

The 20th Sunday After

Pentecost

October 10, 2021

We Gather for Worship

Opening Hymn: #408 *Sing praise to God who reigns above* *Please stand & sing as you are able.*

Opening Sentences:

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Officiant: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:2

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

Psalms 43:3

Confession

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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

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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

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!**

Antiphon 3

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: Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Please be seated

Reader: A reading from the book of Job.
 Job said: "Today also my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy despite my groaning. Oh, that I knew where I might find him, that I might come even to his dwelling! I would lay my case before him, and fill my mouth with arguments.
 I would learn what he would answer me, and understand what he would say to me. Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? No; but he would give heed to me. There an upright person could reason with him, and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.
 "If I go forward, he is not there; or backward, I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him; I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. God has made my heart faint; the Almighty has terrified me; If only I could vanish in darkness, and thick darkness would cover my face!"
Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 22:1-15

Reader: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
People: **and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?**
Reader: O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer;
People: **by night as well, but I find no rest.**
Reader: Yet you are the Holy One,
People: **enthroned upon the praises of Israel.**
Reader: Our forefathers put their trust in you;
People: **they trusted, and you delivered them.**
Reader: They cried out to you and were delivered;
People: **they trusted in you and were not put to shame.**
Reader: But as for me, I am a worm and no man,
People: **scorned by all and despised by the people.**
Reader: All who see me laugh me to scorn;
People: **they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,**

Reader: "He trusted in the LORD; let him deliver him;
People: **let him rescue him, if he delights in him."**
Reader: Yet you are he who took me out of the womb,
People: **and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.**
Reader: I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
People: **you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.**
Reader: Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
People: **and there is none to help.**
Reader: Many young bulls encircle me; *
People: **strong bulls of Bashan surround me.**
Reader: They open wide their jaws at me, *
People: **like a ravening and a roaring lion.**
Reader: I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; *
People: **my heart within my breast is melting wax.**
Reader: My mouth is dried out like a pot-sherd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
People: **and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.**

Second Lesson: Hebrews 4:12-16

Reader: A reading from Paul's Letter to the Hebrews.
Reader: The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.
 Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn: #423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise
 (1,2 before 3,4 after)

Please stand and sing.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

Please remain standing as you are able.

Reader: A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of

God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

Homily:

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. Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect for Social Justice

Officiant: Almighty God, who created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Collect for the Renewal of Life

Officiant: O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Peace

Officiant: O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Grace

Officiant: Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Mission

Officiant: O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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:* **Diocesan Seminarians, Iona School of Formation and Aspirancy Program; Diocese of South Carolina; The Church of Ceylon.**
- 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, Michael, Mike & Betty, Rogers Family, Lubin Family, Al, Kenneth, Pat & Joe, Quinn & Nancy, Prisca, PJ, 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:* **David Bower, Lord, have mercy.**
- Reader:* For ourselves, our families, and those we love. We pray for those in our parish, especially...
- People:* **Ruby Jean, Chris, Kristin, Lillian.**
- 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.

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.

For a Birthday*BCP Page 830*

Officiant: O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant N. as they begins another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn: #405***Each little flower that opens****Everyone please sing.***We Go Out To Do Our Work****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.**

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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: #400*****All creatures of our God and King (Vs. 1,2,7)****Please stand and sing.*

No Tricks - Just Treats
 Grace is sponsoring a booth at the
 NBN Downtown
HALLOWEEN
Boo-nanza

6:00-7:30 PM Sat Oct 23rd

To help or to donate candy, prizes, money, etc, please contact Nancy Scott. This is a great chance to show a Grace-ful presence in our community.

Jingle Jam
 COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS OUTREACH
 DECEMBER 12 @ 3:00 PM
 SPONSORS NEEDED
 How to Help:

DINNER SPONSORS
 Feed a family Christmas dinner with a donation of only \$30. Our goal is to have 250 Christmas dinners sponsored.

NEW, UNWRAPPED TOYS
 Donations of unwrapped toys - our goal is 500. We want to send every child who attends Jingle Jam home with a gift.

**OCTOBER VESTRY
 PERSON OF THE
 MONTH:**

Thomas Bentley



Grace is hosting a
*Welcome dinner for
 our newcomers*

Let's celebrate an evening of welcome, friendship, & getting to know each other.

Please send your name, address, phone, & email along with your preferred weekend date in October & the best time to call you.

RSVP at
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ON THE ALTAR 10/10:

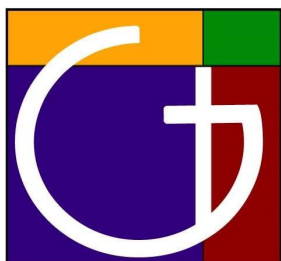
Flowers today are given in loving memory of Mallory Coburn by Katherine & Jerry Coburn.

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

Bread today is not sponsored. If you would like to become a sponsor, please contact the office.

**THANKS TO THOSE
 SERVING THIS WEEK:**

Officiant..... B.J. Charbonneau
 1st Reader..... Van Odom
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