

19th Sunday after

# PENTECOST

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

October 8, 2023

## **We Gather**

**Processional Hymn: #372**

***Praise to the living God!***

*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.**

### **Collect For Purity**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Gloria in Excelsis: #S-280**

*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 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: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20**

*Please be seated.*

*Reader:* A reading from the Book of Exodus.

Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 19

*Read responsively by half verse.*

*Reader:* The heavens declare the glory of God,  
*People:* **and the firmament shows his handiwork.**

*Reader:* One day tells its tale to another,  
*People:* **and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

*Reader:* Although they have no words or language,  
*People:* **and their voices are not heard,**

*Reader:* Their sound has gone out into all lands,  
*People:* **and their message to the ends of the world.**

*Reader:* In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;  
*People:* **it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**

*Reader:* It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again;  
*People:* **nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

*Reader:* The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;  
*People:* **the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.**

*Reader:* The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;  
*People:* **the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

*Reader:* The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;  
*People:* **the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.**

*Reader:* More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
*People:* **sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

*Reader:* By them also is your servant enlightened,  
*People:* **and in keeping them there is great reward.**

*Reader:* Who can tell how often he offends?  
*People:* **cleanse me from my secret faults.**

*Reader:* Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;  
*People:* **then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.**

*Reader:* Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
*People:* **O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

## Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14

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

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn: #518**

***Christ is made the sure foundation***  
***(v. 1-2 before, v. 3 after Gospel)***

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:33-46**

*Please remain standing.*

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

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

*Celebrant:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon:** The Rev. Bob Scott

*Please be seated.*



## We Pray

### Nicene Creed

*Please stand as you are able.*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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. Luke's, Bartlesville; People and Clergy of the Anglican Diocese of Uruguay; Diocese of Idaho; Diocese of Los Angeles; Diocese of Micronesia; Diocese of Navajoland; Anglican Province of Bermuda; The Lusitanian Church.**

*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, Mike, John, Geneva, Glenn, Rose, Karen, Paul, Tracey, Adriana, Fred, Stuart, John Paul, Michael, Joey, Nancy, Dale, Gary, Brittney, Jeanne, Thomas, those impacted by war—especially in Ukraine, 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:* **Nedda, Cliff, Cheri, Tanna, David, Michael, and Bert.**  
*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**

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

*Silence is observed.*

*Celebrant & 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.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **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.*

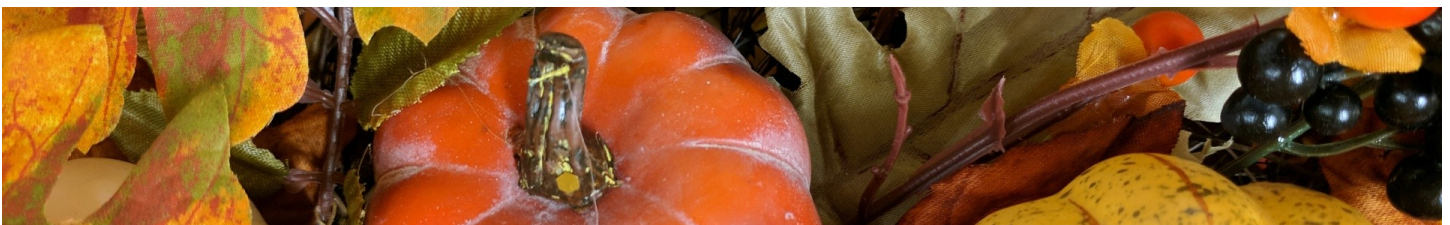
## **Offertory Music:**

***Lord of the Dance***

*Remain seated.*

## **Doxology: #380 v. 3**

*Please stand & sing as you are able.*



# Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer C*

## Sursum Corda:

*Please remain standing.*

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

*People:* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

*Celebrant:* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*People:* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant:* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*People:* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant:* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*People:* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant:* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*People:* **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant:* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

## Sanctus: #S-129

*Please sit or kneel after the Sanctus.*

*Celebrant:* † And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."††† Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving:

*Celebrant & People:* **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant:* Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*People:* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

**Celebrant:** Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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 Hymn: LEVAS #149

### *In Remembrance of Me*

1. In re - mem - brance of me,  
2. (In re - )mem - brance of me,

1. eat this bread. In re - mem - brance of me, drink this wine. In re -  
2. heal the sick. In re - mem - brance of me, feed the poor. In re -

1. mem - brance of me, pray for the time when God's own will is  
2. mem - brance of me, o - pen the door and let your broth - er



1. 2.

done. In re - in, Let him in.

Take, eat, and be com - fort - ed; drink and re - mem - ber

too. That this in my bod - y and pre - cious blood shed for

you. shed for you. In re - mem - brance of me

search for truth. In re - mem - brance of me al - ways love. In re -

mem - brance of me, don't look a - bove, but in your heart

look for God. Do this in re - mem - brance of me.

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## 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.**

## Blessing

*Celebrant:* The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## Recessional Hymn: WLP #819

### *Guide my feet, Lord*

*Please stand & sing.*

1. Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.  
2. Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.  
3. Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race.  
Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race.  
Stand by me Lord, while I run this race.

Guide my feet Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I  
Hold my hand Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I  
Stand by me Lord, while I run this race, 'cause I

don't want to run this race in vain.  
don't want to run this race in vain.  
don't want to run this race in vain.

Music: African-American spiritual, arr. Carl Harris, Jr. (b. 1935).

## Dismissal

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**



4:00 PM SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

BRING YOUR ANIMAL FRIENDS - ALL SPECIES WELCOME!



## All Saints Commemoration

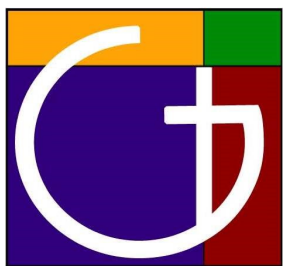
November 5th @ 10:30 AM

As a community, we will remember the names of those whom we love and have preceded us in death.

Please help us compile a list by submitting names or updating those from last year.

You may submit as many names as you wish to: [office@gracemuskogee.org](mailto:office@gracemuskogee.org)

*For All the Saints who from their labors rest...*



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