

The 11th Sunday
After

Pentecost

August 8, 2021

We Gather for Worship

Opening Hymn: #410 *Praise My Soul, The King Of Heaven* *Please stand & sing as you are able.*

Opening Sentence: Psalm 19:14 *BCP Page 78*

Officiant: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Confession *BCP Page 79* *Please sit or kneel.*

Officiant: Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

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.**

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

Invitatory *BCP Page 80* *Please stand as you are able.*

Officiant: O Lord, open our lips;

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Alleluia!**

Officiant & People: **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Venite: Psalm 95:1-7 *BCP Page 82*

Officiant: Come let us sing to the Lord;*

People: **let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Officiant: Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving*

People: **and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

Officiant: For the Lord is a great God,*

People: **and a great King above all gods.**

Officiant: In his hand are the caverns of the earth,*

People: **and the heights of the hills are his also.**

Officiant: The sea is his, for he made it,*

People: **and his hands have molded the dry land.**

Officiant: Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,*

People: **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

Officiant: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.*

People: **Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

Jubilate: Psalm 100

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Officiant: Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

People: **serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.**

Officiant: Know this: The Lord himself is God; *

People: **he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Officiant: Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *

People: **give thanks to him and call upon his Name.**

Officiant: For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *

People: **and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Antiphon

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Officiant: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting.

People: **Come let us adore him.**

Officiant: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

People: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

Please be seated.

Reader: A reading from the second book of Samuel.

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David.

Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man."

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-8

Reader: I will bless the LORD at all times; *

People: **his praise shall ever be in my mouth.**

Reader: I will glory in the LORD; *

People: **let the humble hear and rejoice.**

Reader: Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *

People: **let us exalt his Name together.**

Reader: I sought the LORD, and he answered me *

People: **and delivered me out of all my terror.**

Reader: Look upon him and be radiant, *

People: **and let not your faces be ashamed.**

Reader: I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *

People: **and saved me from all my troubles.**

Reader: The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *

People: **and he will deliver them.**

Reader: Taste and see that the LORD is good; *

People: **happy are they who trust in him!**

Second Lesson: Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Reader: A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: #411

O Bless The Lord, My Soul!

Please stand and sing.

(Vs. 1,2,3 before, Vs. 4,5 after)

Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

Please remain standing as you are able.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone

has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily: Pat Wilcox

Apostles' Creed

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Please stand as you are able.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

We Pray

Lord's Prayer

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Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

Officiant & 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.**

Suffrages: Set A

BCP Page 97-98 Please be seated

Officiant: Show us your mercy, O Lord;

People: **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant: Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People: **Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant: Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

People: **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Officiant: Lord, keep this nation under your care;

People: **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant: Let your way be known upon earth;

People: **Your saving health among all nations.**

Officiant: Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People: **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant: Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People: **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Collect of the Day

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

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray. Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Sundays

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Officiant: O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Guidance

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Officiant: Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect For Mission

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Officiant: Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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: **St. John's, Tulsa; St. Simeon's Home, Tulsa; Diocese of New Mexico; The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.**

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; 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, Marlee, Carl, Geneva, Stewart Family, Daniels Family, Sailor Family, Robert, Susan, Hannah, Young Family, Ched, Mike & Betty, Rogers 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: **Kenny, Traci, Margaret, Blake, Brenda.**

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.**

Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

Announcements, Birthdays & Anniversary Prayers *BCP Page 830*

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 Hymn: #537

Christ For The World We sing

Congregation

We Go Out To Do Our Work

General Thanksgiving

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Officiant & People: **Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Sending

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Officiant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.**
Ephesians 3:20-21

Closing Hymn: #376

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Please stand and sing.



