

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
June 20, 2021  
10:30AM



**Liturgy of the Word**

**Processional Hymn: #372**

***Praise to the living God***

*Please stand & 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. Keep, O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; 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 17:57-18:5, 10-16**

On David's return from killing the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philistine in his hand. Saul said to him, "Whose son are you, young man?" And David answered, "I am the son of your servant Jesse the Bethlehemite."

When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was bound to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. Saul took him that day and would not let him return to his father's house. Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own soul. Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he was wearing, and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his belt. David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him; as a result, Saul set him over the army. And all the people, even the servants of Saul, approved.

The next day an evil spirit from God rushed upon Saul, and he raved within his house, while David was playing the lyre, as he did day by day. Saul had his spear in his hand; and Saul threw the spear, for he thought, "I will pin David to the wall." But David eluded him twice.

Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him but had departed from Saul. So Saul removed him from his presence, and made him a commander of a thousand; and David marched out and came in, leading the army. David had success in all his undertakings; for the LORD was with him. When Saul saw that he had great success, he stood in awe of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David; for it was he who marched out and came in leading them

**Psalm 9:9-20**

*Reader:* The LORD will be a refuge for the oppressed, \*

*People:* **a refuge in time of trouble.**

*Reader:* Those who know your Name will put their trust in you, \*

*People:* **for you never forsake those who seek you, O LORD.**

*Reader:* Sing praise to the LORD who dwells in Zion; \*  
*People:* **proclaim to the peoples the things he has done.**  
*Reader:* The Avenger of blood will remember them; \*  
*People:* **he will not forget the cry of the afflicted.**  
*Reader:* Have pity on me, O LORD; \*  
*People:* **see the misery I suffer from those who hate me, O you who lift me up from the gate of death;**  
*Reader:* So that I may tell of all your praises and rejoice in your salvation \*  
*People:* **in the gates of the city of Zion.**  
*Reader:* The ungodly have fallen into the pit they dug, \*  
*People:* **and in the snare they set is their own foot caught.**  
*Reader:* The LORD is known by his acts of justice; \*  
*People:* **the wicked are trapped in the works of their own hands.**  
*Reader:* The wicked shall be given over to the grave, \*  
*People:* **and also all the peoples that forget God.**  
*Reader:* For the needy shall not always be forgotten, \*  
*People:* **and the hope of the poor shall not perish for ever.**  
*Reader:* Rise up, O LORD, let not the ungodly have the upper hand; \*  
*People:* **let them be judged before you.**  
*Reader:* Put fear upon them, O LORD; \*  
*People:* **let the ungodly know they are but mortal.**

## Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

As we work together with Christ, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

## Gradual Hymn: #379

***God is Love, let heaven adore him***

*Please stand & sing.*

## Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

*Please remain standing as you are able.*

When evening had come, Jesus said to his disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great wind-storm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

## 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

*Please sit or kneel.*

- 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:* **Grace, Muskogee; Christ the King Chapel, Montevideo, Uruguay; St. James, Wagoner; Diocese of Mississippi; The Church of Pakistan.**
- 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:* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Reader:* For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We pray for those in our parish, especially ...  
*People:* **Christine, Rick, Andrea, Lee.**
- 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

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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:

***Calling Me Home***

*Lora Sellers, Soloist*

## Doxology: LEVAS II #56

# 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-125

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## Lord's Prayer

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## Fraction Anthem: Hymnal #S-154

## 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: # 376

***Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee***

Please stand and sing.

## Sending

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