

14th Sunday after

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*Welcome to our home!
We would love for
you to join our family!*



September 3, 2023

We Gather for Worship

Opening Hymn: #401

The God of Abraham praise

Please stand & sing as you are able.

Opening Sentence: Psalm 122:1

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Officiant: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

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.**

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. Alleluia!**

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

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

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!**

Officiant: Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

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

We Hear God's Word

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

Please be seated.

Reader: Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
People: **make known his deeds among the peoples.**

Reader: Sing to him, sing praises to him,
People: **and speak of all his marvelous works.**

Reader: Glory in his holy Name;
People: **let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

Reader: Search for the Lord and his strength;
People: **continually seek his face.**

Reader: Remember the marvels he has done,
People: **his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,**

Reader: O offspring of Abraham his servant,
People: **O children of Jacob his chosen.**

Reader: Israel came into Egypt,
People: **and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.**

Reader: The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful;
People: **he made them stronger than their enemies;**

Reader: Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people,
People: **and dealt unjustly with his servants.**

Reader: He sent Moses his servant,
People: **and Aaron whom he had chosen.**

Reader: Hallelujah!

First Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15

Reader: A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them,

'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

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

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary

Luke 1:46-55

Reader: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;
People: **for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**

Reader: From this day all generations will call me blessed:
People: **the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.**

Reader: He has mercy on those who fear him
People: **in every generation.**

Reader: He has shown the strength of his arm,
People: **he has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

Reader: He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
People: **and has lifted up the lowly.**

Reader: He has filled the hungry with good things,
People: **and the rich he has sent away empty.**

Reader: He has come to the help of his servant Israel,
People: **for he has remembered his promise of mercy,**

Reader: The promise he made to our fathers,
People: **to Abraham and his children for ever.**

Reader: 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.**

Second Lesson: Romans 12:9-21

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

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Sequence Hymn: #???

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Please stand as you are able.

(v. 1 before, v. 2 after Gospel)

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

Please remain standing as you are able.

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

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

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily: Pam Lipscomb

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 of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; 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 Mission

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Officiant: Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Please kneel, sit, or stand.

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. Patrick's, Broken Arrow; Anglican Center for Solidarity and Assistance (CASA) Job Training Ministry, Diocese of Uruguay; Diocese of Western Kansas; Diocese of Western Louisiana; The Church in Wales.**

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; Chris & Tom, our clergy; Alex & Audrey, 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; Josh, our Congressman; James & Markwayne, 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: **Johnson family, Ronnie, Julio, Niko, Mike, John, Geneva, Fred, Glenn, Brittany, Rose, Karen, Jeanne, Paul, Tracey, Jane, Adriana, Fred, Stuart, John Paul, Michael, Joey, Sullivan, Nancy, Dale, Tom, Gary, those impacted by war—especially in Ukraine, those devastated by the fires in Hawaii, 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: **Sharee, Ken, Mary, Nila, Adrian, and Patrick.**

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 peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Greet one another in the name of Christ.

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.

For a Birthday

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Officiant: Let us pray. 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: #648

When Israel was in Egypt's land

Please remain seated.

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.

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.**

Closing Hymn: #655

O Jesus, I have promised

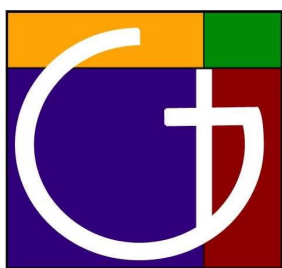
Please stand and sing.

Dismissal

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Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13:14



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