



Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn: #362 *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty* *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. Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson: Job 1:1; 2:1-10 *Please be seated*

Reader: A reading from the book of Job.

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 26

Reader: Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; *
People: **I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.**

Reader: Test me, O LORD, and try me; *
People: **examine my heart and my mind.**

Reader: For your love is before my eyes; *
People: **I have walked faithfully with you.**

Reader: I have not sat with the worthless, *
People: **nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

Reader: I have hated the company of evildoers;
People: **I will not sit down with the wicked.**

Reader: I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
People: **that I may go in procession round your altar,**

Reader: Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
People: **and recounting all your wonderful deeds.**

Reader: LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
People: **and the place where your glory abides.**

Reader: Do not sweep me away with sinners, *
People: **nor my life with those who thirst for blood,**

Reader: Whose hands are full of evil plots, *
People: **and their right hand full of bribes.**

Reader: As for me, I will live with integrity; *
People: **redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.**

Reader: My foot stands on level ground; *
People: **in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.**

Second Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Reader: A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them? You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn:#680

O God, our help in ages past
(Verse 1,2 ,3 before and 3,4 after)

Please stand and sing.

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon: The Rev. Shelley Forrester *Please be seated.*

Silence for reflection after the sermon.

Nicene Creed *BCP Page 358* *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: **St. Luke's, Bartlesville, People and Clergy of the Anglican Diocese of Uruguay; Diocese of Rhode Island; The Church in the Province of the West Indies.**

Reader: For this holy gathering and for those who enter with faith, reverence, and fear of God.
People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Reader: We pray 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, Michael, Mike & Betty, Rogers Family, Lubin Family, Al, Kenneth, Pat & Joe, Quinn & Nancy, Prisca, Ark of Faith, 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: **Albert, Nancy, Alicia, Louise, Paul.**

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 *BCP Page 360* *Please remain sitting or kneeling.*

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

Offertory Anthem:

I Will Sing Praise

Choir

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 Solo:

Softly & Tenderly

Lora Sellers

We Go Out To Do Our Work

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Benediction & Blessing

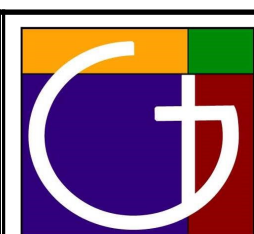
Celebrant: Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. 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: #390 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation* *Please stand and sing.*

Sending

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