

**The Second Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 6, 2021**  
**10:30AM**



**Liturgy of the Word**

**Processional Hymn: LEVAS #184**

**Blessed Assurance**

*Please stand and sing as you are able.*

**Opening Acclamation / Call to Worship**

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**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. O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**We Hear God's Word**

**First Lesson: 1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15**

All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, "You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to govern us." Samuel prayed to the Lord, and the Lord said to Samuel, "Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them."

So Samuel reported all the words of the Lord to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, "These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the Lord will not answer you in that day."

But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, "No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles." Samuel said to the people, "Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship." So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the Lord in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the Lord, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.

## Psalm 138

*Reader:* I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; \*  
*People:* **before the gods I will sing your praise.**

*Reader:* I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name,\*  
*People:* **because of your love and faithfulness;**  
*Reader:* For you have glorified your Name \*  
*People:* **and your word above all things.**

*Reader:* When I called, you answered me; \*  
*People:* **you increased my strength within me.**

*Reader:* All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, \*  
*People:* **when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

*Reader:* They will sing of the ways of the LORD, \*  
*People:* **that great is the glory of the LORD.**

*Reader:* Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; \*  
*People:* **he perceives the haughty from afar.**

*Reader:* Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; \*  
*People:* **you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.**

*Reader:* The LORD will make good his purpose for me; \*  
*People:* **O LORD, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

## Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke" we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

## Gradual Hymn: LEVAS #109

## *What A Friend We Have In Jesus*

*Please stand and sing.*

## Gospel: Mark 3:20-35

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

## Sermon: The Rev. Bob Wickizer

*Please be seated.*

*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 in Remembrance & Reflection of the Tulsa Race Massacre** *Please sit or kneel.*

**Reader:** At the 100th anniversary of the Tulsa Race Massacre, let us pray for all who suffered during and after the event, for increased recognition and understanding of the racism and injustice that continue to hurt human beings, and for the Church to clearly exemplify God's love and impartiality.

We pray for the estimated 300 women, men, and children whose lives ended tragically in terror and violence, that their souls may continue to enjoy eternal peace and love in the presence of God and the communion of saints. *(Silence)*

We pray for the Greenwood residents who survived the massacre and others who were directly affected; recognizing their immense pain from losing loved ones, the uncertainty they faced after losing their homes and livelihoods, and for the words, actions, and effects of racism and segregation they continued to endure long after the massacre. *(Silence)*

We pray for 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre Commission members and for all who seek truth and justice in this and other events of racial violence around our nation and world, that we may learn the facts of what happened and draw lessons that will make our communities stronger and more respectful.

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray for every person, family, and community of color that continues to face and suffer from the effects of systemic, institutional, and cultural racism that are historically and often subconsciously entwined in many aspects of our society

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray, Lord, that we as individuals search inwardly and resolve to remove any biases that we may have against any race or ethnicity that keeps us from loving every person as ourselves as Jesus instructed his followers.

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray and ask for your guidance, Lord, to help us live by our baptismal vow to strive for justice and peace among all people and to respect the dignity of every human being.

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** And we at Grace Muskogee, as part of the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement, pray Lord that you guide our church and diocese now and going forward, that we may shine the light of Christ in Becoming a Beloved Community throughout our state, so that all may know and feel the impartial love and grace that you have for all humankind.

**People:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We pray today for those in our parish community who are suffering, especially...

**People:** **Barbara & Family, Blackwell Family, Brad, Brewer Family, James & Shirley, Judy, Sherri, Bea, Eathen, Linda, John, Angie, Brian, Glen, 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:** 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** *BCP Page 360* *Please sit or kneel.*

**Peace** *BCP Page 360* *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: LEVAS #19**

***I'm Just A Poor Wayfaring Stranger***

*Please remain seated.*

## Doxology

*Please stand as you are able.*

## 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 Music:**

*Kenneth Yadon*

## We Go Out To Do Our Work

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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### 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: LEVAS #217**

***He's Got The Whole World***

*Please stand and sing.*

**Sending**

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