



Liturgy of the Word

Prelude: *Marcello Sonata #3 mvt #4* *Cello: Kaia Holder*

Processional Hymn: #517 *How lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place* *Please stand and sing as you are able.*

Opening Acclamation / Call to Worship *BCP Page 355*

Collect for Purity *BCP Page 355*

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. Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43 *Please be seated*

Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the Lord to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

"Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name - for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm - when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

Psalm 84

Reader: How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *

People: **My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

Reader: The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;*

People: **by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

Reader: Happy are they who dwell in your house! *

People: **they will always be praising you.**

Reader: Happy are the people whose strength is in you!*

People: **whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.**

Reader: Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,*

People: **for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

Reader: They will climb from height to height, *

People: **and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.**

Reader: LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;*

People: **hearken, O God of Jacob.**

Reader: Behold our defender, O God;*

People: **and look upon the face of your Anointed.**

Reader: For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, *

People: **and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

Reader: For the LORD God is both sun and shield;*

People: **he will give grace and glory;**

Reader: No good thing will the LORD withhold*

People: **from those who walk with integrity.**

Reader: O LORD of hosts, *

People: **happy are they who put their trust in you!**

Second Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Gradual Hymn: #383

Fairest Lord Jesus (Verse 1,2 before and 3 after)

Please stand and sing.

Gospel: John 6:56-69

Please remain standing as you are able.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not

believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

Sermon: The Rev. Canon Steve Carlsen

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: **Christ Church, Tulsa; Diocese of North Carolina; The Episcopal Church of South Sudan.**

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, Joan, 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: **Tom Ketcham. Lord, have mercy.**

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

People: **Connie, Richard, Barbara, Jane, John.**

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 remain sitting or kneeling.

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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Celebrant: Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God
(Hebrews 13:16)

Offertory Music:

Breval Cello Sonata

Cello: Kaia Holder

Doxology: #380

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

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Sanctus: Hymnal #S-125

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Please remain standing

Lord's Prayer

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Fraction Anthem: Hymnal #S-154

Communion Music:

Choir

We Go Out To Do Our Work

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Benediction & Blessing

Celebrant: Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have.
(Hebrews 13:1-3,5)

And the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always. **Amen.**

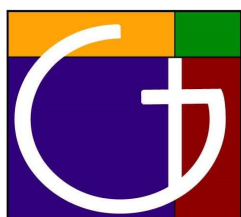
Recessional Hymn: Hymnal #559

Lead Us Heavenly Father Lead Us

Please stand and sing.

Sending

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