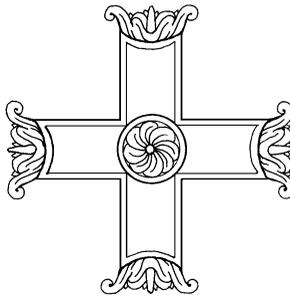


Grace Episcopal Church

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 14
August 7, 2022, 10:00 AM



Welcome

In the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to worship in the Episcopal tradition. **All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination, are invited to receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.** At this time, the Sacrament will be by intinction from the priest. If you do not wish to receive the Sacrament, you are invited to come to the communion rail and simply cross your arms over your chest for a blessing. Gluten-free Bread is available upon request.

During the liturgy there are times when the congregation is directed to kneel or stand for significant periods. If you are unable to do so, please know that you are welcome to be seated.

Masks must be worn by everyone inside the church, covering both the nose and mouth (except for those under 2 years of age).

Prayer requests to be included in today's Prayers of the People can be written into the Book of Intercessions, located by the doors leading into the Nave (worship space).

Prayer requests to be published for the community should be given to the parish office.

Offerings may be made on-line at www.gracekirkwood.org/give-to-grace.

Hearing assistance is available; please ask an usher.

*We enter into silence in preparation for worship
and request that you silence cell phones and similar devices.*

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Voluntary

Prelude in G

C. S. Lang
(1891-1971)

Hymn 601

St. Michael

THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Blessed be God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.**

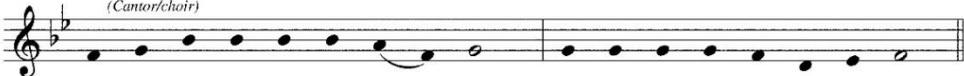
The Collect for Purity

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

John Lee

(Cantor/choir)



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

(Assembly)



Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther.



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the

Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the
 Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a -
 lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
 in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Reading

Genesis 15:1-6

Abram puts his faith and his family's future in God's promises.

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Cantor, then All.

Bless-éd the peo - ple the Lord has chos-en to be his own.

Exult, you just, in the LORD; praise from the upright is fitting.
 Blessed the nation whose God is the LORD,
 the people he has chosen for his own inheritance.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,
 upon those who hope for his kindness,
 To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield.
 May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

The Second Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham is held up as a model of faith for trusting God's promise that he would have many descendants.

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered himself faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Acclamation

Phillip Brunswick



Stay awake and be ready!

For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

The Holy Gospel

Luke 12:32-40

Jesus teaches his followers that true security cannot be found in possessions.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Virginia L. Bennett

The Nicene Creed

**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 — *The people kneel.*

Celebrant Dressed and ready for the coming of the kingdom, let us pray for the bounty of God in every place.

Intervessor For Deon our Bishop, Thomas and Virginia our Priests, and for the Staff and Vestry of this parish; for The Anglican Church of West Africa and Cyril their Archbishop; for all who minister in Christ, and for all the holy people of God. Father, by your Spirit...

People **bring in your kingdom.**

Intervessor For all nations and their leaders; for healthcare workers; for those serving in the military; for first responders; for those who have responsibilities in public life, and for reconciliation and peace in the world. Father, by your Spirit...

People **bring in your kingdom.**

Intervessor We pray for... and for those we name aloud..., and all those in need, the suffering and the oppressed, travelers, prisoners and refugees, the dying and the dead. Father, by your Spirit...

People **bring in your kingdom.**

Intervessor That the Holy Spirit will pour into our hearts a spirit of charity and compassion. Father, by your Spirit...

People **bring in your kingdom.**

Intervessor We give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season, and for those thanksgivings we name aloud... Father, by your Spirit...

People **bring in your kingdom.**

Intervessor Lifting our voices with all creation, Blessed Matthew and all the saints and angels of God, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ.

People **To you, O Lord.**

Celebrant Almighty God, who knows our needs even before we ask, grant us a spirit of faith and courage, that we may have the strength to meet the days to come with steadfastness and patience; look graciously on this parish family and send forth your Holy Spirit to guide us to be of one heart and mind, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant God of Abraham, whose people are like the stars in the sky, hear the prayers we offer this day and bring us in faith to the land you promised; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**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.**

The Absolution

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Voluntary at the Offertory

Intermezzo

Christopher Morris
(1922-2015)

Hymn

Lasst uns erfreuen

**O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer A

Expansive Language

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 our thanks and praise.**

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

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

Peter Latona



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.
 Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high-est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people kneel.

Holy and gracious God: 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 maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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:

Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's 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 Christ. 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.

Hymn at the Communion

American folk hymn

Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees,
With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

The Post-communion Prayer — *The people kneel.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn 436

Truro

The Dismissal

People respond **Thanks be to God!**

The Voluntary

Praeludium et Fuga in F

Johann Casper Simon
(1701-1776)

*The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Christopher & Carla Kurth
in memory of Diana Phyllis Evington Kurth.*

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