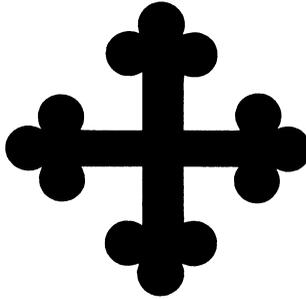


# *Grace Episcopal Church*

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 12  
July 25, 2021, 10:00 AM

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## *Welcome*

In the name of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, we welcome you to worship in the Episcopal tradition. 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.

**Music** is considered an element of prayer and is therefore an important part of worship.

At this time, ***singing during worship is reserved for the cantors and those wearing masks.***

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

# THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Voluntary

*Variations on How Firm A Foundation*

Janet Linker  
(b. 1938)

Hymn

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia, alleluia!  
Bright burning sun with golden beams,  
pale silver moon that gently gleams,  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise God the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in one.  
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## 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

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The First Lesson

**2 Kings 4:42-44**

*Elisha trusts the promise of Yahweh and a large group is fed with a few loaves.*

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, "They shall eat and have some left." He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Psalm 145 *Exaltabo te, Deus*

Jeff Ostrowski

*Refrain: The hand of the Lord feed us; he answers all our needs.*

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,  
and let your faithful ones bless you.

Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

The eyes of all look hopefully to you,  
and you give them their food in due season;  
you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

The LORD is just in all his ways and holy in all his works.  
The LORD is near to all who call upon him,  
to all who call upon him in truth.

## The Second Lesson

**Ephesians 3:14-21**

*The Apostle Paul prays that Christ may dwell in the hearts of the believers at Ephesus.*

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

## The Gospel Acclamation

Phillip Brunswick

Alleluia. A great prophet has risen in our midst,  
God has visited his people. Alleluia.

## The Holy Gospel

**John 6:1-21**

*Jesus shows compassion for the crowds who follow him from place to place for healing.*

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.

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

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say,

"This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Todd S. McDowell

**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* As we prepare to eat the meal of Jesus, let us pray for all who are tossed in the storms of life.

*Intervenor* For Deon our Bishop, Todd and Virginia our Priests, and for the Staff and Vestry of this parish; for The Anglican Church of Japan and Luke 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.**

*Intervenor* 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.**

*Intervenor* We pray for Sue, Ron, Levi, Mike, David, Mary Etta, Alice, Ginger, Joel, Carol and Ted, Jason, Chris and for those we name aloud...., have compassion on all those who suffer from any grief or trouble; for travelers and refugees, for the sick and the suffering, for the hungry and the oppressed, and for those in prison. Father, by your Spirit ...

*People* **bring in your kingdom.**

*Intervenor* For those who rest in Christ and for all the dead. Father, by your Spirit ...

*People* **bring in your kingdom.**

*Intervenor* We give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and make us faithful stewards of your great bounty, and for those thanksgivings we name aloud.... Father, by your Spirit ...

*People* **bring in your kingdom.**

*Intervenor* Lifting our voices with all creation, Saint 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* Father of glory, hear the prayers we offer you this day, strengthen us with your Spirit, and let your Son dwell in our hearts; 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**

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.**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

### **Announcements**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Voluntary at the Offertory**

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

Charles Callahan  
(b. 1951)

**Hymn**

*Deus tuorum*

All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad;  
the Trinity whom we adore for ever and for evermore.

# 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

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*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 risen. Christ will come again.

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.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

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

**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.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

#### **The Fraction Anthem**

*Mode VI*

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

### **The Communion of the People**

*For those who are not able to receive the Sacrament, we invite you to make a Spiritual Communion.*

In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since all the faithful cannot receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into all our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

### **Hymn at the Communion**

Harold Friedell  
(1905-1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether,  
For when humbly in Your name,  
Two or three are met together  
Your are in the midst of them;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Touch we now Your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather  
In the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the Father  
Break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living  
Make as sacraments of you,  
That by caring, helping, giving,  
We may true disciples be.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
We will serve faith anew.

**The Post-communion Prayer** — *The People stand.*

*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**

*Duke Street*

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run,  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honors to our King,  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen.

**The Dismissal**

*People respond* **Thanks be to God!**

**The Voluntary**

*Chorale Prelude on Lobe den Herren* Johann Gottfried Walther  
(1684-1748)

*The Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God by Michele & Vince Nicosia  
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- ~ *To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom*
- ~ *To teach, baptize and nurture new believers*
- ~ *To respond to human need by loving service*
- ~ *To seek to transform unjust structures of society*
- ~ *To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation  
and sustain and renew the life of the earth*

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