ON THE ALTAR 8/8:

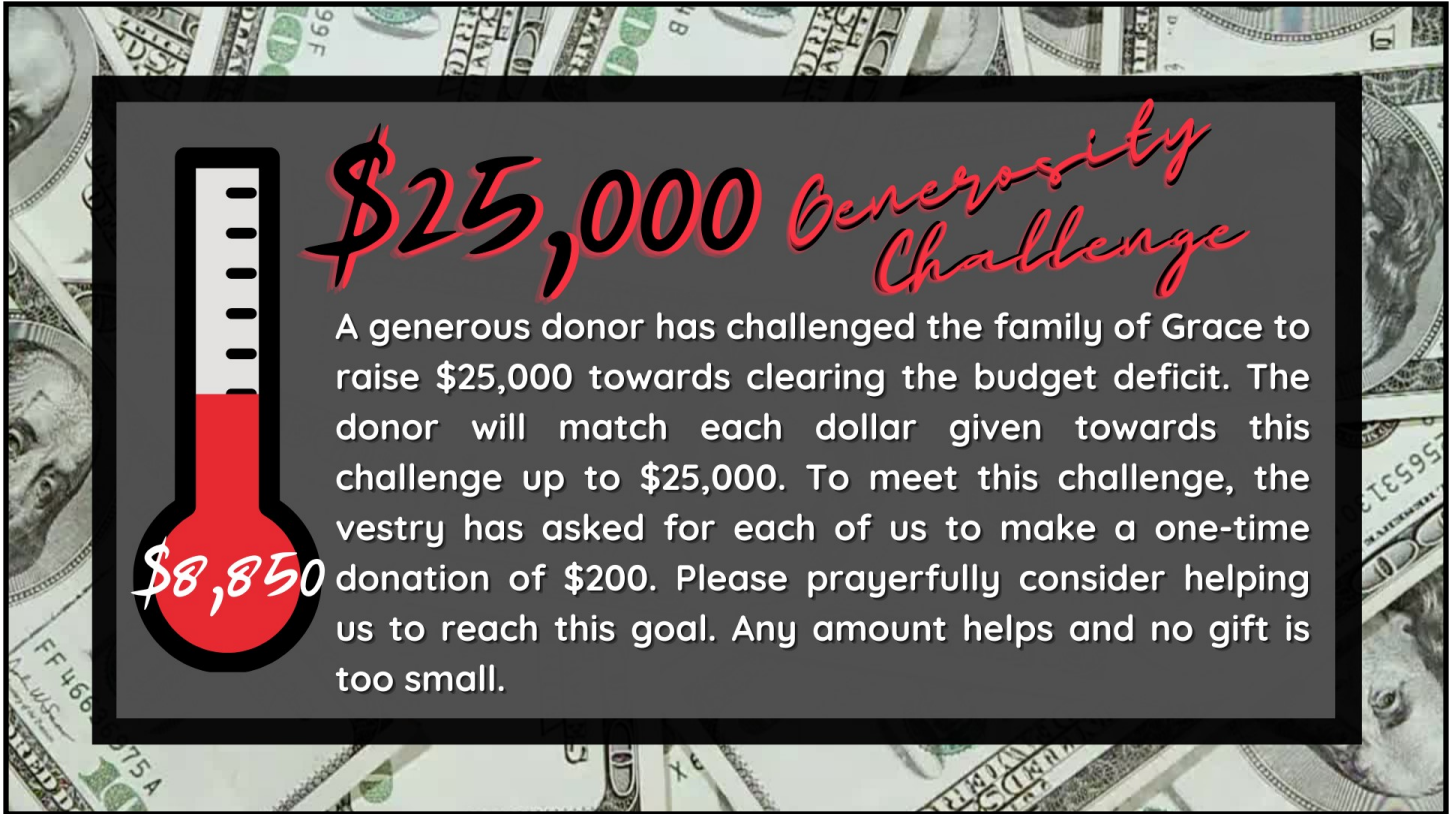
Flowers today are given loving memory of Dorothy Boen by Chuck & Dotty Oelkers and Eddie Boen.


Communion Wine for 2021 is given by Mike Alberty in loving memory of his parents.

Bread today is given in memory of Anna Jean Woods by Stuart Woods.

THANKS TO THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK:


Officiant.....Pat Wilcox
1st Reader.....Pat Wilcox
2nd Reader.....Thomas Bentley
Head Usher/Greeter.....David Wilcox
Altar Guild.....Melody Freie
1st Cross.....Thomas Bentley






\$25,000 Generosity Challenge

A generous donor has challenged the family of Grace to raise \$25,000 towards clearing the budget deficit. The donor will match each dollar given towards this challenge up to \$25,000. To meet this challenge, the vestry has asked for each of us to make a one-time donation of \$200. Please prayerfully consider helping us to reach this goal. Any amount helps and no gift is too small.



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