

**9th Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist**



**July 25, 2021
Grace Episcopal Church
Astoria, Oregon**

The Liturgy of the Word

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN *all stand* words: Brian. Wren; music: *trad. harm Buchanan; 304 Hymnal 1982*
Unison or harmony

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to
3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der
2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -
3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.
2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.
3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Book of Common Prayer, 1979

Celebrant Blessed be God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

All **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

All **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.

People **Amen.**

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

The people sit.

2 Samuel 11:1-15

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 14 *Remain seated.*

Lector The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
 All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
 there is none who does any good.

People **The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, *
 to see if there is any who is wise,
 if there is one who seeks after God.**

Lector Every one has proved faithless;
 all alike have turned bad; *
 there is none who does good; no, not one.

People **Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
 who eat up my people like bread
 and do not call upon the Lord?**

Lector See how they tremble with fear, *
 because God is in the company of the righteous.

People **Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
 but the Lord is their refuge.**

Lector Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
 when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
 Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as
 it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

THE NEW TESTAMENT

Ephesians 3:14-21

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.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN *all stand* words: Wm. B. Carpenter; music: Bortniansky; 574 *Hymnal* 1982



1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science
4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits
quick pu - ri - fy: a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the
pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O
mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and
God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple
shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.
may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

HOLY GOSPEL *Remain standing, as able.*

John 6:1-21

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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.

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

THE SERMON *The people sit.*

The Rev. Carren Sheldon

A period of silence follows the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED *All stand, as able.*

All **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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Standing, as able.*

Intercessor Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People **That we all may be one.**

Intercessor Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly
serve you;

People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Intercessor We pray especially for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Diana, our
bishop; Carren, our rector; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Intercessor We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the
world.

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Intercessor Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Intercessor Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Intercessor Give eternal rest to the departed,

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Intercessor Please join me now in praying for those for whom
we have been asked to pray:

**Kathleen, Katacha, Ian, Connie and Alan, Kate & Rodney, Rosie,
Cooper, Cathy, Carol & Carl, Natalie, the Miner family, Sandy
& Jay, Sister Marcia, Rüdiger, Monny & Helen, Tish, Gwen and
William Paul, David & Jan, Bob, Zachary, Sue, Pam, Phil,
Cheryl, Ann, Lee, Michael, Alan & NancyLee, the Hakala
Family, Bonnie, Paul, Lorna, Belen, Mary, Tom, Debra,
Matthew, Roy & Nancy, Barbara, Katie, Judy, Ralph, Paula,
Summer, Pete, & Katherine, for the repose of the soul of Gary
MacKendrick. and in gratitude for the birthdays of Thor, Peter,
and Skye.**

Silence

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People add their petitions and thanksgivings, silently or aloud.

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect, the people respond **Amen.***

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

We greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *The people sit.*

OFFERTORY HYMN

words: tr. B. Webb; music: trad.; 448 *Hymnal 1982*



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
4 For us to wick - ed hands be - trayed, scourged, mocked, in
5 For us he rose from death a - gain; for us he
6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so



1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
4 pur - ple robe ar - rayed, he bore the shame - ful
5 went on high to reign; for us he sent his
6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom



1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
4 cross and death; for us gave up his dy - ing breath.
5 Spi - rit here to guide, to strength - en, and to cheer.
6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

The Liturgy of the Table

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER C

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 God thanks and praise.**

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 stewards 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 Teaching. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Teaching, 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:

All **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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,

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

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, and Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; 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.

People **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant As Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

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

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communicants come forward as able to receive the bread.

Communion can be served to you in your pew, please let an usher know if this is best for you or someone in your party.

*All who feel drawn to the Lord's Table may receive Communion.
If you have not been baptized, please ask us for information.*

COMMUNION HYMN

Remain seated

words & music: B. Kilpatrick 216 LEVAS

In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;
 In my song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;
 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied, be glo-ri-fied;

In my life, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
 In my song, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.
 In your church, Lord, be glo-ri-fied to-day.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Almighty and everliving God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
 And now, Father, send us out
 to do the work you have given us to do,
 to love and serve you
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE FINAL BLESSING

*The Celebrant pronounces a blessing.
 The People respond, Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

words: G. W. Briggs; music: *St. Joan*; 542 Hymnal 1982

1 Christ is the world's true Light, its Cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
 2 In Christ all rac - es meet, their an-cient feuds for - get - ting,
 3 One Lord, in one great Name u - nite us all who own thee;

the Day - star clear and bright of ev - ery race and na - tion;
 the whole round world com - plete, from sun-rise to its set - ting;
 cast out our pride and shame that hin-der to en - throne thee;

new life, new hope a - wakes, for all who own his sway:
 when Christ is throned as Lord all shall for - sake their fear,
 the world has wait - ed long, has tra - vailed long in pain;

free - dom her bond - age breaks, and night is turned to day.
 to plough-share beat the sword, to prun - ing - hook the spear.
 to heal its an - cient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

THE DISMISSAL

*The people are dismissed, responding: **Thanks be to God.***

POSTLUDE

*This week's altar flowers are offered to the glory of God
by Brenda Penner and Steve Forrester,
in celebration of grandson Skye Robert Forrester's first birthday.*

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