1st Sunday after Pentecost TRINITY SUNDAY

Welcome to our home! We would love for you to join our family! JUNE 4, 2023

We Gather

Romance

by Beethoven; arr. N. Bentley

Shelley Smith, violin; Kaia Holder, cello

Processional Hymn: #365

Come, thou almighty King

Please stand & sing.

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *People:* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit;

People: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People: One God and Father of all.

Gloria in Excelsis: #S-278

Please remain standing.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

We Hear God's Word

First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-2:4a

Please be seated.

Reader: A reading from the Book of Genesis.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

Prelude:

And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

- *Reader:* The Word of the Lord.
- People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

Read responsively by half verse.

| Reader: People: | O Lord our Governor, how exalted is your Name in all the world! |
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| Reader: People: | Out of the mouths of infants and children your majesty is praised above the heavens. |
| Reader: People: | You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, to quell the enemy and the avenger. |
| Reader: People: | When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses, |

Reader: What is man that you should be mindful of him? the son of man that you should seek him out? People: Reader: You have made him but little lower than the angels; you adorn him with glory and honor; People: You give him mastery over the works of your hands; Reader: you put all things under his feet: People: Reader: All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field. People: The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, Reader: People: and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea. Reader: O Lord our Governor. how exalted is your Name in all the world! People:

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

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

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: #362 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! (v. 1-2 before, v. 3-4 after Gospel)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Chris Cole

We Pray

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The candidate is presented by her Parents & Godparents.

Celebrant: The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented. Parents & Godparents/Sponsors: I present Shelby Elizabeth Bates to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Please remain standing.

Please stand as you are able.

Please be seated.

| | Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life? |
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| Parents & Godparents/Sponsors: | l will, with God's help. |
| Celebrant: | Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ? |
| Parents & Godparents/Sponsors: | l will, with God's help. |

Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of those who speak on behalf of the child:

| Celebrant: Parents & Godparents/Sponsors: | Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? I renounce them. |
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| | Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? |
| Parents & Godparents/Sponsors: | I renounce them. |
| Celebrant: | Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? |
| Parents & Godparents/Sponsors: | I renounce them. Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior? |
| Parents & Godparents/Sponsors: | |
| Celebrant: Parents & Godparents/Sponsors: | Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? I do. |
| Celebrant: Parents & Godparents/Sponsors: | Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord? I do. |

Celebrant Addresses the Congregation

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People: We will.

Celebrant: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Baptismal Covenant

| Celebrant: People: | Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. |
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| Celebrant: People: | Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? 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. |
| Celebrant: People: | Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? 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. |
| Celebrant: People: | Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? I will, with God's help. |
| • | Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? |

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? *People:* I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? *People:* I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Celebrant: Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A person appointed leads the following petitions:

- *Leader*: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
- People: Lord, hear our prayer.
- *Leader:* Open her heart to your grace and truth.
- People: Lord, hear our prayer.
- *Leader*: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
- People: Lord, hear our prayer.
- *Leader*: Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
- People: Lord, hear our prayer.
- *Leader:* Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
- People: Lord, hear our prayer.
- *Leader*: Send her into the world in witness to your love.
- People: Lord, hear our prayer.
- *Leader:* Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
- People: Lord, hear our prayer.

The Celebrant, Candidate, and Sponsors process to the font.

Celebrant: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying:

- *Celebrant*: The Lord be with you.
- People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

- *People:* It is right to give him thanks and praise.
- *Celebrant*: We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water:

Celebrant: Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Baptism

The candidate is presented to the Celebrant who then immerses or pours water upon her saying:

Celebrant: Shelby Elizabeth Bates, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

When this action has been completed, the Priest, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays over the candidate, saying:

Celebrant: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Then the Priest places a hand on the child's head, marking on the forehead the sign of the cross and saying:

Celebrant: Shelby Elizabeth Bates, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

When all have been baptized the Celebrant says:

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant & People: We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Peace

Please stand as you are able.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. *People*: **And also with you.**

Greet one another in the name of Christ.

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

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

During this time we make an offering to the church to help maintain its mission in creation. It is also a time in which we fully offer ourselves to be Christ in the world around us.

Offertory Music:

Ave Maria Shelley Smith, violin; Kaia Holder, cello

Doxology: #380 v. 3

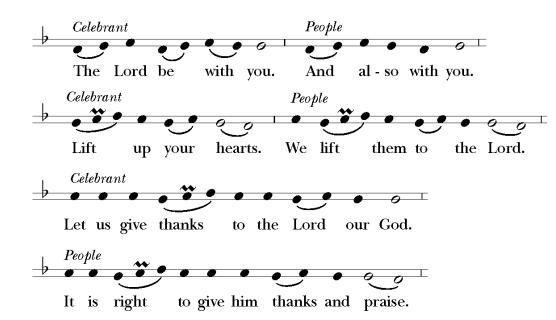
Please stand & sing as you are able.

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

Sursum Corda: #S-120

Please remain standing.



Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being; and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: #S-130

Please sit or kneel after the Sanctus.

Celebrant: [†] Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

Celebrant: On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."^{†††} After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." ^{†††} Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant & People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever **AMEN**.

Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant & 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.

Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: #S-154

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

At Grace Episcopal Church, all baptized persons are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the usher if you need communion 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.

Communion Music:

The Holy City Shelley Smith, violin; Kaia Holder, cello by Stephen Adams

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant & People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Trinity Sunday Blessing

Celebrant: The Lord bless you and keep you. Amen.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. Amen.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

The Lord God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the holy and undivided Trinity, guard you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly City, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn: #371

Thou, whose almighty word

Please stand & sing.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. *People:* Thanks be to God. It's back!!! Grace is hosting our 4th annual community block party. Community outreach is one of the primary purposes for this event; therefore, this is open to everyone free of charge.

VBS (Very Big Slide) will feature inflatable water slides that both kids and adults can enjoy, food, drinks, medical screening (blood pressure, glucose, etc), haircuts for kids, crafts, live music, child safety info, etc., so come expecting to have lots of fun.

The cost of this outreach event is around \$6,000, but the impact it has on our community is priceless. Please consider giving towards VBS to help bless the lives in our community.

We are also looking for help in organizing this event. If you or someone you know would like to help or donate to this event, please contact the office at Grace. Come and help us make a Very Big Summer Splash!

VERY BIG SLIDE



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