michael, Sheila, J.J., Marlee, Carl, Geneva, Stewart Family, Ann, Lucy, Daniels Family, all emergency responders, United States Military, and those whose suffering is known only to God.**

Reader: We pray for those who have died, especially...

People: **Robert Stewart, members of the arm services who gave their lives for our freedom. Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We pray for those in our parish, especially ...

People: **Doug, Lisa, Mac, James, Kathryn.**

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.**

Prayers for those in the Armed Forces

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Confession and Absolution

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Please kneel.

Peace

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Please stand as you are able.

Greet one another in the name of Christ. Please return to your seats when you hear the bell.

Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Blessings

Please be seated.

Welcome to our guests today. If you are new to Grace for the first time or even if you have been here once or twice before, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the plate. We promise not to harass you, but we would like to include you on our weekly email broadcasts and other event notifications. Thank you for the blessing of your presence today.

Offertory

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During this time we make an offering to the church to help maintain its mission in the world. It is also a time in which we fully offer ourselves to be Christ in the world around us.

Offertory Hymn:

God Bless America

Choir

Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving

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Distribution of Communion

At Grace Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the usher if you need the bread and wine brought to you at your seat. IF you wish to receive the bread only, hold your palms upward, consume the bread, and cross your arms over your chest when the chalice bearer approaches. Those who do not wish to receive Holy Communion are invited to come to the altar rail to receive a Blessing, indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest when the priest approaches.

Sursum Corda: Hymnal #S-120

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Sanctus: Hymnal #S-117

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Please remain standing

Fraction Anthem: Hymnal #S-166

Communion Hymn:

Ken Yadon

We Go Out To Do Our Work

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant & People: **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

Celebrant: May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples; and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: #716

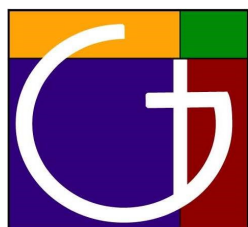
God Bless Our Native Land

Please stand and sing.

Sending

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



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